

Transfiguration Sunday

The Anglican Parish of Merrickville



Sunday February 14, 2021

An On-line Offering of Worship and Praise

Opening Song: 458 *Seek Ye First*

Seek ye first the kingdom of God
and God's righteousness,
and all these things shall be added unto you.
Alleluia, alleluia.
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.
Alleluia, alleluia.

Ask and it shall be given unto you;
seek and you shall find;
knock and the door shall be opened unto you,
Alleluia, alleluia.
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.
Alleluia, alleluia.

The Penitential Rite (p. 45)

The officiant says to the people,

Dear friends in Christ,
as we prepare to worship almighty God,
let us with penitent and obedient hearts
confess our sins,
that we may obtain forgiveness
by his infinite goodness and mercy.

Silence is kept.

The officiant and people say together,

**Most merciful God,
we confess that we have sinned against you
in thought, word, and deed,
by what we have done
and by what we have left undone.
We have not loved you with our whole heart;
we have not loved our neighbours as ourselves.
We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,
have mercy on us and forgive us,
that we may delight in your will,
and walk in your ways,
to the glory of your name. Amen.**

The priest says,

Almighty God have mercy upon you,
pardon and deliver you from all your sins,
confirm and strengthen you in all goodness,
and keep you in eternal life;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

People Amen.

Opening Response (p. 47)

Officiant O Lord, open our lips,

People And our mouth shall proclaim your praise.

Officiant O God, make speed to save us.

People O Lord, make haste to help us.

All Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit:
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.

The Invitatory - Psalm 63:1-8

(taken from the Inclusive Psalter 2016, as approved by General Synod)

- 1 O God, you are my God; eagerly I seek you; *
my soul thirsts for you, my flesh faints for you,
as in a barren and dry land where there is no water.
- 2 Therefore I have gazed upon you in your holy place, *
that I might behold your power and your glory.
- 3 For your loving-kindness is better than life itself; *
my lips shall give you praise.
- 4 So will I bless you as long as I live *
and lift up my hands in your name.
- 5 My soul is content, as with marrow and fatness, *
and my mouth praises you with joyful lips,
- 6 when I remember you upon my bed, *
and meditate on you in the night watches.
- 7 For you have been my helper, *
and under the shadow of your wings I will rejoice.

8 My soul clings to you; *
your mighty hand holds me fast.

Collect

Holy God, mighty and immortal,
you are beyond our knowing,
yet we see your glory in the face of Jesus Christ.
Transfigure us into his likeness,
so that, as a people changed and changing,
we may illumine the world with your compassion.
We ask this through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever. Amen.

Psalm 50:1-6

(taken from the Inclusive Psalter 2016, as approved by General Synod)

- 1 The Lord, the God of gods, has spoken *
and has called the earth from the rising of the sun to its setting.
- 2 Out of Zion, perfect in its beauty, *
God reveals the divine glory.
- 3 Our God will come and will not keep silence; *
before whom there is a consuming flame,
and round about whom a raging storm.
- 4 God calls the heavens and the earth from above *
to witness the judgement of this people.
- 5 “Gather before me my loyal followers, *
those who have made a covenant with me
and sealed it with sacrifice.”
- 6 Let the heavens declare the rightness of the divine cause; *
for God, God alone, is judge.

All:

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit,
as it was in the beginning is now, and will be forever. Amen

Reading: 2 Kings 2:1-12 (NRSV)

Now when the LORD was about to take Elijah up to heaven by a whirlwind, Elijah and Elisha were on their way from Gilgal. ² Elijah said to Elisha, “Stay here; for the LORD has sent me as far as Bethel.” But Elisha said, “As the LORD lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you.” So they went down to Bethel. ³ The company of prophets who were in Bethel came out to Elisha, and said to him, “Do you know that today the LORD will take your master away from you?” And he said, “Yes, I know; keep silent.”

⁴ Elijah said to him, “Elisha, stay here; for the LORD has sent me to Jericho.” But he said, “As the LORD lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you.” So they came to Jericho. ⁵ The company of prophets who were at Jericho drew near to Elisha, and said to him, “Do you know that today the LORD will take your master away from you?” And he answered, “Yes, I know; be silent.”

⁶ Then Elijah said to him, “Stay here; for the LORD has sent me to the Jordan.” But he said, “As the LORD lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you.” So the two of them went on. ⁷ Fifty men of the company of prophets also went, and stood at some distance from them, as they both were standing by the Jordan. ⁸ Then Elijah took his mantle and rolled it up, and struck the water; the water was parted to the one side and to the other, until the two of them crossed on dry ground.

⁹ When they had crossed, Elijah said to Elisha, “Tell me what I may do for you, before I am taken from you.” Elisha said, “Please let me inherit a double share of your spirit.” ¹⁰ He responded, “You have



asked a hard thing; yet, if you see me as I am being taken from you, it will be granted you; if not, it will not.” ¹¹ As they continued walking and talking, a chariot of fire and horses of fire separated the two of them, and Elijah ascended in a whirlwind into heaven. ¹² Elisha kept watching and crying out, “Father, father! The chariots of Israel and its horsemen!” But when he could no longer see him, he grasped his own clothes and tore them in two pieces.

Reader: Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church

People: Thanks be to God

Canticle 22a Jesus Christ is Lord

Philippians 2.6-11

Christ Jesus, by nature divine,
did not grasp for himself
a rank as equal with God.

He chose to empty himself,
becoming a humble slave,
and living the life of a man.

And human in every way,
he abased himself still more,
obedient to death on a cross.

So God has exalted him on high,
and given to him the name,
the greatest of all the names;

So that at Jesus' name
every knee should bend low
in heaven, on earth, in the depths,

And every tongue proclaim:
Jesus Christ is Lord,
to the glory of God the Father!

Gospel Song: 168 *Transfigured Christ, None Comprehends*

Transfigured Christ, none comprehends
your majesty, whose splendour stuns
all waking souls; whose light transcends
the brightness of a thousand suns!

Majestic Christ, God's well-loved son,
if we must share your grief and loss,
transfigure us, when all is done,
with glory shining from your cross.

Gospel Reading: Mark 9:2-9 (NRSV)

Reader: The Lord be with you

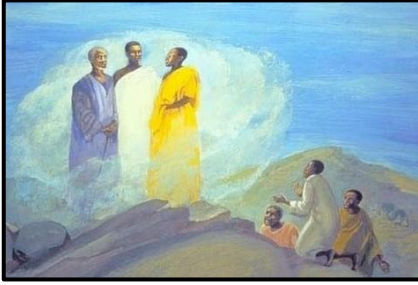
People: And also with you

Reader: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, according to Mark

People: Glory to you Lord Jesus Christ

The Transfiguration (Mt 17:1–8; Lk 9:28–36; 2 Pet 1:16–18)

² Six days later, Jesus took with him Peter and James and John, and led them up a



high mountain apart, by themselves. And he was transfigured before them, ³ and his clothes became dazzling white, such as no one on earth could bleach them. ⁴ And there appeared to them Elijah with Moses, who were talking with Jesus. ⁵ Then Peter said to Jesus, “Rabbi, it is good for us to be here; let us make three dwellings, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah.” ⁶ He did not know what to say, for they were terrified.

⁷ Then a cloud overshadowed them, and from the cloud there came a voice, “This is my Son, the Beloved; listen to him!” ⁸ Suddenly when they looked around, they saw no one with them any more, but only Jesus.

⁹ As they were coming down the mountain, he ordered them to tell no one about what they had seen, until after the Son of Man had risen from the dead.

Reader: The Gospel of Christ

People: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ

Homily

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

Lord's Prayer

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

All 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.

Blessing

Closing Song: 425 *Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee*

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.

Thou art giving and forgiving,
ever blessing, every 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.

Dismissal