



Christ Church  
Cathedral  
Ottawa

# Transfiguration Sunday

Sunday | February 11<sup>th</sup> | 2024

10.30 am | Sung Eucharist | BAS

*Missa brevis in C | Sigismund Neukomm | Johann Michael Haydn*

The flowers are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Barbara and Barry Coutts

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## Welcome

Children are welcome to fully participate in the service and activity sheets are available in the bookshelves at the entrance to the Cathedral. Sidespeople can provide headsets for those who need hearing assistance and can ensure that communion is brought to you in the pew if required. Please turn off or set mobile devices to silent mode.

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# The Gathering of the Community

**Prelude** | *Prière à Notre Dame* | Léon Boëllman

## Announcements

**Hymn 5** | *Christ whose glory fills the skies*

## Greeting

Dear friends, we gather this day on traditional Anishinaabe Algonquin territory.

**May we always dwell on this land with respect and peace.**

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.**

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.**

## Gloria

***Glory to God in the highest, and peace to his people on earth. Lord God, heavenly king, almighty God and Father, we worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory. 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. 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.***

## Collect of the Day

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.**

# The Proclamation of the Word

## First Reading | *2 Kings 2:1-12*

A reading from the second book of Kings.

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.

Holy Word, Holy Wisdom.

**Thanks be to God.**

## Psalm | *50:1-6*

*The Lord, the God of gods, has spoken and has called the earth from the rising of the sun to its setting. Out of Zion, perfect in its beauty, God reveals the divine glory. Our God will come and will not keep silence; before whom there is a consuming flame, and round about whom a raging storm. God calls the heavens and the earth from above to witness the judgement of this*

people. "Gather before me my loyal followers, those who have made a covenant with me and sealed it with sacrifice." Let the heavens declare the rightness of the divine cause; for God, God alone, is judge.

## Second Reading | 2 Corinthians 4:3-6

A reading from the second letter of Paul to the Corinthians.

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.

Holy Word, Holy Wisdom.

**Thanks be to God.**

## Gradual | *My eyes for beauty pine* | Herbert Howells

*My eyes for beauty pine, My soul for Goddës grace; No other care nor hope is mine, To heaven I turn my face. One splendour thence is shed from all the stars above: 'Tis named when God's name is said, 'Tis Love, 'tis heavenly Love. And every gentle heart that burns with true desire, Is lit from eyes that mirror part of that celestial fire.*

## Holy Gospel | Mark 9:2-9

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

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

**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.

The Gospel of Christ.

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

## Sermon

Hymn 167 | *'Tis good, Lord, to be here*

## Apostles' Creed

Let us confess the faith of our baptism, as we say,

**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

Let us pray.

As the prophet Isaiah rang out, "Arise, shine; for your light has come"; empower your Church, O God, to ring out the Good News of the Light of your son Jesus, which pierces even the deepest darkness.

Lord, in your mercy,

**Hear our prayer.**

As a star rose high into the nighttime sky to draw the nations to the Christ-child; send your blessing, O God, on this nation, and every nation, and draw the whole world to your peace and truth.

Lord, in your mercy,

**Hear our prayer.**

As John the Baptist guided throngs of people to the edge of the wilderness and baptized Jesus in the River Jordan; we pray that you would guide our country and our leaders to the ways of justice and righteousness, especially in those places where hatred and war prevail.

Lord, in your mercy,

**Hear our prayer.**

Like the Magi who traveled from afar to bring gifts and celebrate the Savior's birth; we pray for this community, for those who celebrate milestones and life events, and for all who contribute to the ministry of this place.

Lord, in your mercy,

**Hear our prayer.**

As Jesus climbed the mountaintop, and proclaimed blessings on the people of the world; we pray for the sick and the distressed, the poor and those who suffer in any way.

*Silence.*

Lord, in your mercy,

**Hear our prayer.**

As Jesus called his disciples to leave their nets and boats, and follow him; we pray for those we love and who have answered your call to follow Jesus to your Heavenly Kingdom. Give them your peace.

*Silence.*

Lord, in your mercy,

**Hear our prayer.**

Lord Jesus, Light of the World, hear our prayers, and make us reflections of your Light, that the places of darkness in our world would be pierced by your Light, and that all nations would be drawn to you and be overwhelmed with joy. **Amen.**

## Confession and Absolution

Dear friends in Christ, God is steadfast in love and infinite in mercy; welcoming sinners and inviting us to this table. Let us confess our sins, confident in God's forgiveness.

*Silence.*

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.**

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

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

## Offertory Hymn 84 | *Lord, enthroned in heavenly splendour*



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# The Celebration of the Eucharist

## Prayer Over the Gifts

Holy God, 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.**

## The Great Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you.  
**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.  
**We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.  
**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

It is indeed right to thank you and praise you, holy and gracious God, creator of all things, ruler of heaven and earth, sustainer of life, for you are the source of all goodness, rich in mercy and abounding in love; you are faithful to your people in every generation, and your word endures for ever.

Therefore with angels and archangels, with the fellowship of saints and the company of heaven, we glorify your holy name, evermore praising you: *Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.*

We praise you, merciful God, not as we ought, but as we are able, because in your tender love you gave the world your only Son, in order that the world might be saved through him. He made you known by taking the form of a servant, healing the sick, liberating the oppressed, reaching out to the lost.

Betrayed, reviled, and nailed to the cross, he confronted the power of sin and disarmed it for ever. In his offering of himself, he became the perfect and sufficient sacrifice for the sins of the whole world. Redeemed by Christ, we have been adopted as your children; by your pardon you have made us worthy to praise you.

On the night he was betrayed, Jesus, at supper with his friends, took bread, gave you thanks, broke the bread, gave it to them, and said, "Take and eat: this is my body which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine, and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this all of you: this is my blood of the new covenant which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

In obedience to him and with grateful hearts we approach your holy table, remembering our Saviour's sacrifice, and rejoicing in his victory. Confident in his sovereign purpose, we declare our faith.

**Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again.**

Send your Holy Spirit on us that as we receive this bread and this cup we may partake of the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ, and feed on him in our hearts by faith with thanksgiving.



May we be renewed in his risen life, filled with love, and strengthened in our will to serve others; and make of our lives, we pray, a pure and holy sacrifice, acceptable to you, knitting us together as one in your Son Jesus Christ, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be all honour and glory, now and forever. **Amen.**

## The Lord's Prayer

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.**

## Breaking of the Bread

We break the bread of life, and that life is the light of the world.

**God here among us, light in the midst of us, bring us to light and life.**

The gifts of God for the People of God.

**Thanks be to God.**

## Agnus Dei

## Communion

*All are welcome to come to the altar rail. If you wish prayers for healing before receiving Communion, please carry an Order of Service with you; to receive a blessing, cross your hands over your chest; for a gluten-free wafer, hold out one hand; for a regular wafer, hold out two hands. Please do not dip the bread in the wine.*

## Motet | *O nata lux* | Edmund Jolliffe

*O nata lux de lumine, Jesu redemptor saeculi, Dignare clemens supplicum Laudes precesque sumere. Qui carne quondam contegi, Dignatus es pro perditis, Nos membra confer effici, Tui beati corporis. | O glorious light, born of the light, Jesus, the saviour of us all. We bring to you our praise and prayer, and ask your blessing on us here. You who once came down from on high, Showing forgiveness to us all, Grant, blessed Jesus, that we may be for evermore at one with thee.*

# The Sending of the Community

## Prayer after Communion

Holy God, 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.**

Glory to God,

**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 and Dismissal

May the power of the Creator hold you; may the light of Christ lead you; may the joy of the Spirit inspire you; and may the love of the Trinity bless you, this day and all your days. **Amen.**

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**Hymn 323** | *Ye holy angels bright*

**Postlude** | *Minuet Gothique* | *Léon Boëllman*

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# Readings Next Sunday | February 18<sup>th</sup>

## First Sunday in Lent

Genesis 9:8-17; Psalm 25:1-9; 1 Peter 3:18-22; Mark 1:9-15

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## Lent and Holy Week Services

### Ash Wednesday

12.05 pm | Sung Eucharist with Imposition of Ashes

7 pm | Choral Eucharist with Imposition of Ashes

### Thursdays in Lent

12.05 pm | Contemplative Prayer with Organ Meditation

### Sundays in Lent

8.30 am | Holy Eucharist

10.30 am | Choral Eucharist

8 pm | Compline

### Palm/Passion Sunday | March 24<sup>th</sup>

8.30 am | Holy Eucharist with Blessing of Palms

10.30 am | Choral Eucharist with Palm Procession

### Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday in Holy Week | March 25<sup>th</sup> to 27<sup>th</sup>

12.05 | pm Sung Eucharist

### Maundy Thursday | March 28<sup>th</sup>

7 pm | Choral Eucharist with Stripping of the Altar

### Good Friday | March 29<sup>th</sup>

Noon | Solemnity of the Lord's Passion

1 to 3 pm | Cathedral Open for Quiet Meditation

3 pm | Stabat Mater Sacred Concert

### Holy Saturday | March 30<sup>th</sup>

8 pm | A Vigil for Easter

## Easter Sunday | March 31<sup>st</sup>

8.30 am | Holy Eucharist

10.30 am | Festal Eucharist

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