

This year, the Feast of the Transfiguration falls on a Sunday. While we generally transfer feasts that occur on a Sunday to another open day in the following week, there are a few feasts that are so important that they take precedence over the usual Sunday lectionary. That's the case with the Transfiguration—the commemoration of the revelation of Jesus' glory on the mountaintop.

This Sunday, we'll wear white vestments and sing the great Transfiguration hymns. It may feel a bit like we've gone back in time to the winter, because the Transfiguration is also observed on the last Sunday after Epiphany each year. At that time, it serves as a culmination of all the events in which Jesus' identity as Son of God has been revealed. It is always a joyful way to mark the conclusion of that season as we prepare to enter into the more somber season of Lent.

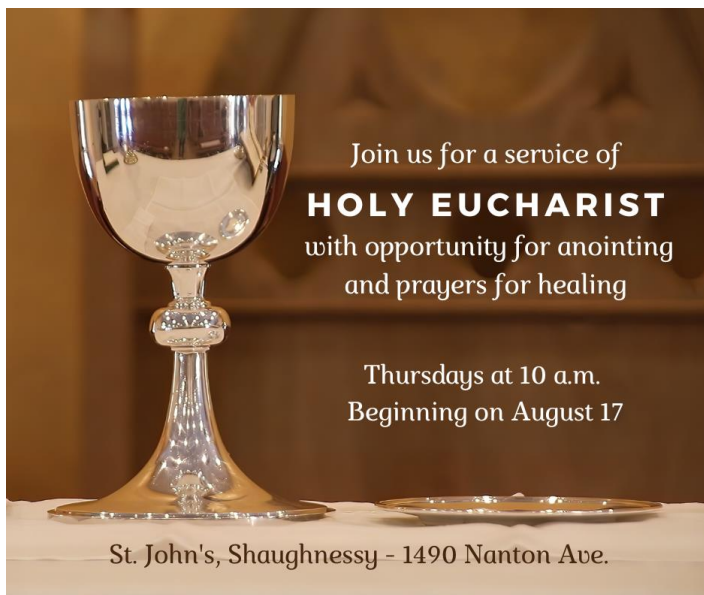
On August 6, however, we remember the Transfiguration not because it ties together other themes in the lectionary, but simply because it is an incredible event of divine revelation which deserves to be celebrated. When that revelation came, the disciples wanted to build dwellings on the mountaintop—to make the experience last. And who could blame them? When we think about this story as we approach Lent, the message is often one of not being able to hang onto that glory forever, as we must follow Jesus down the mountain and on the path toward the cross. And that's still absolutely a message for us now! But I think of the feast of the Transfiguration as a way that we do get to dwell in the glory of that event, just for a little while.

It's summer. The daylight lingers until late in the evening. We enjoy rest, recreation, and a more peaceful pace of life. As we relish the light of the sun and the lightness of life in general, let's give thanks for the light of God's love, revealed in Jesus Christ. And let's commit to dwelling in that light all the time, even when the world feels dark.

Blessings,

Mother Terry+

Do you have a question about church, liturgy, Anglicanism, etc.? Is there something you've always wanted to ask but thought you should already know? Send those questions to Mother Terry at terry.dirbas@sjs.net. All questions will remain anonymous.



Weekly Holy Eucharist with Healing Prayers

Thursdays at 10 a.m.
Beginning August 17

Next month, we invite you to join us for our new mid-week service of Holy Eucharist. If you'd like to receive prayers for healing, there will be opportunity for anointing with holy oil and healing prayers with the clergy.

Afterward, please stick around for a quick cup of tea or coffee and some conversation. All are welcome!



The Vancouver School of Theology and St. Andrew's Hall are delighted to announce that **Andrew Root, PhD**, Princeton Theological Seminary, will be the lead speaker at the inaugural Cork Lecture and Workshop.

Friday August 11, 7pm

Living After a Pandemic or Why We're All So Exhausted: The Church in a Time Crisis

It's often assumed the church and local congregations are in a crisis of resources. Congregations are losing people, money, and overall cultural influence. There is a misguided assumption that what ails the congregation is this loss of resources. The crisis the local congregation faces is not a loss of resources, but a loss of time which just keeps speeding up. And local congregations and denominations simply can't keep up with technology, social life and pace. Congregations can attend to sacred time in a late modernity of accelerating time, to move forward faithfully, and how denominations might find revitalization.

Saturday August 12, 10-2 p.m. (Lunch included)

Ministry Inside the Immanent Frame: The Task of Speaking of God in a Secular Age

Congregational life isn't easy task in our time. Institutions are weaker, budgets are in decline, people are uninterested, and commitment is wavering. But these are only symptoms of a bigger issue that many congregations find themselves in an identity crisis. Examining what living in a secular age does to congregational identity and how pastors and lay leaders can find new footing within it.

While there is no charge for attendance registration is required for each of the sessions.

Please click on the following link: <https://www.eventbrite.ca/e/cork-lecture-workshop-tickets-608708953867?aff=oddtcreator>

Music around the Diocese



CHLOE KIM, VIOLIN

CHRISTINA MAHLER, CELLO

CHRISTINA HUTTEN, HARPSICHORD

The **brilliant virtuoso violinist Chloe Kim** is joined by Christina Mahler, former principal cellist of Tafelmusik, and Christina Hutten, well-known as organist and harpsichordist with the Pacific Baroque Orchestra and Early Music Vancouver for a summertime concert.

The programme for the concert has been curated to highlight the wonderful work that the St James Music Academy does by providing free music education for children on the downtown Eastside, and how that parallels the work that composers would have done and benefitted from themselves in the 17th and 18th centuries.

Two Performances will be held at St. James Anglican Church,
303 E. Cordova St., Vancouver on

Saturday, August 12 at 7.30 pm

Sunday, August 13 matinée at 3 pm

Tickets at Eventbrite.

<https://www.eventbrite.ca/e/triptych-chloe-kim-christina-mahler-and-christina-hutten-in-concert-tickets-627783125227?aff=oddtcreator>

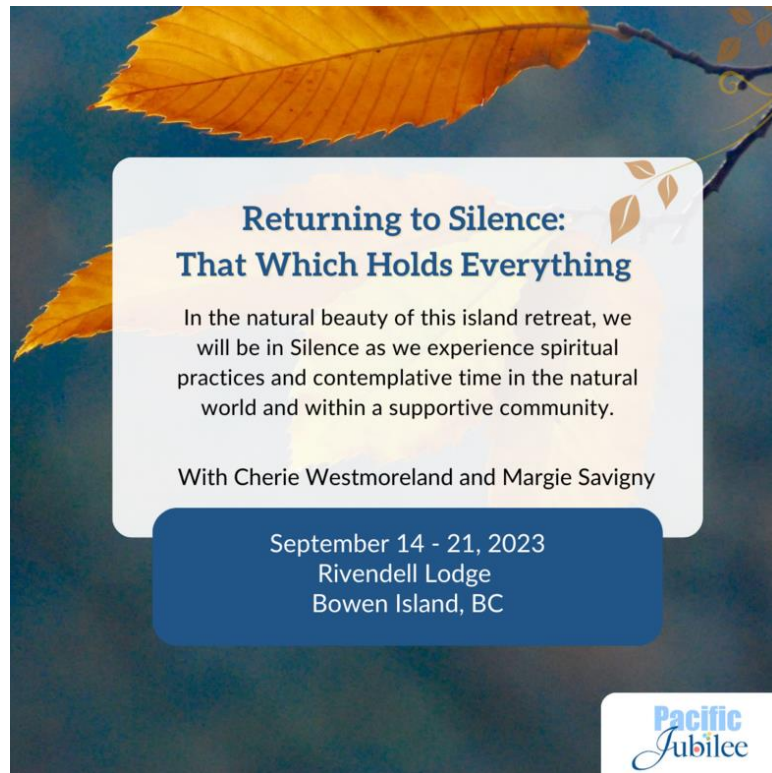
Organ Concert



On **Friday, August 25 from 7:30-9:30pm at St. James Anglican Church, 303 E. Cordova St., Vancouver**, renown Polish concert organist **Michał Szostak**, performs on St James' majestic three-manual Casavant organ.

The concert will include music by Bach, Chopin, Lefébure-Wély, and Vierne. Admission is by donation, and the event is followed by a reception. Please confirm your attendance for planning purposes.

[Confirm your attendance](#)



Come into the Silence that is always here. Bring your heart, mind, body, and spirit to the nourishing and welcoming contemplative space of the **Rivendell Retreat Centre** on Bowen Island. The fall season is a beautiful time of year to pause, to create space for rest, inquiry, listening, and opening to the movement of Spirit. In the natural beauty of this island retreat, we will explore spiritual practices, share experiences of contemplative time in the natural world – while in Silence – but also within a supportive community.

For more info please click the following link.

<https://www.canadianjubilee.ca/events/returning-to-silence-that-which-holds-everything-2>

Prayer List

If you request that someone's name be added to the prayer list, please keep in touch with us. At the end of each month, all names will be removed, so you will need to add the names again at the end of each month. Please also let us know if you want someone removed from the list. Email the office (church@sjs.net) anytime! Thank you.

Financial Support – Stewardship

If you would like to make a financial



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If you have recently made a contribution online or by cheque, thank you so very much! If you currently give by Pre-Authorized Donation, thank you! Our church has been affected by COVID-19 in many ways and financial giving is certainly one.

If you would like to give via monthly Pre-Authorized Donations (easy to change and easy to cancel), please contact Ann in the office (church.office@sjs.net or 604-731-4966).

If you would like to give to the church using a credit card, please use the DONATE button on our website (Canada Helps on top of page one, and Paypal on the bottom of page one). Cheques may be mailed or dropped through the church mail.

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