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OUR WORSHIP

Seeing and Experiencing Glory

SERVICE THEME These final four verses of John's Prologue – verses 14-18 of chapter 1 – is all about glory. Every sentence and clause is a glory statement. One could almost say that the whole Gospel of John is about seeing, as well as, experiencing glory.

+ Preparing to Hear the Word +

INVOCATION

Pastor: We begin by remembering we have been intimately, powerfully, and personally united with Christ Jesus' glory since we have been buried with Him and have been raised with Him into a new kind of Life through being Baptized – in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: Amen!

BAPTISMAL SONG Let All the People Praise You 34 – "I Was There to Hear
Your Borne Cry"

I was there to hear your borne cry; I'll be there when you are old.

I rejoiced the day you were baptized, To see your life unfold.

I was there when you were but a child, With a faith to suit you well;

In a blaze of light you wandered off To find where demons dwell.

When you heard the wonder of the Word, I was there to cheer you on;

You were raised to praise the living Lord, To whom you now belong.

If you find someone to share your time And you join your hearts as one,

I'll be there to make your verses rhyme From dusk till rising sun.

**In the middle ages of your life, Not too old, no longer young,
I'll be there to guide you through the night, Complete what I've begun.
When the evening gently closes in And you shut your weary eyes,
I'll be there as I always have been With just one more surprise.**

**I was there to hear your borning cry; I'll be there when you are old.
I rejoiced the day you were baptized, To see your life unfold.**

CONFESSION

Pastor: Like Moses, we want to see God's overwhelming glory. We feel that if we could only see God's unfettered power and divine nature, that would satisfy our longing for glory and give us new, enthusiastic, exciting, empowered Life.

People: **We don't realize that seeing the face of the LORD – creased and furrowed with disappointment and anger over our natural tendency to bow down to the prosperity, power, and approval of this world – would be the death of us.**

ABSOLUTION

Pastor: The LORD says to Moses, in response to his request to be shown the LORD's glory, "I Myself will make all My goodness pass before you, and will proclaim the name of the LORD before you; and I will be gracious to whom I will be gracious, and will show compassion on whom I will show compassion." Thus, in the Gospel of John, God's glory is revealed clearly and powerfully in the cross of Christ.

People: **That is why, Jesus, speaking of the time of His death, says, "The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified."**

GLORY SONG LATPPY 86 – "Glorify Thy Name"

**Father, we love You; we worship and adore You,
Glorify Thy name in all the earth.
Glorify Thy name, glorify Thy name,
Glorify Thy name in all the earth.**

**Jesus, we love You; we worship and adore You,
Glorify Thy name in all the earth.
Glorify Thy name, glorify Thy name,
Glorify Thy name in all the earth.**

**Spirit, we love You; we worship and adore You,
Glorify Thy name in all the earth.
Glorify Thy name, glorify Thy name,
Glorify Thy name in all the earth.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor: The Lord be with you!

People: And also with you.

**ALL: Father, send your Holy Spirit to reveal the glory of Your goodness,
Your grace, and Your compassion in Jesus' death and resurrection.
We ask in the name of Jesus, Your dear Son and our crucified Lord,
the Same who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, now and
forever. Amen!**

+ Hearing the Word +

OLD TESTAMENT READING Exodus 33:18-20

¹⁸ Then Moses said, "Now show me Your glory."

¹⁹ And the Lord said, "I will cause all My goodness to pass in front of you, and I will proclaim My name, the LORD, in your presence. I will have mercy on whom I will have mercy, and I will have compassion on whom I will have compassion.

²⁰ But," He said, "you cannot see My face, for no one may see Me and live."

EPISTLE READING 2 Corinthians 3:7-10, 18; 4:6

⁷ Now if the ministry that brought death, which was engraved in letters on stone, came with glory, so that the Israelites could not look steadily at the face of Moses because of its glory, transitory though it was,⁸ will not the ministry of the Spirit be even more glorious?⁹ If the ministry that brought condemnation was glorious, how much more glorious is the ministry that brings righteousness!¹⁰ For what was glorious has no glory now in comparison with the surpassing glory.

¹⁸ And we all, who with unveiled faces contemplate the Lord's glory, are being transformed into His image with ever-increasing glory.

⁶ For God, who said, "Let light shine out of darkness,"^[a] made his light shine in our hearts to give us the light of the knowledge of God's glory displayed in the face of Christ.

Pastor: These Readings are the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL READING John 1:14-18

Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to John the Evangelist, the first chapter:

People: Glory to You, O Lord.

¹⁴ The Word became flesh and made His dwelling among us. We have seen His glory, the glory of the one and only Son, who came from the Father, full of grace and truth.

¹⁵ (John testified concerning Him. He cried out, saying, “This is the One I spoke about when I said, ‘He who comes after me has surpassed me because He was before me.’”) ¹⁶ Out of His fullness we have all received grace in place of grace already given. ¹⁷ For the law was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ. ¹⁸ No one has ever seen God, but the one and only Son, who is Himself God and is in closest relationship with the Father, has made Him known.

Pastor: This is the Gospel of our Lord.

People: Praise to You, O Christ.

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE “What Does *Glory* Mean?”

MESSAGE HYMN Lutheran Service Book 506 – “Glory Be to God the Father”

**Glory be to God the Father, Glory be to God the Son,
Glory be to God the Spirit; Great Jehovah, Three in One!
Glory, glory While eternal ages run!**

**Glory be to Him who loves us, Washed us from each spot and stain;
Glory be to Him who bought us, Made us kings with Him to reign!
Glory, glory To the Lamb that once was slain!**

**Glory to the King of angels, Glory to the Church’s King,
Glory to the King of nations; Heav’n and earth, your praises bring!
Glory, glory, To the King of glory sing!**

**Glory, blessing, praise eternal! Thus the choir of angels sings;
Honor, riches, pow’r, dominion! Thus its praise creation brings.
Glory, glory, Glory to the King of kings!**

MESSAGE "Glory"

Introduction

[1] Like Moses, we all seek an experience of God's glory.

[2] What is God's glory?

Moses' Glory

[1] Coming down from Mt. Sinai, Moses' face shone. [Exodus 34:29]

[2] Aaron and the sons of Israel were afraid to come near Him. [34:32]

Christ's Glory

[1] "The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified." [John 12:23]

[2] "I, when I am lifted up, will draw all mankind to Myself." [John 12:32]

The Surpassing Glory

[1] If the ministry that brought condemnation was glorious;
how much more glorious is the ministry that brings righteousness.
[2 Corinthians 3:9]

[2] For what was glorious now has no glory now in comparison with
the surpassing glory. [3:10]

Experiencing a Glorious Life

[1] We, who are seeing, as in a mirror, the glory of the Lord, are being
transformed into His image from glory to glory. [3:18]

[2] God made His light shine in our hearts to give us the light
of the knowledge of God's glory displayed in the face of Christ. [4:6]

+ Response +

OFFERTORY The Other Song Book 195 – "Spirit of the Living God"

Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.

Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.

Melt me, Mold me, Fill me, Use me.

Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me. [Sing 2X]

OFFERING OUR GIFTS

PRAYER & THE LORD’S PRAYER

Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name, Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven; give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen!

BENEDICTION

Pastor: The Lord is blessing you and keeping you; The Lord is making His face to shine upon you and He is being gracious to you; The Lord is smiling upon you and He is giving you peace.

People: Amen!

SENDING HYMN LSB 527

O Savior, precious Savior, Whom yet unseen we love;
O name of might and favor, All other names above,
We worship Thee, we bless Thee, To Thee, O Christ we sing;
We praise Thee and confess Thee, Our holy Lord and King.

O bringer of salvation, Who wondrously hast wrought
Thyself the revelation Of love beyond our thought,
We worship Thee, we bless Thee, To Thee, O Christ we sing;
We praise Thee and confess Thee, Our gracious Lord and King.

In Thee all fullness dwelleth, All grace and pow’r divine;
The glory that excelleth, O Son of God, is Thine.
We worship Thee, we bless Thee, To Thee, O Christ we sing;
We praise Thee and confess Thee, Our glorious Lord and King.

O grant the consummation Of this our song above
In endless adoration And everlasting love;
Then shall we praise and bless Thee Where perfect praises ring,
And evermore confess Thee, Our Savior and our King!

+ Next Sunday +

THEME God’s Heart

SERMON “God With Us”

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE “Hold Me Close”