



TRANSFIGURATION SUNDAY
SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

SUNDAY, MARCH 2, 2025, AT 9:00 A.M.

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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: "Shine" (*Ed Roland*)

Give me a word,
Give me a sign.
Show me where to look,
Tell me what will I find?
What will I find?

Lay me on the ground,
Or fly me in the sky.
Show me where to look,
Tell me what will I find?
What will I find?

Whoa, heaven let your light shine down
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Love is in the water,
Love is in the air.
Show me where to look,
Tell me will love be there?
Love be there?

Teach me how to speak,
Teach me how to share.
Teach me where to go,
Tell me will love be there?
Love be there?



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Redeemer Music Team

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✠ The Gathering of the Community

Paige Souter

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

People: **And also with you.**

The Collect of the Day

Paige Souter

Priest: God of transfiguration,
transform our hearts and minds
so that we may hear your message,
and fill the world with your glory;
through Jesus Christ, the chosen one.

People: **Amen.**

✠ Proclamation of the Word

First Reading:

Sylvia Keesmaat

Reader: A Reading from the Book of Exodus.

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. When Aaron and all the Israelites saw Moses, the skin of his face was shining, and they were afraid to come near him. But Moses called to them; and Aaron and all the leaders of the congregation returned to him, and Moses spoke with them. Afterwards all the Israelites came near, and he gave them in commandment all that the Lord had spoken with him on Mount Sinai. When Moses had finished speaking with them, he put a veil on his face; 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, 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.

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

Exodus 34:29-35

People: **Thanks be to God.**

A moment of silence is observed

Psalm 99 (*Plainsong*)

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GÖD İS enthroned upon the Cherubim; *
let the earth shake and its people tremblë.

Our God is great in Zion; *
and high above all peoplës.

Let them confess the Name which is great and awesome, *
Our God is the Holy Öne.

O mighty Sovereign, lover of justice,
you have established equity; *
you have executed justice and righteousness in Jacöb.

Proclaim the greatness of our God,
bow down in worship: *
You, God, are the Holy Öne.

Moses and Aaron among your priests,
and Samuel among those who call upon your name, *
they called upon you and you answered thëm.

You spoke to them out of the pillar of cloud, *
they kept your testimonies and the decrees that you gave thëm.

“O God, you answered them indeed; *
you were a God who forgave them,
yet punished them for their evil dëeds.”

Proclaim God’s greatness;
worship upon the holy hill; *
for God is the Holy Öne.

Second Reading:

Sylvia Keesmaat

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

Since, then, we have such a hope, we act with great boldness, 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. 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. Indeed, to this very day whenever Moses is read, a veil lies over their minds; but when one turns to the Lord, the veil is removed. Now the Lord is the Spirit, and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom. 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.

Therefore, since it is by God's mercy that we are engaged in this ministry, we do not lose heart. We have renounced the shameful things that one hides; we refuse to practise 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.

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

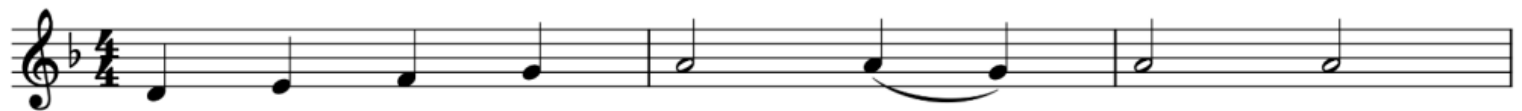
2 Corinthians 3:12-4:2

People: **Thanks be to God.**

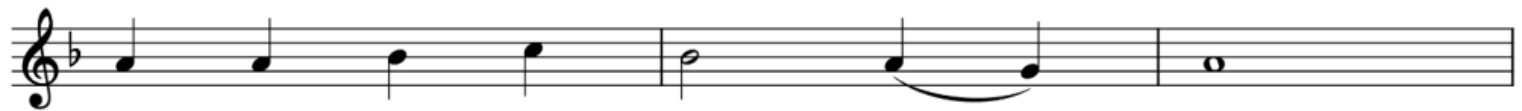
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Sequence Hymn: #878 (Blue Gather) "Transform Us"

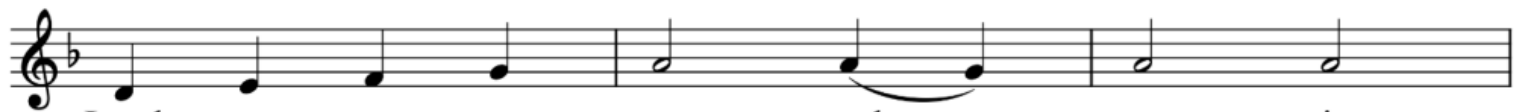
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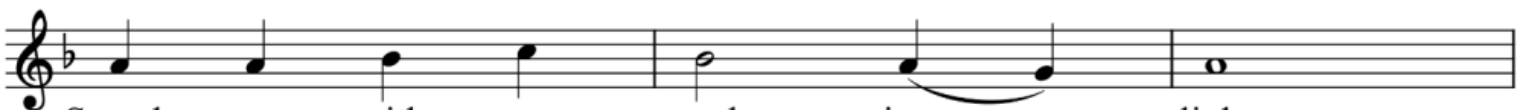
1. Trans-form us as you, trans - fig - ured,
2. Trans-form us as you, trans - fig - ured,
3. Trans-form us as you, trans - fig - ured,



Stood a - part on Ta - bor's height.
Once spoke with those ho - ly ones.
Would not stay with - in a shrine.



Lead us up our sa - cred moun - tains,
We, sur - round - ed by the wit - ness
Keep us from our great temp - ta - tion—



Search us with re - veal - ing light.
Of those saints whose work is done,
Time and truth we quick - ly bind.

Lift us from where we have fallen,
 Live in this world as your Body,
 Lead us down those daily paths
 Full of questions, filled with fright.
 All of us, your chosen ones.
 Where our love is not confined.

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The Gospel

Steven Mackison

Priest: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

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

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

Now about eight days after these sayings Jesus took with him Peter and John and James, and went up on the mountain to pray. And while he was praying, the appearance of his face changed, and his clothes became dazzling white. Suddenly they saw two men, Moses and Elijah, talking to him. They appeared in glory and were speaking of his departure, which he was about to accomplish at Jerusalem. 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. 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. While he was saying this, a cloud came and overshadowed them; and they were terrified as they entered the cloud. Then from the cloud came a voice that said, ‘This is my Son, my Chosen; listen to him!’ 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.

On the next day, when they had come down from the mountain, a great crowd met him. Just then a man from the crowd shouted, ‘Teacher, I beg you to look at my son; he is my only child. Suddenly a spirit seizes him, and all at once he shrieks. It throws him into convulsions until he foams at the mouth; it mauls him and will scarcely leave him. I begged your disciples to cast it out, but they could not.’ Jesus answered, ‘You faithless and perverse generation, how much longer must I be with you and bear with you? Bring your son here.’ 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. And all were astounded at the greatness of God.

Priest: The Gospel of Christ.

Luke 9:28-43a

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

A moment of silence is observed.

Homily: Ann Jervis

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: We pray to you Lord because you are both Sovereign and Servant - exalted over all nations. Much of what you have given us: life, truth, and a love for the world you have made, seems to be slipping through our hands. Forgive us for our indifference and neglect. Help us to take a firm grip on all you have entrusted to our care.

Please add your prayers either silently or aloud.

Leader: For where your Spirit is, there is freedom Lord.

All: **Lord, may your freedom prevail.**

Leader: In Gaza, in Ukraine, in Myanmar and in the DRC, we lament the death of hundreds of thousands of people who never asked for war nor did anything to provoke it. We lament the families torn apart and the traumatized citizenry with no way of defending themselves. Come to their help, raise up mediators and diplomats and ambassadors for peace. Help them to not lose heart. Have mercy on them all: victim and soldier, oppressed and oppressor.

Please add your prayers either silently or aloud.

Leader: For where your Spirit is, there is freedom Lord.

All: **Lord, may your freedom prevail.**

Leader: We pray for people displaced by war, conflict, climate change, and economic uncertainty. May they find refuge in countries where safety and peace prevail. We pray especially for Lemlem as she travels to Toronto.

Please add your prayers either silently or aloud.

Leader: For where your Spirit is, there is freedom Lord.

All: **Lord, may your freedom prevail.**

Leader: We pray for our city, our province and our country. We pray for leaders with the courage in both government and business to care, for leaders of various faith communities to courageously express the best of what they believe in, to build diversity, inclusion and equity among us. May our pursuit for the truth dispel falsehood and propaganda, and build understanding and respect between people who disagree. We pray for our First Nations and for the steps we must take to reconcile with them.

Please add your prayers either silently or aloud.

Leader: For where your Spirit is, there is freedom Lord.

All: **Lord, may your freedom prevail.**

Leader: We pray for the Church and the ministry you have committed to us. Help us renounce secret and shameful ways, and to neither distort nor compromise your word. Open our ears to hear what the Spirit is saying to the churches.

Please add your prayers either silently or aloud.

Leader: For where your Spirit is, there is freedom Lord.

All: **Lord, may your freedom prevail.**

Leader: We pray for food for those who need it, justice for those who can't defend themselves, shelter and work for those without either. Show us what you want us to do to help those in need. We pray for those who are marginalized, desperate to be seen, heard and embraced. With help of your Spirit may they find their true calling, their unique place in the world.

Please add your prayers either silently or aloud.

Leader: For where your Spirit is, there is freedom Lord.

All: **Lord, may your freedom prevail.**

Leader: We pray for those who care for others. Through their work may your kingdom come to those who are ill and to those living in pain. We pray for those who are dying and for those in their inner circle of care. Be close to them as they journey through their dark valley. Comfort the ones who have lost a loved one, whose lives will never be the same.

Please add your prayers either silently or aloud.

Leader: For where your Spirit is, there is freedom Lord.

All: **Lord, may your freedom prevail.**

Leader: Radiant we become in speaking with you. Freedom is the path ahead when we walk by your Spirit. Where your Spirit is, there is freedom Lord.

All: **Lord, may your freedom prevail. Amen.**

The Peace

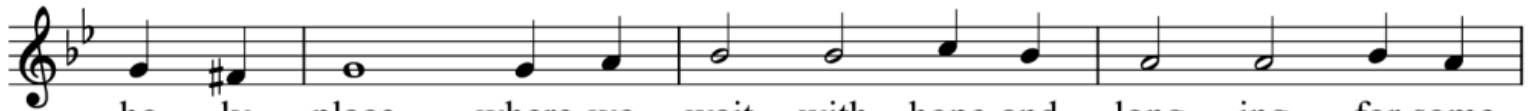
Paige Souter

Priest: The peace of the Lord be always with you.

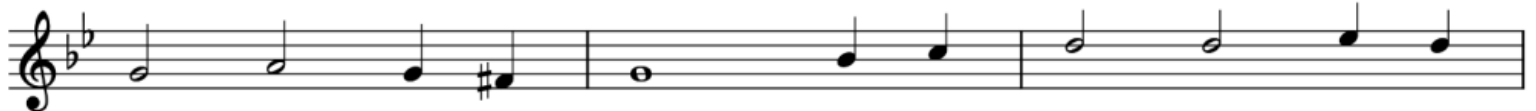
People: **And also with you.**



1. We have come at Christ's own bid - ding to this high and
 2. Light breaks in up - on our dark - ness; splen-dour bathes the
 3. Strength-ened by this glimpse of glo - ry, fear - ful lest our



ho - ly place, where we wait with hope and long - ing for some
 flesh-joined Word. Mos - es and E - li - jah mar - vel as the
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to - ken of God's grace. Here we pray for new as -
 heaven - ly voice is heard. Eyes and hearts be - hold with
 main and build a shrine. But true wor - ship gives us



sur - ance that our faith is not in vain, search - ing
 won - der how the law and proph - ets meet: Christ, with
 cour - age to pro - claim what we pro - fess, that our



like those first dis - ci - ples for a sign both clear and plain.
 gar - ments drenched in bright - ness, stands trans - fig - ured and com - plete.
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The Lord's Prayer

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

Paige Souter

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
for ever and ever. Amen.**

Announcements

Departing Hymn: "This Little Light of Mine"

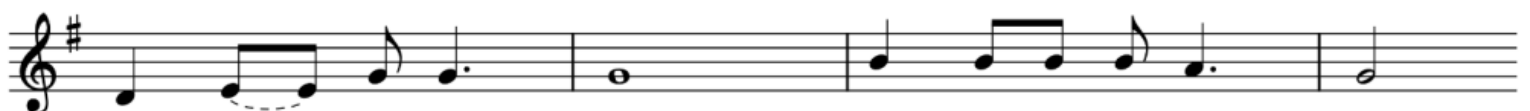
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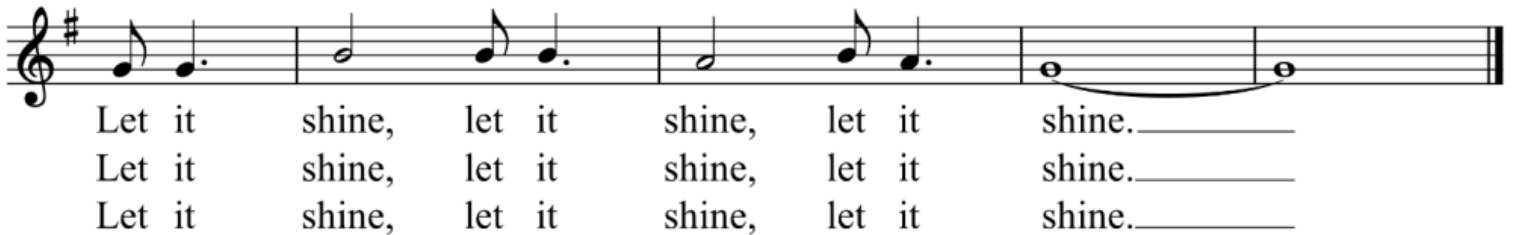
1. This lit - tle light of mine, — I'm gon-na let it shine, —
2. Ev - 'ry - where I go, — I'm gon-na let it shine, —
3. Je - sus gave it to me, — I'm gon-na let it shine, —



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Je - sus gave it to me, — I'm gon-na let it shine, —



Traditional Spiritual

The Dismissal

Steven Mackison

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 March 2 (Eighth Sunday after Epiphany)

7:00 PM – Rock Eucharist – Featuring the Music of the Rolling Stones
(in the Church and through YouTube)

8:00 PM – Compline (on Zoom only)

Wednesday March 5 (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, Zoom, and through YouTube)

Sunday March 9 (First Sunday in Lent)

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

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

8:00 PM – Compline (on Zoom only)