

Worship Service ~ *Unmasking Jesus Part 2*

Final Sunday Before Advent, Year B,

24th November, 2024

Exodus 24:1-2,9-18 / Mark 9:2-13

Prelude

played by church musician Annie Center,

Gathering Together

Welcome

Good morning, It's my pleasure to welcome you to worship with Olympic View Community Church.

Call to Worship

One: In Christ, the God of heaven has made his home on earth.

All: Christ dwells among us and is one with us.

One: Highest of all creation, he lives among the least.

All: He journeys with the rejected and welcomes the weary.

One: Come now, all who thirst,

All: and drink the water of life.

One: Come now, all who hunger,

All: and be filled with good things.

One: Come now, all who seek,

All: and find all you will ever need.

Invocation

Almighty God, to those chosen to see, you revealed your beloved Son, transfigured in glory on the holy mount. In your great mercy, help us to see; deliver us from this world's darkness, change us from glory to glory into his likeness, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. AMEN

[Use the printed prayer in the hymnal - #741]

Opening Hymn

Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise ~ 70

Engaging with God Together

Scripture Reading ~ Exodus 24:1-2,9-18

24 Then he said to Moses, “Come up to the LORD, you and Aaron, Nadab, and Abihu, and seventy of the elders of Israel, and worship from afar. **2** Moses alone shall come near to the LORD, but the others shall not come near, and the people shall not come up with him.”

9 Then Moses and Aaron, Nadab, and Abihu, and seventy of the elders of Israel went up, **10** and they saw the God of Israel. There was under his feet as it were a pavement of sapphire stone, like the very heaven for clearness. **11** And he did not lay his hand on the chief men of the people of Israel; they beheld God, and ate and drank.

12 The LORD said to Moses, “Come up to me on the mountain and wait there, that I may give you the tablets of stone, with the law and the commandment, which I have written for their instruction.” **13** So Moses rose with his assistant Joshua, and Moses went up into the mountain of God. **14** And he said to the elders, “Wait here for us until we return to you. And behold, Aaron and Hur are with you. Whoever has a dispute, let him go to them.”

15 Then Moses went up on the mountain, and the cloud covered the mountain. **16** The glory of the LORD dwelt on Mount Sinai, and the cloud covered it six days. And on the seventh day he called to Moses out of the midst of the cloud. **17** 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. **18** Moses entered the cloud and went up on the mountain. And Moses was on the mountain forty days and forty nights.

Let's greet one another with the peace of Christ as we pass the peace.

Pass the Peace

Sharing Announcements and Prayer Requests

In a moment we are going to pray together, but before we do, does anyone have any announcements to share about anything in the life of the church coming up? Does anyone have any joys or concerns to share?

Pastoral Prayer (responsive)

Prayer by pastor

Various times throughout the prayer the pastor and congregation will respond with the following:

One: Lord in your mercy...

All: **Hear our prayer.**

Hymn

Christ Upon the Mountain Peak ~ 232

Hearing the Word Together

Sermon Passage ~ Mark 9:2 - 13

2 And after six days Jesus took with him Peter and James and John, and led them up a high mountain by themselves. And he was transfigured before them, **3** and his clothes became radiant, intensely white, as no one on earth could bleach them. **4** And there appeared to them Elijah with Moses, and they were talking with Jesus. **5** And Peter said to Jesus, "Rabbi, it is good that we are here. Let us make three tents, one for you and one for Moses and one for Elijah." **6** For he did not know what to say, for they were terrified. **7** And a cloud overshadowed them, and a voice came out of the cloud, "This is my beloved Son; listen to him." **8** And suddenly, looking around, they no longer saw anyone with them but Jesus only.

9 And as they were coming down the mountain, he charged them to tell no one what they had seen, until the Son of Man had risen from the dead. **10** So they kept the matter to themselves, questioning what this rising from the dead might mean. **11** And they asked him, "Why do the scribes say that first Elijah must come?" **12** And he said to them, "Elijah does come first to restore all things. And how is it written of the Son of Man that he should suffer many things and be treated with contempt? **13** But I tell you that Elijah has come, and they did to him whatever they pleased, as it is written of him."

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Rev. Jonny Finlayson

Prayer of Thanksgiving

