

Welcome to . . .
The Presbyterian Church of Saint David
February 23, 2020

Call to Worship: [*Psalm 99:1a,3*]

The Lord is king; let the peoples tremble!

Let them praise your great and awesome name.

Holy is he!

Extol the Lord our God, and worship at his holy mountain;
for the Lord our God is holy.

Hymn: Jesus, thou joy of loving hearts 366

Prayer: (said together)

Holy God, you brought light out of darkness at the creation.

Your glory shone as Moses received your law for the people.

You lead us by the light of your truth

into the way of righteousness and peace.

**Your mercy in Jesus shines like a lamp in the night,
giving us courage and hope.**

In Jesus' face, we have glimpsed your glory.

In his life, we see your love. We praise you.

God of light and love, transfigure us by your Spirit,

and let your love shine in all we do and say;

through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

RESPONSE in Preparation for the Readings:

Listen for the Word that God has spoken;

Speak, Lord, to our speaking,

speak, Lord, to our listening,

speak, Lord, to our souls' deep understanding.

The Word of God: *Exodus 24:12-18*

Matthew 17:1-9

L> For the Word of God in scripture,
for the Word of God among us,
for the Word of God within us.

ALL> Thanks be to God.

Reflection

Invitation

Prayer of Thanksgiving & Blessing, Prayers for Others

Communion

Prayer:

Loving God, you opened wide your arms on the cross
to give all you had to a broken world.
Being made in your image
and one with Christ through our baptisms,
having been fed with his very self,
we move in faith toward giving all we are, and have,
to serve you.
Bless and embolden us to open our arms wider and
wider in imitation of your love;
in Jesus' name. Amen.

Hymn: Praise, I will praise

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Blessing:

L> Deep peace of the running wave to you,
deep peace of the flowing air to you,
deep peace of the quiet earth to you,
deep peace of the shining stars to you,
deep peace of the Son of Peace to you.

ALL> Amen.

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**Exodus 24:12-18**

<sup>12</sup>The LORD said to Moses, "Come up to me on the mountain, and wait there; and I will give you the tablets of stone, with the law and the commandment, which I have written for their instruction." <sup>13</sup>So Moses set out with his assistant Joshua, and Moses went up into the mountain of God. <sup>14</sup>To the elders he had said, "Wait here for us, until we come to you again; for Aaron and Hur are with you; whoever has a dispute may go to them."

<sup>15</sup>Then Moses went up on the mountain, and the cloud covered the mountain. <sup>16</sup>The glory of the LORD settled on Mount Sinai, and the cloud covered it for six days; on the seventh day he called to Moses out of the cloud. <sup>17</sup>Now the appearance of the glory of the LORD was like a devouring fire on the top of the mountain in the sight of the people of Israel. <sup>18</sup>Moses entered the cloud, and went up on the mountain. Moses was on the mountain for forty days and forty nights.

**Matthew 17:1-9**

Six days later, Jesus took with him Peter and James and his brother John and led them up a high mountain, by themselves. <sup>2</sup>And he was transfigured before them, and his face shone like the sun, and his clothes became dazzling white. <sup>3</sup>Suddenly there appeared to them Moses and Elijah, talking with him. <sup>4</sup>Then Peter said to Jesus, "Lord, it is good for us to be here; if you wish, I will make three dwellings here, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah." <sup>5</sup>While he was still speaking, suddenly a bright cloud overshadowed them, and from the cloud a voice said, "This is my Son, the Beloved; with him I am well pleased; listen to him!" <sup>6</sup>When the disciples heard this, they fell to the ground and were overcome by fear. <sup>7</sup>But Jesus came and touched them, saying, "Get up and do not be afraid." <sup>8</sup>And when they looked up, they saw no one except Jesus himself alone. <sup>9</sup>As they were coming down the mountain, Jesus ordered them, "Tell no one about the vision until after the Son of Man has been raised from the dead."