

**A Service of Morning Prayer
for February 27, 2022
Transfiguration Sunday**



Transfiguration of Christ, Giovanni Bellini, 1426?-1516

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This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased; listen to him. *Matthew 17.5*

CP 166 We Have Come at Christ's Own Bidding

1 We have come at Christ's own bidding
to this high and holy place,
where we wait with hope and longing
for some token of God's grace.
Here we pray for new assurance
that our faith is not in vain,
searching like those first disciples
for a sign both clear and plain.

2 Light breaks in upon our darkness,
splendour bathes the flesh-joined Word,
Moses and Elijah marvel
as the heavenly voice is heard.
Eyes and hearts behold with wonder
how the law and prophets meet:
Christ, with garments drenched in
brightness,
stands transfigured and complete.

3 Strengthened by this glimpse of glory,
fearful lest our faith decline,
we like Peter find it tempting
to remain and build a shrine.
But true worship gives us courage
to proclaim what we profess,
that our daily lives may prove us
people of the God we bless.

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,
And the love of God,
And the fellowship of the Holy Spirit,
Be with you all.

And also with you.

May his grace and peace be with you.
May he fill our hearts with joy.

Almighty God,
**To you all hearts are open,
 All desires known,
 And from you no secrets are hidden.
 Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts
 By the inspiration of your Holy Spirit,
 That we may perfectly love you,
 And worthily magnify your holy name;
 Through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Psalm 99

Refrain: The Lord our God is the Holy One.

99:1 The LORD is king; let the peoples tremble! He sits enthroned upon the cherubim; let the earth quake!

99:2 The LORD is great in Zion; he is exalted over all the peoples.

99:3 Let them praise your great and awesome name. Holy is he!

99:4 Mighty King, lover of justice, you have established equity; you have executed justice and righteousness in Jacob.

99:5 Extol the LORD our God; worship at his footstool. Holy is he!

99:6 Moses and Aaron were among his priests, Samuel also was among those who called on his name. They cried to the LORD, and he answered them.

99:7 He spoke to them in the pillar of cloud; they kept his decrees, and the statutes that he gave them.

99:8 O LORD our God, you answered them; you were a forgiving God to them, but an avenger of their wrongdoings.

99:9 Extol the LORD our God, and worship at his holy mountain; for the LORD our God is holy.

Reading from Exodus 34:29-35

34:29 Moses came down from Mount Sinai. As he came down from the mountain with the two tablets of the covenant in his hand, Moses did not know that the skin of his face shone because he had been talking with God.

34:30 When Aaron and all the Israelites saw Moses, the skin of his face was shining, and they were afraid to come near him.

34:31 But Moses called to them; and Aaron and all the leaders of the congregation returned to him, and Moses spoke with them.

34:32 Afterward all the Israelites came near, and he gave them in commandment all that the LORD had spoken with him on Mount Sinai.

34:33 When Moses had finished speaking with them, he put a veil on his face;

34:34 but whenever Moses went in before the LORD to speak with him, he would take the veil off, until he came out; and when he came out, and told the Israelites what he had been commanded,

34:35 the Israelites would see the face of Moses, that the skin of his face was shining; and Moses would put the veil on his face again, until he went in to speak with him.

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

CP 460 Lord, The Light of Your Light is Shining

1 Lord, the light of Your love is shining,
In the midst of the darkness shining:
Jesus, Light of the world, shine upon us;
Set us free by the truth You now bring us,
Shine on me, shine on me.

Chorus

***Shine, Jesus, shine;
Fill this land with the Father's glory;
Blaze, Spirit, blaze:
Set our hearts on fire.
Flow, river, flow:
Flood the nations with grace and mercy;
Send forth Your word,
Lord, and let there be light.***

2 Lord, I come to Your awesome presence,
From the shadows into Your radiance;
By the blood I may enter Your brightness;
Search me, try me, consume all my darkness,
Shine on me, shine on me.

Chorus...

3 As we gaze on Your kingly brightness
So our faces display Your likeness;
Ever changing from glory to glory,
Mirrored here may our lives tell Your story,
Shine on me, shine on me.

Chorus...**A Reading from 2 Corinthians 3:12-4:2**

3:12 Since, then, we have such a hope, we act with great boldness,

3:13 not like Moses, who put a veil over his face to keep the people of Israel from gazing at the end of the glory that was being set aside.

3:14 But their minds were hardened. Indeed, to this very day, when they hear the reading of the old covenant, that same veil is still there, since only in Christ is it set aside.

3:15 Indeed, to this very day whenever Moses is read, a veil lies over their minds;

3:16 but when one turns to the Lord, the veil is removed.

3:17 Now the Lord is the Spirit, and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom.

3:18 And all of us, with unveiled faces, seeing the glory of the Lord as though reflected in a mirror, are being transformed into the same image from one degree of glory to another; for this comes from the Lord, the Spirit.

4:1 Therefore, since it is by God's mercy that we are engaged in this ministry, we do not lose heart.

4:2 We have renounced the shameful things that one hides; we refuse to practice cunning or to falsify God's word; but by the open statement of the truth we commend ourselves to the conscience of everyone in the sight of God.

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

CP 169 Jesus on a Mountain Peak

1 Jesus on the mountain peak
Stands alone in glory blazing
Let us if we dare to speak
Join the saints and angels praising
Hallelujah

2 Trembling at His feet we saw
Moses and Elijah speaking
All the Prophets and the Law
Shout through them their joyful greeting
Hallelujah

3 Swift the cloud of glory came
God proclaiming in its thunder
Jesus as the Son by name
Nations cry aloud in wonder
Hallelujah

4 Jesus is the chosen One
Living hope of every nation
Hear and heed Him everyone
Sing with earth and all creation
Hallelujah

The Gospel

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke

Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Luke 9:28-36, (37-43a)

9:28 Now about eight days after these sayings Jesus took with him Peter and John and James, and went up on the mountain to pray.

9:29 And while he was praying, the appearance of his face changed, and his clothes became dazzling white.

9:30 Suddenly they saw two men, Moses and Elijah, talking to him.

9:31 They appeared in glory and were speaking of his departure, which he was about to accomplish at Jerusalem.

9:32 Now Peter and his companions were weighed down with sleep; but since they had stayed awake, they saw his glory and the two men who stood with him.

9:33 Just as they were leaving him, Peter said to Jesus, "Master, it is good for us to be here; let us make three dwellings, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah" -- not knowing what he said.

9:34 While he was saying this, a cloud came and overshadowed them; and they were terrified as they entered the cloud.

9:35 Then from the cloud came a voice that said, "This is my Son, my Chosen; listen to him!"

9:36 When the voice had spoken, Jesus was found alone. And they kept silent and in those days told no one any of the things they had seen.

9:37 On the next day, when they had come down from the mountain, a great crowd met him.

9:38 Just then a man from the crowd shouted, "Teacher, I beg you to look at my son; he is my only child.

9:39 Suddenly a spirit seizes him, and all at once he shrieks. It convulses him until he foams at the mouth; it mauls him and will scarcely leave him.

9:40 I begged your disciples to cast it out, but they could not."

9:41 Jesus answered, "You faithless and perverse generation, how much longer must I be with you and bear with you? Bring your son here."

9:42 While he was coming, the demon dashed him to the ground in convulsions. But Jesus rebuked the unclean spirit, healed the boy, and gave him back to his father.

9:43a And all were astounded at the greatness of God.

The Gospel of Christ

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Sermon by the Rev. Heather Liddell

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1 From the cloud You speak
 What was veiled now is seen
 Jesus the image of the invisible God

2 Divinity confirmed
 In the transfigured Word
 A kingdom once concealed
 On the earth now revealed

Chorus
Holy is the Lord
Revealed before my eyes
And my burning heart
Can scarcely take it in
As I behold Your beauty
With unworthy eyes
The only song my soul can find to sing
Is hallelujah
Hallelujah
Hallelujah my King

3 Lead my longing heart
 To the high ground to a clear view
 And in awe I'll be there
 Beholding You

Chorus...

Bridge
 Now I know I have seen
 Your glory that cannot be unseen
 I am changed and changing still
 As I look upon You Lord and believe

Chorus...

Affirmation of Faith (The Apostles' Creed)

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
 creator of heaven and earth.
 I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.
 He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit
 and born of the Virgin Mary.
 He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
 was crucified, died, and was buried.
 He descended to the dead.
 On the third day he rose again.
 He ascended into heaven.
 and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
 He will come again
 to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
 the holy catholic Church,
 the communion of saints,
 the forgiveness of sins,
 the resurrection of the body,
 and the life everlasting. Amen.**

Prayers of the People compiled and led by the Rev. Alison Westervelt

With our eyes fixed on Christ, the beloved Son who intercedes for us, let us offer our prayers with confidence and faith before the throne of God saying, Lord, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy

Gracious Father, we pray for your holy catholic church. Fill it with all truth, in all truth with all peace.

- for the Anglican Church of Kenya
- for the Diocese of British Columbia: the Rt. Rev. Anna Greenwood-Lee, Bishop.
- for St. Mark-Jieng Dinka community and their priests, Akon Lual Akon and John Ayuen.
- for the Buyé Synod Office: the Most Rev. Sixbert Macumi, Archbishop; Dominique Ciza, Diocesan Executive Secretary; Leonidas Nizigiyimana, Treasurer, Archdeacon of Gashikanwa; Jean Berchmans Mweningoma, Development Officer; Damascene Bagirubwira, Vice-Development Officer; Simion Kinono, Christian Education Coordinator; Nehemie Mbonyimpano, Diocesan Typist.
- our brothers and sisters of the Saddle Lake Cree Nation.
- for our parish of St. Peter's, our ministers, musicians, vestry, and committees

Where it is corrupt, purify it; where it is in error, direct it; where in any thing it is amiss, reform it. Where it is right, strengthen it; where it is in want, provide for it; where it is divided, reunite it; let us pray to the Lord

Lord, have mercy

Almighty and ever living God, source of all wisdom and understanding, be present with us as we gather today for our AGM and those who take counsel for the renewal and mission of your Church. Teach us in all things to seek first your honour and glory. Guide us to perceive what is right, and grant us both the courage to pursue it and the grace to accomplish it; let us pray to the Lord

Lord, have mercy

Eternal God, in whose perfect kingdom no sword is drawn but the sword of righteousness, no strength known but the strength of love: today we pray for the nation of the Ukraine,

- that all weapons may be laid down,
- that those with power over war or peace find wisdom, discernment and compassion to guide their decisions
- and for your precious children at risk and in fear that you would hold and protect them

So mightily spread abroad your Spirit, that all peoples may be gathered under the banner of the Prince of Peace, as children of one Father; let us pray to the Lord

Lord, have mercy

O Lord our Governor, bless the leaders of our land, that we may be a people at peace among ourselves and a blessing to other nations of the earth. Lord, keep this nation under your care.

- to all who have executive authority and to all who have administrative authority, grant wisdom and grace in the exercise of their duties.
- to those who make our laws give courage, wisdom, and foresight to provide for the needs of all our people, and to fulfill our obligations in the community of nations.

- to the Judges and officers of our Courts give understanding and integrity, that human rights may be safeguarded and justice served.

- and finally, teach our people to rely on your strength and to accept their responsibilities to their fellow citizens, that they may elect trustworthy leaders and make wise decisions for the well-being of our society; that we may serve you faithfully in our generation and honour your Holy name, let us pray to the Lord

Lord, have mercy

Almighty God, we entrust all who are dear to us to your never-failing care and love. We bring to you those who have requested our prayers:

Sandra... Merle..... Mona..... Lois Ward..... Ray and Mary..... Irene Kathryn..... Helen..... Jenifer..... Judy..... Tony and Mary Jean..... Luisa..... Lois Davis..... Miranda..... Iain..... Diane and Bill..... Maxime..... Geraldine... Florence..... Joan..... Kathleen..... Shirley and Cyril

for this life and the life to come, knowing that you are doing for them better things than we can desire or pray for; let us pray to the Lord

Lord, have mercy

Almighty God, you have given us grace at this time with one accord to make our common supplication to you; and you have promised through your well-beloved Son that when two or three are gathered together in his Name you will be in the midst of them: Fulfill now, O Lord, our desires and petitions as may be best for us; granting us in this world knowledge of your truth, and in the age to come life everlasting. Amen.

Collect

Almighty God,
on the holy mount you revealed to chosen witnesses
your well-beloved Son, wonderfully transfigured:
mercifully deliver us from the darkness of this world,
and change us into his likeness from glory to glory;
through Jesus Christ our Lord
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever. Amen.

And now, as our Saviour Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

**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,
the power, and the glory,
for ever and ever. Amen.**

CP 523 We Sing To You, O God

1 We sing to You O God
 The Rock who gave us birth
 Let our rejoicing sing Your name
 In all the earth
 To You O God let songs be raised
 In joyful hymns our feast of praise

2 We wandered far from home
 Out in a desert land
 You shielded with Your love
 Our fearful pilgrim band
 You kept us safe within
 Your arms and sheltered us
 Against the storm

3 You bear us through the world
 An eagle to her young
 Who rises on her wings and
 Bears us toward the sun
 We ride the vaults of light
 And air and trust in Your unfailing care

4 O God eternal God
 We hide within Your wings
 The everlasting arms to whom
 Our praises ring
 Your Word is true
 Your way is just
 You are the God in whom we trust

The Dismissal

This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased; listen to him. *Matthew 17.5*

Let us bless the Lord
Thanks be to God.

May the God of peace enable us to do His will in every kind of goodness working in us what pleases Him, through Jesus Christ, to whom be the glory for ever and ever, Amen.

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.
Thanks be to God.