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Transfiguration Sunday

February 19, 2023

*Blessed is our Father, Lord of heaven and earth,
who has revealed these things to the simple.*

10:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist (The Book of Alternative Services)

Celebrant and Preacher: The Reverend Armand Mercier

Crucifer: Willie King

Readers: Allison and Graham Fieldberg

Chalice Administrators: Willie King, Bruce Nattrass, and
Emily Moen

Prayer Scribe: Peggy Wilmot

Sidespersons: Ron and Barb Norton

Organist: Rob Curtis

Coffee Hosts:

*The flowers in the church today are given to the Glory of God and in gratitude
for our beloved family members.*

We are Treaty people of Treaty 6 Territory; a covenant between Nations, witnessed by the Creator. We commit ourselves to the sharing of this land and its sacred gifts together in peace by welcoming all peoples and genders in the spirit of Treaty and wâhkôhtowin, as all our relations.

Prelude:

Opening Hymn: #349 All People That on Earth Do Dwell

All people that on earth do dwell, sing to the Lord with cheerful voice;
him serve with mirth, his praise forth tell; come ye before him, and rejoice.

Know that the Lord is God indeed; without our aid he did us make;
we are his folk, he doth us feed, and for his sheep he doth us take.

O enter then his gates with praise, approach with joy his courts unto;
praise, laud, and bless his name always, for it is seemly so to do.

For why, the Lord our God is good; his mercy is forever sure;
his truth at all times firmly stood, and shall from age to age endure.

The Gathering of the Community

(Please stand)

Celebrant: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with you all.

People: And also with you.

Celebrant: Almighty God,

All: 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.

#702 Glory to God

Refrain:

Glory to God in the highest, and peace to God's people on earth.

Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father, we worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory. **R**

Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us; you are seated at the right hand of the Father: receive our prayer. **R**

For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen **R**

Celebrant: Let us pray.

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.**

Children's Talk

The Proclamation of the Word

First Reading: Exodus 24:12-18

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." So Moses set out with his assistant Joshua, and Moses went up into the mountain of God. 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.” Then Moses went up on the mountain, and the cloud covered the mountain. 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. 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. Moses entered the cloud, and went up on the mountain. Moses was on the mountain for forty days and forty nights.

Second Reading: 2 Peter 1:16-21

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. For he received honour 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.” We ourselves heard this voice come from heaven, while we were with him on the holy mountain. 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. First of all you must understand this, that no prophecy of scripture is a matter of one’s own interpretation, because no prophecy ever came by human will, but men and women moved by the Holy Spirit spoke from God.

Gradual Hymn: #715 Alleluia

Alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia, alleluia!

Reader: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to
St. Matthew (17:1-9)

People: Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Six days later, Jesus took with him Peter and James and his brother John and led them up a high mountain, by themselves. And he was transfigured before them, and his face shone like the sun, and his clothes became dazzling white. Suddenly there appeared to them Moses and Elijah, talking with him. 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.” 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!” When the disciples heard this, they fell to the ground and were overcome by fear. But Jesus came and touched them, saying, “Get up and do not be afraid.” And when they looked up, they saw no one except Jesus himself alone. 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.”

Reader: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Reader: The Gospel of Christ

People: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Sermon:

The Reverend Armand Mercier

The Apostle’s Creed

All: 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.

The Prayers of the People

Celebrant: Dear friends in Christ, God is steadfast in love and infinite in mercy; he welcomes sinners and invites them to his table. Let us confess our sins, confident in God’s forgiveness.

Celebrant: Most merciful God,

All: 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.

Celebrant: 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.
Amen.

The Peace

(Please stand)

Celebrant: The Peace of the Lord be always with you.

People: And also with you.

The Celebration of the Eucharist

Offertory Hymn: #167 'Tis Good, Lord, To Be Here

'Tis good, Lord, to be here! Thy glory fills the night;
thy face and garments, like the sun, shine with unborrowed light.

'Tis good, Lord, to be here, thy beauty to behold
where Moses and Elijah stand, thy messengers of old.

Fulfiller of the past promise of things to be,
we hail thy body glorified, and our redemption see!

Before we taste of death, we see thy kingdom come:
O might we hold the vision bright and make this hill our home!

'Tis good, Lord, to be here! Yet we may not remain;
but, since thou bidst us leave the mount, come with us to the plain.

Prayer over the Gifts *(Please stand)*

Celebrant: Holy God,

**All: receive all we offer you this day, and bring us to that radiant
glory which we see in the transfigured face of Jesus Christ
our Lord. Amen**

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

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People: And also with you.

Celebrant: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them to the Lord.

Celebrant: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Celebrant: We give you thanks and praise, almighty God, through your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, our Saviour and Redeemer. By his resurrection he brings us into the light of your presence. Now with all creation we raise our voices to proclaim the glory of your name.

#722 Holy, Holy, Holy Lord

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, Lord, God of power and might
heav'n and earth are full, full of your glory.
Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes, who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.**

Celebrant: Holy and gracious God, accept our praise, through your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ; All glory and honour are yours, Father and Son, with the Holy Spirit in the holy Church, now and for ever.

People: Amen.

Celebrant: 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.

Celebrant: We break this bread to share in the body of Christ.

All: We being many, are one body, for we all share in the one bread.

Celebrant: The gifts of God for the People of God.

People: Thanks be to God.

#745 Lamb of God

**Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world:
have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world:
grant us peace, grant us peace.**

The Communion

Those who wish to share in Holy Communion are invited to come forward.

Music during Communion

Hymn: #508 I Heard the Voice of Jesus

I heard the voice of Jesus say, "Come unto me and rest;
lay down, thou weary one, lay down thy head upon my breast."

I came to Jesus as I was, weary and worn and sad;
I found in him a resting place, and he has made me glad.

I heard the voice of Jesus say, "Behold, I freely give
the living water; thirsty one, stoop down, and drink, and live."

I came to Jesus, and I drank of that life-giving stream;
my thirst was quenched, my soul revived, and now I live in him.

I heard the voice of Jesus say, "I am this dark world's Light;
look unto me, thy morn shall rise, and all thy day be bright."

I looked to Jesus, and I found in him my star, my sun;
and in that light of life I'll walk, till travelling days are done.

Choir anthem: Our Song Shall Rise to Thee (Martin)

Prayer after Communion

(Remain standing)

Celebrant: Holy God,

All: we see your glory in the face of Jesus Christ. May we who are partakers of his table reflect his life in word and deed, that all the world may know his power to change and save. We ask this in his name. Amen.

Celebrant: Glory to God,

All: whose power, working in us, can do infinitely more than we can ask or imagine. Glory to God from generation to generation, in the Church and in Christ Jesus, for ever and ever. Amen.

Blessing

Announcements

The Dismissal

Celebrant: Go forth in the name of Christ.

All: Thanks be to God.

Recessional Hymn #374 Alleluia! Sing to Jesus

Alleluia! Sing to Jesus! His the sceptre, his the throne;
alleluia! his the triumph, his the victory alone.
Hark! The songs of peaceful Zion thunder like a mighty flood;
Jesus, out of every nation, hath redeemed us by his blood.

Alleluia! Not as orphans are we left in sorrow now;
alleluia! he is near us, faith believes, nor questions how.
Though the cloud from sight received him, when the forty days were o'er,
shall our hearts forget his promise, "I am with you evermore"?

Alleluia! Bread of Heaven, thou on earth our food, our stay:
alleluia! here the sinful flee to thee from day to day;
Intercessor, Friend of sinners, earth's Redeemer, plead for me,
where the songs of all the sinless sweep across the crystal sea.

Alleluia! King eternal, thee the Lord of lords we own:
Alleluia! born of Mary, earth thy footstool, heaven thy throne.
Thou within the veil hast entered, robed in flesh, our great high priest:
thou on earth both priest and victim in the eucharistic feast.

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Postlude:

We pray for: Diocese of Quebec: the Rt. Rev. Bruce Myers, Bishop. St. Mary Abbots, Barrhead; St. Peter, Lac La Nonne: Charles Mortimer (s. Lois), Honorary Assistant. Buyé Diocese, All Saints' Cathedral: Jean Berchmans Mweningoma, Dean; Alfred Uwimanihayé, Rector. Alexis Nakota Sioux Nation.

Readings for Next Sunday

Genesis 2:15-17; 3:1-7; Psalm 32; Romans 5:12-19; Matthew 4:1-11

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2023 Lenten Learning and Fellowship

Tuesday, February 21st at 5pm is the annual **Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper**. We will be serving our delicious pancakes, including gluten free, with ham, sausages, and our famous blueberry sauce. Please join us for pancakes and fellowship – bring your family and friends along. Thanks to the Men's Group for co-ordinating and serving the dinner.



Ash Wednesday February 22nd

12 noon BCP Holy Eucharist with imposition of ashes
7:00 pm BAS Holy Eucharist with imposition of ashes.

Life Together: Lent 2023

Saturday, March 4 at 10am

Join us at Grovenor Skating Rink for games, skating, activities, and adventures. Sign up in church hall.

Tuesday, March 7 at 7pm

Join us for an evening of learning and conversation: A Conversation about Courageous Community Sign up in church hall.

Friday, March 17 at 5pm

Bring your favourite dish and come out for an all ages evening of fun and fellowship for our St. Patrick's Day Potluck. Sign up in church hall.

Sunday, March 26 at 4pm

Bring a snack to share and your favourite game to play. From cribbage to bridge, from Scrabble to Scattergoires, we will have something for everyone! Let's get together and play at Parish Game Night. Sign up in church hall.

Tuesdays in Lent starting on March 14 at 7pm

Join us via Zoom as Archdeacon Sue leads a series on Bonhoeffer's seminal book, Life Together: The Classic Explanation of Life Together in Community. Please email the parish office (admin@christchurchedm.ca) to register and receive the link to this intentional learning and sharing experience.

Thursdays in Lent starting March 2 at 7pm

The COVID-19 pandemic and the war in Ukraine have starkly reminded us of the realities that threaten our future of the planet. Christian faith is not a way of escaping these realities, but of engaging them in the struggle for justice and peace—motivated by love, enabled by faith and sustained by hope.

We will be exploring these ideas together through a study of the book, Faith Facing Reality: Stirring Up Discussion with Bonhoeffer. This series will be lead by Dr. Stephen Martin and will take place in person at The Anglican Parish of Christ Church. To register, please email the church office (admin@christchurchedm.ca) by Feb. 24. The cost of the registration is \$40 and will cover the cost of the book. Space is limited to 15 people. Funding available to cover the cost of registration if needed.

There will be a screening of a movie about the life of Bonhoeffer on Sunday, February 26 in the afternoon for those interested.