



THE LAST SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY: TRANSFIGURATION
SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

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WELCOME TO THE CHURCH OF THE REDEEMER!

We are in the heart of downtown Toronto, and we gather to celebrate on the traditional lands of the Wendat, Haudenosaunee, and Anishinaabe Nations, including the Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation. Our beautiful building connects us to the rich heritage of our city while also drawing us deeper into the roots of our Anglican tradition. Just as the streetscape around us has evolved over the years, our members have changed to reflect the growing, vibrant and progressive Christian community found at the Redeemer today. We come from a variety of faith traditions (and sometimes no faith tradition at all), and we like it that way. We are students, workers, retired, homeless, not limited by sexual orientation, gender identity or personal history. We are at the very beginning of our life with Jesus, and we are deeply steeped in a life complicated by faith. We open our doors to worship God and to learn about Jesus, and how all of this might just transform our lives.

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President: Paige Souter

Welcome

Land Acknowledgement

Opening Hymn: #878 (Gather) “Transform Us”

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1. Trans-form us as you, trans - fig-ured, Stood a - part on Ta-bor's height.
2. Trans-form us as you, trans - fig-ured, Once spoke with those ho-ly ones.
3. Trans-form us as you, trans - fig-ured, Would not stay with - in a shrine.



Lead us up our sa - cred moun-tains, Search us with re - veal - ing light.
We, sur-round-ed by the wit - ness Of those saints whose work is done,
Keep us from our great temp - ta - tion, Time and truth we quick-ly bind.



Lift us from where we have fall - en, Full of ques-tions, filled with fright.
Live in this world as your Bod - y, all of us, your cho - sen ones.
Lead us down those dai - ly path - ways Where our love is not con - fined.

✠ The Gathering of the Community

Paige Souter

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

All: **And also with you.**

The Collect of the Day

Paige Souter

Priest: Almighty Father,
whose Son was revealed in majesty before he suffered death upon the cross:
give us grace to perceive his glory,
that we may be strengthened to suffer with him and be changed into his likeness,
from glory to glory; who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

✠ Proclamation of the Word

First Reading:

Christina Chang

Reader: A Reading from the Second Book of Kings.

Now when the LORD was about to take Elijah up to heaven by a whirlwind, Elijah and Elisha were on their way from Gilgal. 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. 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."

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. 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."

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. Fifty men of the company of prophets also went, and stood at some distance from them, as they both were standing by the Jordan. 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.

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." 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." 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. 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: This is the word that God has made known to us.

2 Kings 2.1-12

All: **Thanks be to God.**

A moment of silence is observed

Psalm 50.1-6 (Plainsong)



THE GÖD of gods, the Holy One, has spoken; *
and has called the earth from the rising of the sun / to its sëtting.

Out of Zion, perfect in its beauty, *
God is re/vealed in Glörÿ.

Our God will come and not keep silent; *
will come with a devouring flame and a mighty / tempest röund aböut.

God calls the heavens and the earth from above *
to witness the judgement / of the pëoplë.

“Gather before me my loyal followers, *
those who have made a covenant with me and sealed / it with säcrafice.”

Let the heavens declare the rightness of God’s cause; *
who / is the jüdge of äll.

A moment of silence is observed

Second Reading:

Christina Chang

Reader: A Reading from the Second Letter of Paul to the Corinthians.

And even if our gospel is veiled, it is veiled to those who are perishing. In their case the god of this world has blinded the minds of the unbelievers, to keep them from seeing the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God. For we do not proclaim ourselves; we proclaim Jesus Christ as Lord and ourselves as your slaves for Jesus’ sake. For it is the God who said, “Let light shine out of darkness,” who has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.

Reader: This is the word that God has made known to us.

2 Corinthians 4.3-6

All: **Thanks be to God.**

A moment of silence is observed

Gospel Acclamation

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The Gospel

Steven Mackison

Priest: The Lord be with you.

All: **And also with you.**

Priest: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark.

All: **Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

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, and his clothes became dazzling white, such as no one on earth could bleach them. And there appeared to them Elijah with Moses, who were talking with Jesus. 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.” He did not know what to say, for they were terrified. Then a cloud overshadowed

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

Priest: The Gospel of Christ.

Mark 9.2-9

All: **Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

Homily: Anne Evers

A moment of silence is observed

Statement of Faith

Paige Souter

Priest: I believe in God,

All: **the creator of the universe,
who spoke, "Let there be light!" and there was light,
setting in motion all of creation and blessing it to this day.**

Priest: I believe in Jesus Christ,

All: **the light that shines in the darkness;
the darkness cannot overcome it.
He embodied humanity in the image of God,
and suffered for the greater good.
He atoned for our sins
and died on the cross for us,
God's saving grace!**

Priest: I believe in the Holy Spirit,

All: **the guiding light of God in our world.
Through his spirit, God conquers
the darkness of human sin,
helps people grow
and become the people they are meant to be.
I believe in the power of transformation,
Here in this world and in the world to come. Amen.**

Prayers of the People

Abigail Young

Leader: O God, in the face of Jesus Christ your light and glory have blazed forth; may we in the church see you and hear you afresh in our time, and by your strength and wisdom, bring light and life to your world.

A moment is given for silent prayer.

Leader: We give thanks to you O Lord,

All: **for your steadfast love endures for ever.**

Leader: O God, creator of the universe, whose glory is all around us and within us: open our eyes to your wonders, that we may serve you and your creation with respect and reverence.

A moment is given for silent prayer.

Leader: We give thanks to you O Lord,

All: **for your steadfast love endures for ever.**

Leader: O God, Lord of the nations; we remember before you those who are afflicted by war, violence and inhumanity. We pray that you might so move every human heart, that the barriers which divide us may crumble, suspicions disappear, and hatreds cease; that our divisions being healed, we may live in justice and peace.

A moment is given for silent prayer.

Leader: We give thanks to you O Lord,
All: **for your steadfast love endures for ever.**

Leader: O God, our friend and shepherd; we commend to your faithful love those who are crying from the depths; help them to watch and pray through their time of darkness, in sure hope of the dawn of your healing and redemption. We pray for the sick and the friendless, the homeless and the captive, the weary and the depressed, the anxious and afraid, the lonely and bereaved. Give us health, comfort, and hope.

A moment is given for silent prayer.

Leader: We give thanks to you O Lord,
All: **for your steadfast love endures for ever.**

Leader: May God the Father bless us.
May God the Son heal us.
May God the Holy Spirit enlighten us.
Dear Lord, give us eyes to see you,
ears to hear you, and hands to do your work.
May your angel of peace watch over us
and lead us at last, by your gift, to the Kingdom.

All: **Amen.**

The Peace

Paige Souter

Priest: The peace of the Lord be always with you.
People: **And also with you.**

Song: "Shine" (*Daniel Lanois*)

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I have wandered far and wide
All the way from Paris to Mexico
'Til I was gone and didn't know

In the end the thing that keeps me walking
Is your shine, your shine in the morning, your shine in the distance
Your shine inside the laughter and the ghosts

They have spoken of the river forever bending inside the fever
Of the saints that walk all night with no domain

In the end the thing that keeps them walking is your shine
Your shine when they wear no coat, your shine when the feelings low
Your shine when it's too late to turn around

I have frozen up my dreams, thinking I was all alone
Fighting every minute for each turning stone
I have reached the rocket speed
I have touched the ground that feeds
Scaling fences, looking for the healing sun

In the end the thing that keeps me walking is your shine
Your shine in transmissions, your shine in decisions
Your shine when I labor to the new day
It's your shine, your shine, your shine, shine, shine on

The Lord's Prayer

Priest: As our Saviour taught us, let us pray.

All: **Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come, your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial, and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours,
now and for ever. Amen.**

The Giving and Receiving of Communion

Paige Souter

Priest: Dear friends, I invite you in this moment, wherever you may be,
to receive Christ, in communion with the saints,
and the gathering of God's people, unseen and yet present with us now.

*For those of us participating at home, it is a strange experience to be invited to Communion
– not through the physical bread and wine we can touch and taste –
but a Spiritual Communion with the God who comes to meet us wherever we are.*

*There are no special words or prayers for this, all the Church has ever thought necessary is genuine true desire, lively faith, and
genuine love. Come honestly before God the way you know how.
You may wish to pray quietly this prayer to help you:*

One: Lord, you stand at the door of my heart and knock.
You wait for me and only I can let you in.
I believe and trust in you and ask you now
to fill me with your presence.
Feed me with your body and unite me in your blood,
that I may be your blessing to a world in need. Amen.

The Doxology

Priest: 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
forever and ever. Amen.**

Announcements

Refrain

You are the voice of the liv - ing God, call - ing us now to live

in your love to be chil - dren of God once a - gain!

1. Praise for the light that shines through the night, from
 2. Praise for the wa - ter that springs from the sea, the
 3. Praise for the sing - ing and praise for the dance, with

dark - ness to light, from death to new life and praise to the
 seed that gives life to all who be - lieve God's love o - ver -
 new heart and voice, all raise the song of praise to cre -

morn - ing that brings forth the sun, to o - pen our eyes to the
 flow - ing, our hearts know the joy of be - ing the chil - dren of
 a - tion; all heav - en and earth, come sing of the glo - ry of

D.C.

Lord! To o - pen our eyes to the Lord! For
 God! Of be - ing the chil - dren of God! For
 God! Come sing to the glo - ry of God! For

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The Dismissal

Priest: Followers of Jesus, inspired by the Holy Spirit,
 serve the world God loves. Alleluia!

People: **Thanks be to God. Alleluia!**

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WORSHIP WITH US

Sunday February 11 (The Last Sunday After the Epiphany: Transfiguration Sunday)

7:00 PM – Taizé Eucharist (in the Church and through YouTube)

8:00 PM – Compline (on Zoom only)

Wednesday February 14 (Ash Wednesday)

8:00-9:00 AM – Ashes Before Work (on the steps of the church)

12:00 PM – Ash Wednesday Service (in the Church and through YouTube)

6:00 PM - Ash Wednesday Service (in the Church and through YouTube)

Sunday February 18 (First Sunday in Lent)

9:00 AM – Spiritual Communion (on Zoom only)

10:30 AM – Holy Eucharist (in the Church and through YouTube)

2:00 PM – Pre-Vestry Meeting (on Zoom only)

7:00 PM – Taizé (in the Church and through YouTube)

8:00 PM – Compline (on Zoom only)