

# ST. GEORGE'S ON-THE-HILL ANGLICAN CHURCH

## The Transfiguration of the Lord

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

10:30am Holy Eucharist

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*The crèche (nursery) is downstairs and is available for use by parents of babies and toddlers.*

*Children are invited to head downstairs before the service for children's programming, and will rejoin their caregivers during The Peace so that they may participate together in Communion.*

***We are delighted to welcome the following guests  
to today's service:***

*Colleen Allen, saxophone*

*Rebecca Hennessy, trumpet*

*Fern Lindzon, piano*

*Duncan Hopkins, double bass*

- FULL TEXT VERSION OF LEAFLET -

**Prelude**

*Jazz Quartet*

**Welcome & Announcements**

### THE GATHERING OF THE COMMUNITY

*We gather with song and prayer as the People of God*

**Hymn: #166** We Have Come at Christ's Own Bidding

PLEASE STAND

We have come at Christ's own bidding to this high and holy place,  
where we wait with hope and longing for some token of God's grace.  
Here we pray for new assurance that our faith is not in vain,  
searching like those first disciples for a sign both clear and plain.

Light breaks in upon our darkness; splendour bathes the flesh-joined Word.  
Moses and Elijah marvel as the heavenly voice is heard.  
Eyes and hearts behold with wonder how the law and prophets meet:  
Christ, with garments drenched in brightness, stands transfigured and complete.

*Jazz improvisation – Please be seated*

Strengthened by this glimpse of glory, fearful lest our faith decline,  
We like Peter find it tempting to remain and build a shrine.  
But true worship gives us courage to proclaim what we profess,  
That our daily lives may prove us people of the God we bless.

**The Apostolic Greeting & Collect for Purity**

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

**People:** **And also with you.**

Prisider: Almighty God,

People: 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.

**Prayer of the Day**

**THE PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD OF GOD**

*We read and respond to God's message in scripture*

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

PLEASE BE SEATED

*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.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

*(Please keep a period of silence for reflection)*

**Psalm 147:1-6**

PLEASE REMAIN SEATED

The musical score is written for two staves, treble and bass clef, in a 3/4 time signature with a key signature of one sharp (F#). The lyrics are: "There is one Lord, one faith, one bap - ti - sm; There is one God who is Fath - er of all." The melody is simple and hymn-like, with the bass line providing a steady accompaniment.

Choir: How good it is to sing praise to our God! How pleasant it is to honour him with praise.  
The Lord rebuilds Jerusalem; he gathers all the exiles of Israel.

People: **There is one Lord, one faith, one baptism;  
There is one God who is Father of all.**

Choir: He heals with love the broken-hearted, and binds up all their wounds.  
He counts the number of the stars, and calls them all by their names.

People: **There is one Lord . . .**

Choir: Great is our Lord and mighty in power; there is no limit to his wisdom.  
The Lord lifts up the lowly but casts the wicked to the ground!

People: **There is one Lord . . .**

*(Please keep a period of silence for reflection)*

### Gospel Acclamation

PLEASE STAND

1. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia, al -  
2. Glo - ry to you, Lord Je - sus Christ! Glo - ry to you, Lord  
3. Praise be to you, Lord Je - sus Christ! Praise be to you, Lord

le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Al -  
Je - sus Christ! Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Al -  
Je - sus Christ! Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Al -

le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!  
le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!  
le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

### The Holy Gospel: Mark 9:2-9

Reader: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

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

People: **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.

Reader: The Gospel of Christ.

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

Sermon: Fr. Andrew

*(After the sermon, please keep a period of silence for reflection.)*

**Hymn: CP#531** You Who Dwell in the Shelter of the Lord

PLEASE JOIN IN SINGING

You who dwell in the shelter of the Lord,

Who abide in his shadow for life,

Say to the Lord: "My refuge, my rock in whom I trust!"

*And he will raise you up on eagle's wings, bear you on the breath of dawn,*

*Make you to shine like the sun, and hold you in the palm of his hand.*

Snares of the fowler will never capture you,

And famine will bring you no fear:

Under his wings your refuge, his faithfulness your shield. *Refrain.*

You need not fear the terror of the night,

Nor the arrow that flies by day;

Though thousands fall about you, near you it shall not come. *Refrain.*

*Jazz improvisation – Please be seated*

For to his angels he's given a command

To guard you in all of your ways;

Upon their hands they will bear you up, lest you dash your foot against a stone. *Refrain.*

**The Prayers of the People**

PLEASE KNEEL OR STAND AS YOU PREFER

*Please respond to the petition, "Lord, in your mercy," with the response, "hear our 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 Peace**

PLEASE STAND

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

People: **And also with you.**

*(We encourage you to share a sign of peace with those around you as you are comfortable.)*

## THE CELEBRATION OF THE EUCHARIST

*We share God's banquet of love for this community of faith*

**Offertory Hymn: CP#168** Transfigured Christ, None Comprehends *(Tune: O Waly Waly)*

Transfigured Christ, none comprehends your majesty, whose splendour stuns

All waking souls; whose light transcends the brightness of a thousand suns!

You stand with Moses on the hill, you speak of your new exodus.

The way through death you will fulfil by dying helpless on the cross.

You stand here with Elijah too, by whom the still small voice was heard;  
And you, yourself, will prove God true, made mute in death, incarnate Word.

*Jazz improvisation – please be seated*

If we could bear your brightness here and stay forever in your light,  
Then we would conquer grief and fear, and scorn the terrors of the night.

But, from the heights, you bring us down to share earth's agonies with you,  
Where piercing thorns are made your crown and death, accepted, proves love true.

Majestic Christ, God's well-loved son, if we must share your grief and loss,  
Transfigure us, when all is done, with glory shining from your cross.

## Prayer Over the Gifts

### Eucharistic Prayer

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Celebrant: Lift up your hearts.

People: **We lift them to the Lord.**

Celebrant: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

*The Presiding Celebrant acclaims the life-giving power of God in the story of salvation and calls on us to join all creation in the song of the angels. We then sing verses 1-3 of the Sanctus following:*

*(Sing in harmony)*

1. Ho-ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Lord God of pow'r and might!  
2. Ho-ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Glo - ry fills the heav'n and earth!  
3. Ho-ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Bless - ed is he who comes  
4. Glo-ry, glo - ry, glo - ry! Glo - ry be to you, O Lord!  
5. Glo-ry, glo - ry, glo - ry! Glo - ry be to you, O Lord!

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Ho-san - na in the high - est!  
Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Ho-san - na in the high - est!  
in the name of the Lord, Ho-san - na in the high - est!  
Glo - ry, glo - ry, glo - ry! Ho-san - na in the high - est!  
Glo - ry, glo - ry, glo - ry! A - men, A - men!

The Presiding Celebrant recounts God's continuing love in the history of humanity and in the sending of his son, Jesus Christ. We join Jesus as he celebrates his Last Supper and acclaim his giving of himself in the gifts of bread and wine. After the words over the cup and the elevation of the chalice we sing the following:

**People:** (verse 4) **Glory, glory, glory! Glory be to you, O Lord!  
Glory, glory, glory! Hosanna in the highest!**

The Presiding Celebrant calls on the Holy Spirit to bless the gifts and strengthen us until we come to share the joys of eternity. We praise God's endless love and at the elevation of the bread and cup we sing the following:

**People:** (verse 5) **Glory, glory, glory! Glory be to you, O Lord!  
Glory, glory, glory! Amen, Amen!**

### The Breaking of the Bread #1

**Presider:** "I am the bread of life," says the Lord. "Whoever comes to me will never be hungry; whoever believes in me will never thirst."

**All:** **Taste and see that the Lord is good; happy are they who trust in him!**

### Song for the Breaking of Bread

1,2. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sins of the world: have  
mer - cy on us. 3. Lamb of God, you take a - way the  
sins of the world: grant us peace, grant us peace.

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**Presider:** The gifts of God for the people of God.

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

### The Communion

PLEASE BE SEATED

*All who seek God in Christ are welcome to receive the sacrament of holy communion.  
If you would prefer a blessing, simply fold your arms across your chest to indicate this.  
Gluten-free wafers are available upon request.*

### Music During Communion

*Jazz Quartet*

### Prayer after Communion

PLEASE STAND

### The Doxology

**Presider:** 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.**

### Polychronia ("Many Years")

*(Tune: Tallis' Canon)*

**Celebrant:** Let us call down God's blessing:

**All:** **God give you many, many years to thank him for his blessings here.  
And many, many, many more to pray God still his grace to pour.**

### The Blessing

**Closing Hymn: Peace Like a River**

I've got peace like a river, I've got peace like a river,  
I've got peace like a river in my soul.  
*(repeat)*

I've got joy like a fountain, I've got joy like a fountain,  
I've got joy like a fountain in my soul.  
*(repeat)*

I've got love like an ocean, I've got love like an ocean,  
I've got love like an ocean in my soul.  
*(repeat)*

*Jazz improvisation – please be seated*

I've got peace like a river, I've got peace like a river,  
I've got peace like a river in my soul.  
*(repeat)*

**Dismissal**

**Postlude**

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