

**A Service of Morning Prayer
February 19, 2023
Transfiguration Sunday**



The Transfiguration of Christ
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This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased; listen to him. Matthew 17:5

CP 1 Holy, Holy, Holy

1 Holy, holy, holy, Lord God Almighty!
Early in the morning our song shall rise
to thee:
holy, holy, holy, merciful and mighty,
God in three persons, blessed Trinity!

2 Holy, holy, holy! All the saints adore
thee,
casting down their golden crowns
around the glassy sea;
cherubim and seraphim falling down
before thee,
which wert, and art, and evermore
shalt be.

3 Holy, holy, holy! though the darkness
hide thee,
though our sinful human gaze thy glory
may not see,
only thou art holy; there is none beside
thee,
perfect in power, in love, and purity.

4 Holy, holy, holy, Lord God almighty!
All thy works shall praise thy name in
earth and sky and sea;
holy, holy, holy, merciful and mighty,
God in three Persons, blessed Trinity.

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 2 *Refrain:* The Lord our God is the Holy One.

2:1 Why do the nations conspire, and the peoples plot in vain?

2:2 The kings of the earth set themselves, and the rulers take counsel together, against the LORD and his anointed, saying,

2:3 "Let us burst their bonds asunder, and cast their cords from us."

2:4 He who sits in the heavens laughs; the LORD has them in derision.

2:5 Then he will speak to them in his wrath, and terrify them in his fury, saying,

2:6 "I have set my king on Zion, my holy hill."

2:7 I will tell of the decree of the LORD: He said to me, "You are my son; today I have begotten you.

2:8 Ask of me, and I will make the nations your heritage, and the ends of the earth your possession.

2:9 You shall break them with a rod of iron, and dash them in pieces like a potter's vessel."

2:10 Now therefore, O kings, be wise; be warned, O rulers of the earth.

2:11 Serve the LORD with fear, with trembling kiss his feet, or he will be angry, and you will perish in the way; for his wrath is quickly kindled. Happy are all who take refuge in him.

A Reading from Exodus 24:12-18

24:12 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."

24:13 So Moses set out with his assistant Joshua, and Moses went up into the mountain of God.

24:14 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."

24:15 Then Moses went up on the mountain, and the cloud covered the mountain.

24:16 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.

24:17 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.

24:18 Moses entered the cloud, and went up on the mountain. Moses was on the mountain for forty days and forty nights.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

CP 3 Morning Has Broken

1 Morning has broken like the first morning
 Blackbird has spoken like the first bird
 Praise for the singing, Praise for the morning
 Praise for them springing fresh from the world.

2 Sweet the rain's new fall, sunlit from heaven
 Like the first dewfall on the first grass
 Praise for the sweetness of the wet garden
 Sprung in completeness where his feet pass.

3 Mine is the sunlight, Mine is the morning
 Born of the one light Eden saw play
 Praise with elation, praise ev'ry morning
 God's recreation of the new day.

A Reading from 2 Peter 1:16-21

1:16 For we did not follow cleverly devised myths when we made known to you the power and coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, but we had been eyewitnesses of his majesty.

1:17 For he received honor and glory from God the Father when that voice was conveyed to him by the Majestic Glory, saying, "This is my Son, my Beloved, with whom I am well pleased."

1:18 We ourselves heard this voice come from heaven, while we were with him on the holy mountain.

1:19 So we have the prophetic message more fully confirmed. You will do well to be attentive to this as to a lamp shining in a dark place, until the day dawns and the morning star rises in your hearts.

1:20 First of all you must understand this, that no prophecy of scripture is a matter of one's own interpretation,

1:21 because no prophecy ever came by human will, but men and women moved by the Holy Spirit spoke from God.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

CP 162 Sing of God Made Manifest (1,2: 3,4)

1 Sing of God made manifest
in a child robust and blest,
to whose home in Bethlehem
where a star had guided them,
magi came and gifts unbound,
signs mysterious and profound:
myrrh and frankincense and gold
grave and God and king foretold.

Sing of God made manifest
when Christ came as wedding-guest
and at Cana gave a sign,
turning water into wine;
further still was love revealed
as he taught, forgave, and healed,
bringing light and life to all
who would listen to God's call.

2 Sing of God made manifest
when at Jordan John confessed,
"I should be baptized by you,
but your bidding I will do."
Then from heaven a double sign --
dove-like Spirit, voice divine --
hailed the true Anointed One:
"This is my beloved Son."

4 Sing of God made manifest
on the cloud-capped mountain's crest,
where the law and prophets waned
so that Christ alone remained:
glimpse of glory, pledge of grace,
given as Jesus set his face
towards the waiting cross and grave,
sign of hope that God would save.

The Gospel

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according Matthew

Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Matthew 17:1-9

17:1 Six days later, Jesus took with him Peter and James and his brother John and led them up a high mountain, by themselves.

17:2 And he was transfigured before them, and his face shone like the sun, and his clothes became dazzling white.

17:3 Suddenly there appeared to them Moses and Elijah, talking with him.

17:4 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."

17:5 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!"

17:6 When the disciples heard this, they fell to the ground and were overcome by fear.

17:7 But Jesus came and touched them, saying, "Get up and do not be afraid."

17:8 And when they looked up, they saw no one except Jesus himself alone.

17:9 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."

The Gospel of Christ **Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

Sermon by the Rev. Alison WesterveltCCLI 7047252 Transfiguration

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

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

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 Lesley Lambert

Loving Father, we give thanks for the opportunity to spend quiet time in quiet prayer in Your presence. We are so grateful for the beauty of this day and for this time of spiritual nourishment with which we go forward in the week ahead refreshed and replenished by time spent here with You. Bless us as we pray and fulfill our desires as is best for us and for those for whom we pray.

Let us pray today for all the thousands of people whose lives have been ended or changed forever by the earthquakes in Turkey and Syria. Give comfort to those who are injured, orphaned, grieving loved ones or still clinging to hope for them to be found alive. We commend to you those who are searching for survivors, or trying to give closure to a family waiting for news. Give shelter to those who are now homeless and protect them from cold and hunger, and give your encouragement to all the aid workers whose task is enormous.

We also remember today all those whose lives are being torn apart by war, most especially the people of Ukraine, for those who seek to protect their country, their heritage and their people. Bring your boundless comfort to them and to those here at home who are troubled, hungry, homeless or ignored and to those who are sick in body, mind or spirit and most especially today for those for whom our prayers have been requested: Sandra, Merle, Mary, Irene, Helen, Tony and Mary Jean, Bill, Geraldine, Florence, Joan, Shirley and Cyril, Lisa, Marijke, Christie, Cathy and the family, Diane, Janelle, Rosemary, Roald and Sandy. We also commend to Thy care those for whom we pray in silence and those whose names are known to You alone.

Let us pray for the work of Thy holy church throughout the world: Anglicana du Rwanda; Diocese of Quebec, the Rt. Rev. Bruce Myers, Bishop; St. Mary Abbots, Barrhead; St. Peter, Lac La Nonne, Charles Mortimer, Honorary Assistant; Buye Diocese, All Saints Cathedral, Jean Berchmans Mweningoma, Dean and Alfred Uwimanihayo, Rector; Alexis Nakota Sioux Nation.

We give thanks for our parish home of St. Peter's and for the presence of our Deacon, Alison and the visiting ministry, as well as our musician Nadine and the pleasure she brings to our church and our homes with her music. Let us remember them and all those who are working to keep the day to day affairs of the church in order, who pay the bills, arrange meetings, prepare bulletins and respond to emails and phone calls during this time of change. Let Your voice be heard as we consider the future of our church over these next few months.

Lord, thank you for the gift of today and the many opportunities it brings. May we spend each day in a way pleasing to You, trying to live as Your faithful children in this beautiful world You have created. Bless us and all those who are in our prayers this day, tomorrow and always. These things we ask in the name of Your son, our Lord, Jesus Christ.
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.

**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 425 Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee

1 Joyful, joyful, we adore thee,
 God of glory, Lord of love;
 hearts unfold like flowers before thee,
 opening to the sun above.
 Melt the clouds of sin and sadness;
 drive the dark of doubt away;
 giver of immortal gladness,
 fill us with the light of day.

3 Thou art giving and forgiving,
 ever blessing, ever blest,
 well-spring of the joy of living,
 ocean depth of happy rest!
 Thou our Father and our Mother,
 all who live in love are thine;
 teach us how to love each other,
 lift us to the joy divine.

2 All thy works with joy surround thee,
 earth and heaven reflect thy rays,
 stars and angels sing around thee,
 center of unbroken praise.
 Field and forest, vale and mountain,
 flowery meadow, flashing sea,
 chanting bird and flowing fountain
 call us to rejoice in thee.

The Dismissal

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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.

My dear friends, be swift to love, make haste to be kind,
and go in peace to love and serve the Lord.
Thanks be to God.