

# THE HOLY EUCHARIST

LAST SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY: TRANSFIGURATION SUNDAY

## FEBRUARY 19, 2023 · 10:00 AM

Welcome to St. John's, Shaughnessy! Wherever you are on your spiritual journey, and whether you are joining us in the church building or via the livestream, we are glad you are here!

If you are new here and would like to learn more, please introduce yourself to the clergy after the service. If you would like to be added to our mailing list so that we may keep you informed of upcoming events, please contact the church office. Infants and children (and their accompanying noises) enliven our services. Colouring, crafts, and quiet toys are available in the children's area, just to the left of the front pews.

We acknowledge with respect that we worship on the traditional, ancestral, and unceded territory of the Coast Salish Peoples, and we pray that we may live more deeply into the calls to action from Canada's Truth and Reconciliation Commission.

A brief organ voluntary offered a few minutes before the hour bids us all keep silence for prayer and preparation.

The people's responses are in **bold**.

PRELUDE Partite Christ, der du bist der helle Tag BWV 766c (Christ, you are the bright day)

J.S. Bach (1685-1750)

**GREETING** 

#### THE ENTRANCE RITE

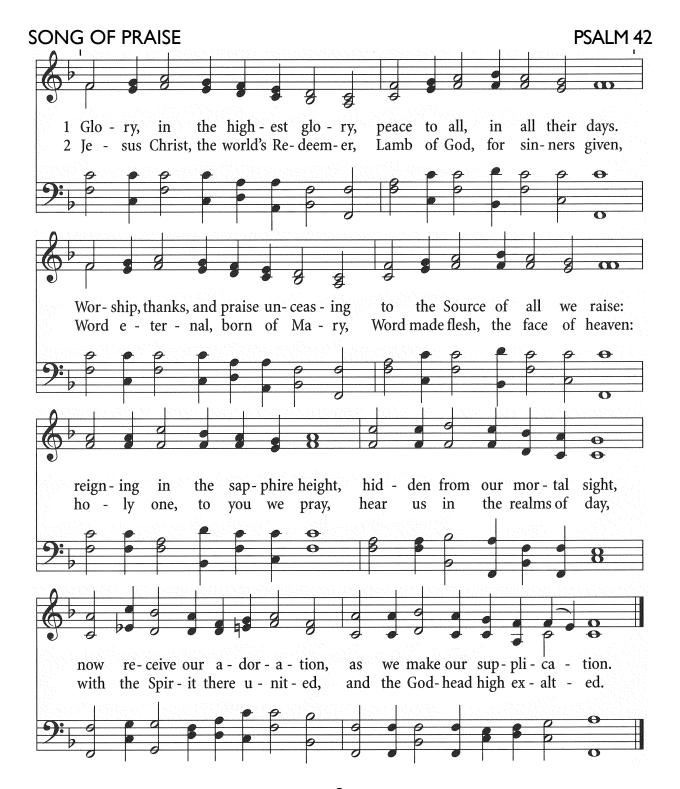


## THE OPENING ACCLAMATION

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.** 

#### THE COLLECT FOR PURITY

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.



#### THE 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 LITURGY OF THE WORD

#### THE FIRST READING

Exodus 24:12-18

A reading from the Book of Exodus

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.

Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

Thanks be to God.

## PSALM 2 Quare fremuerunt gentes?

The Choir sings the Refrain; then all repeat.



- Why are the nations in an uproar?
  Why do the peoples mutter empty threats?
- Why do the kings of the earth rise up in revolt, and the princes plot together, against the Lord and against his Anointed?
- <sup>3</sup> "Let us break their yoke," they say; "let us cast off their bonds from us."
- He whose throne is in heaven is laughing; the Lord has them in derision.

Refrain

- Then he speaks to them in his wrath, and his rage fills them with terror.
- "I myself have set my king upon my holy hill of Zion."
- Let me announce the decree of the Lord:
  he said to me, "You are my Son;
  this day have I begotten you.
- Ask of me, and I will give you the nations for your inheritance and the ends of the earth for your possession.

Refrain

- You shall crush them with an iron rod and shatter them like a piece of pottery."
- <sup>10</sup> And now, you kings, be wise; be warned, you rulers of the earth.
- Submit to the Lord with fear, and with trembling bow before him;
- Lest he be angry and you perish; for his wrath is quickly kindled.
- Happy are they all who take refuge in him!

Refrain

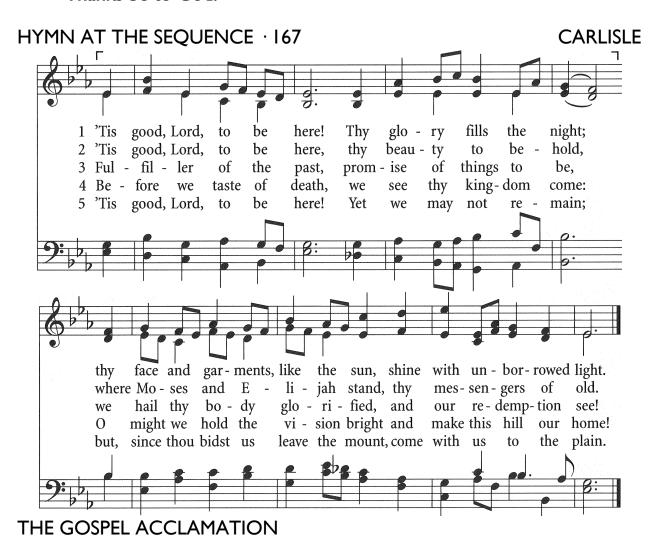
THE SECOND READING

2 Peter 1:16-21

## A reading from the second letter of Peter

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.

Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people. Thanks be to God.



The Cantor sings the Alleluia; then all repeat.



Cantor This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased; listen to him. Alleluia

#### THE HOLY GOSPEL

Matthew 17:1-9

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, according to Mathew. 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."

The Gospel of Christ.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

#### Please be seated.

#### THE SERMON

## The Reverend Terry Shields Dirbas

Please stand as you are able.

#### 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.

#### THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Let us offer prayers to God whose glory is a devouring fire, a light shining out of darkness.

For Christians everywhere that, faithful to our baptismal calling, we may become a royal priesthood, a holy nation.

In the Anglican Communion, we pray for Justin, the Archbishop of Canterbury; the Episcopal Church in the Philippines; and for our companion diocese, the Eglise Anglicane du Rwanda.

In the Anglican Church of Canada, we pray for Linda, our Primate; Chris, the National Indigenous Archbishop; and John, our bishop.

In the Diocese of New Westminster, we pray for the Sorrento Retreat and Conference Centre, and for the students and mentors of the Education for Ministry program.

Lord in your mercy, **Hear our prayer.** 

For the leaders of the nations, and all in authority, including Justin, our Prime Minister; David, our Premier; and Ken, our mayor. Guide your people in the ways of justice and peace, that we may honour one another and serve the common good.

Lord in your mercy, Hear our prayer.

Give us all a reverence for the earth as your own creation, that we may use its resources rightly in the service of others and to your honour and glory.

Lord in your mercy, Hear our prayer.

Bless all whose lives are closely linked with ours, and grant that we may serve Christ in them, and love one another as he loves us.

Lord in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

Comfort and heal all those who suffer in body, mind, or spirit; give them courage and hope in their troubles, and bring them the joy of your salvation.

Silence

Lord in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

We commend to your mercy all who have died, that your will for them may be fulfilled; and we pray that we may share with all your saints in your eternal kingdom.

Silence

Lord in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

Remembering the blessed Virgin Mary, John the Baptist, and all the saints, let us offer ourselves and one another to the living God through Christ.

To you, O Lord our God.

#### The Celebrant continues

Blessed are you, God of light eternal. Hear our prayers for all peoples and let your glory shine on us this day, that our lives may proclaim your goodness and our works give you honor. Glory to you for ever and ever. **Amen.** 

#### THE CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Dear friends in Christ, God is steadfast in love and infinite in mercy; God welcomes sinners and invites them 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.** 

Please stand as you are able.

#### THE PEACE

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

The people greet one another with signs of God's peace.

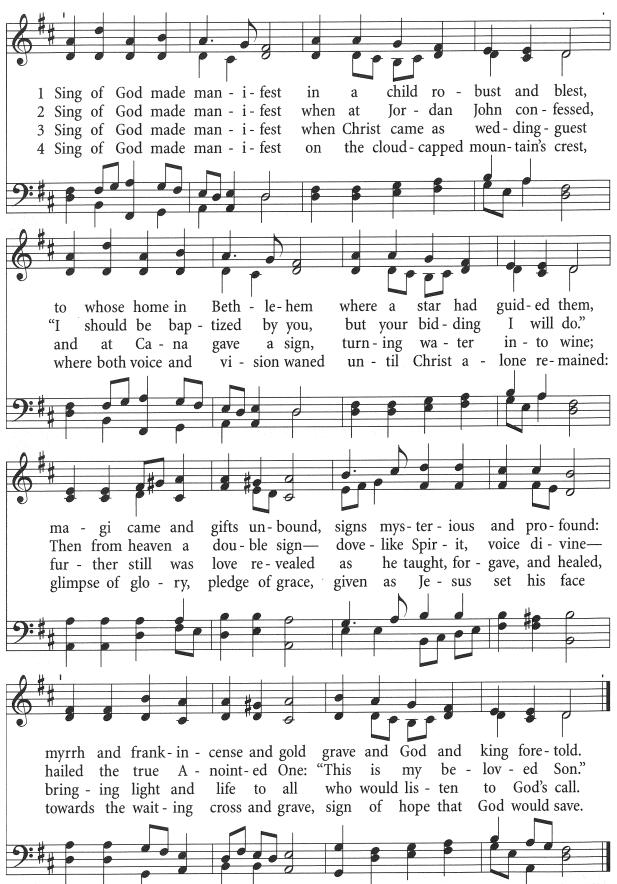
#### THE OFFERTORY

As the altar is prepared for Holy Communion, the congregation is invited to make an offering as an expression of gratitude for God's generosity. A QR code is provided for those who prefer to donate online. During the collection, a hymn is sung.



#### OFFERTORY HYMN · 162

#### **SALZBURG**

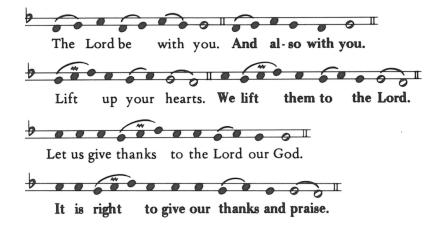


#### THE HOLY COMMUNION

#### THE PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS

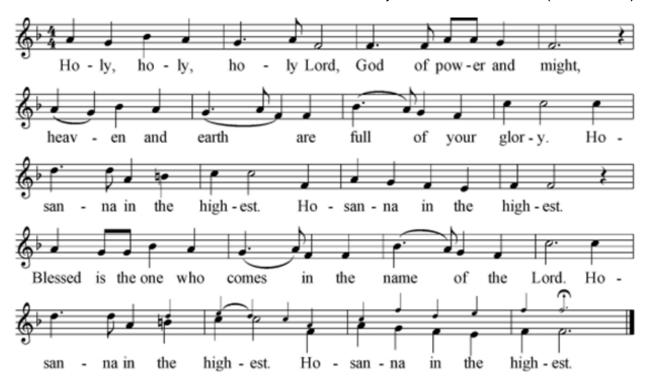
Holy God, receive all we offer you this day, and bring us to that radiant glory which we see in the transfigured face of Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.** 

#### THE GREAT THANKSGIVING



Blessed are you, gracious God, creator of heaven and earth; because in the mystery of the Word made flesh you have caused a new light to shine in our hearts, to give knowledge of salvation in the face of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. Now with angels and archangels and the whole company of heaven, we lift our voices to proclaim the glory of your name.

THE SANCTUS & BENEDICTUS Community Mass R. Proulx (1937-2010)



#### The Celebrant continues

We give thanks to you, Lord our God, for the goodness and love you have made known to us in creation; in calling Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Saviour and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, a death he freely accepted, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, 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."

Therefore, Father, according to his command,

we remember his death, we proclaim his resurrection, we await his coming in glory;

and we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine. We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts, that they may be the sacrament of the body of Christ and his blood of the new covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we, made acceptable in him, may be sanctified by the Holy Spirit.

In the fullness of time, reconcile all things in Christ, and make them new, and bring us to that city of light where you dwell with all your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation; by whom, and with whom, and in whom, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honour and glory are yours, almighty Father, now and for ever. **Amen.** 

## THE LORD'S PRAYER

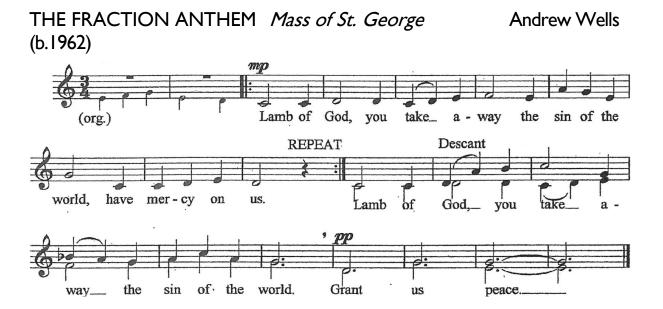
As our Saviour taught us, let us pray,

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 BREAKING OF THE BREAD

The Celebrant breaks the consecrated 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 INVITATION TO HOLY COMMUNION

The gifts of God for the people of God. Thanks be to God.

We invite all baptized Christians to receive the sacrament of Holy Communion. Gluten-free wafers are available upon request. If you prefer to receive a blessing instead of the bread and wine, you may indicate that desire by crossing your arms over your chest. If you are unable to come forward, please ask a sidesperson to have Communion brought to you.

#### COMMUNION ANTHEM

In the Midst of Life

H. Purcell (c. 1659-1695)

In the midst of life we are in death: of whom May we seek for succour, but of thee, O Lord, Who for our sins art justly displeased? Yet, O Lord, most mighty, O holy and most Merciful Saviour, deliver us not into the bitter Pains of eternal death.

Please stand as you are able.

#### THE 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.** 

#### THE DOXOLOGY

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.

Please be seated.

THE NOTICES

Please stand as you are able.

#### THE BLESSING

May Christ, the Son of God, be manifest in you, that your lives may be a light to the world; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always. **Amen.** 

## LASST UNS ERFREUEN





#### THE DISMISSAL

Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

Thanks be to God.

#### **VOLUNTARY** Festive Tocatta

D. Bédard (b. 1950)

Please remain standing as the procession leaves the church. Though some people choose to stay for the entire organ postlude, please feel welcome to depart when the Spirit moves you. We hope you will join us for coffee and refreshments in the Trendell Lounge after the service.

## ST. JOHN'S, SHAUGHNESSY STAFF AND LEADERSHIP

Please contact the parish office if you would like to be added to our mailing list, so that we may let you know about upcoming events.

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