

Canon Davis Memorial Church

Anglican Church of Canada

Transfiguration Sunday

11th of February, 2024

***We Come and worship God.
We go our way with souls nourished.***

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Service of the Word

Opening Hymn # 341

God of Mercy, God of Grace

Officiant: 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.

Officiant: Let us pray.

We thank you, O God, that you have again brought us together on the Lord's Day to praise you for your goodness and to ask your blessing. Give us grace to see your hand in the week that is past, and your purpose in the week to come; through Christ our Lord.

People: Amen.

Officiant: Dear friends in Christ, as we turn our hearts and minds to worship almighty God, let us confess our sins.

People: 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.

Officiant: Merciful God, grant to us, your faithful people, pardon and peace, that we may be cleansed from all our sins and serve you with a quiet mind through Jesus Christ our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

People: Amen.

Officiant: The Peace of the Lord be always with you.

People: And also with you.

Officiant: Let us reconcile to God and one another a sign of Christ's peace.

The Collect of the Day

Almighty Father, whose Son was revealed in majesty before he suffered death upon the cross: give us grace to perceive his glory, that we may be strengthened to suffer with him and be changed into his likeness, from glory to glory; who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

First Reading II 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.

Officiant: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Psalm 50: 1-6 (*Response in bold.*)

The Lord, the God of gods, has spoken; he has called the earth from the rising of the sun to its setting.

Out of Zion, perfect in its beauty, God reveals himself in glory.

Our God will come and will not keep silence; before him there is a consuming flame, and round about him a raging storm.

He calls the heavens and the earth from above to witness the judgement of his 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 his cause; for God himself is judge.

Second Reading II 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.

Officiant: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Officiant: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

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

People: Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

The Gospel Mark 9: 2-9

THE HOLY GOSPEL OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST
ACCORDING TO MARK

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.

Officiant: The Gospel of the Christ

People: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Sermon

Transfiguration Sunday Mark 9: 2-9

In a scouting expedition deep in the wilderness, a group of scouts embarked on a challenging camping trip. They planned to spend the night at a remote mountain site known for its breathtaking views and unpredictable weather. Among the scouts were two close friends, Alex and Eric, who were particularly enthusiastic about the adventure.

As night fell, the scouts set up their tents on a high plateau, surrounded by tall trees and overlooking a valley. The weather took an unexpected turn, with dark clouds gathering overhead. The wind howled through the trees, and the air became chilly. Despite the challenging conditions, the scouts worked together to secure their tents and make a warm campfire.

As they huddled around the fire, boys couldn't help but reflect on the scouting principles they had learned. The wilderness taught them resilience, teamwork, and the importance of being prepared. They felt a deep connection to the natural world and a sense of self-reliance.

In the middle of the night, an eerie calm settled over the camp. The moonlight cast shadows across the landscape. Alex and Eric decided to take a short walk to appreciate the stillness of the wilderness. Little did they know that they were about to encounter an extraordinary experience.

As they reached a clearing, the moonlight seemed to intensify, casting an otherworldly glow. Suddenly, a figure appeared before them, surrounded by radiant light. The unexpected presence left the boys awestruck. It was as if they had stepped into a moment beyond the ordinary.

In the silence of the wilderness, they heard a voice, not from the figure but from within, urging them to embrace the lessons of the wilderness and the scouting journey. The voice encouraged them to be resilient in the face of challenges, to find strength in unity, and to appreciate the beauty of the natural world.

Overwhelmed with a sense of reverence and connection, Alex & Eric returned to their campsite. The next morning, as the sun rose over the mountain, the two friends shared their surreal encounter with the rest of the scouts. The experience became a lasting memory, a reminder of the transformative power of the wilderness and the lessons learned through scouting.

Today's story might be fictional, but as a scout leader, I can attest, at times, to the wilderness serving as a backdrop for a profound and spiritual experience, reminiscent of the transformative encounter that Peter, James & John had on the mount.

Today's Gospel and the scouting story emphasize the awe-inspiring nature of the outdoors and the lessons of self-discovery and connection with something greater than oneself.

It's important to note that the Gospel of Mark acknowledges that Peter did not fully understand what he was saying, as he was "terrified" and "did not know what to say" (Mark 9:6). The suggestion to build tents might have been an impulsive reaction to the extraordinary nature of the Transfiguration.

Jesus' subsequent actions and the divine voice from the cloud redirected the disciples' focus to the significance of Jesus as the beloved Son.

This event is significant in the context of the Gospels...as it reveals Jesus in a glorified state, accompanied by the figures of Moses and Elijah. The appearance of Moses and Elijah represents the continuity of God's plan from the Old Testament to the New Testament. The voice from the cloud emphasizes Jesus as the beloved Son of God, instructing the disciples to listen to him. The Transfiguration is seen as a manifestation of Jesus' divinity and a preparation for his upcoming suffering and death.

May we, as followers of Jesus, always live out our faith and share the transformative impact of Jesus in our lives, to others. Amen

Sermon Hymn # 343

When All Thy Mercies, O My God

Officiant: Let us confess our faith as we say.

People: 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 of the People

In peace we pray to you, Lord God.

Silence

For all people in their daily life and work;

For our families, friends, and neighbours, and for all those who are alone.

For this community, our country, and the world;

For all who work for justice, freedom, and peace.

For the just and proper use of your creation;

For the victims of hunger, fear, injustice, and oppression.

For all who are in danger, sorrow, or any kind of trouble;

For those who minister to the sick, the friendless, and needy.

For the peace and unity of the Church of God;

For all who proclaim the gospel, and all who seek the truth.

For Todd our bishop, and for all bishops and other ministers;

For all who serve God in the Church.

For our own needs and those of others.

Silence.

In our parish cycle of prayer, we pray for Donna, Bill, Ruth, Charlie

Jo-Anne, Rick, Elaine S, Bill J, Pearl, Mike, Liz

Hear us, Lord.

For your mercy is great.

We thank you, Lord, for all the blessings of this life.

Silence. *(The people may add their own thanksgivings.)*

We will exalt you, O God our king;

And praise your name for ever and ever.

We pray for those who have died in the peace of Christ, and for those whose faith is known to you alone, that they may have a place in your eternal kingdom.

Silence.

Lord, let your loving kindness be upon them;

Who put their trust in you.

Gracious God, you have heard the prayers of your faithful people; you know our needs before we ask, and our ignorance in asking. Grant our requests as may be best for us. This we ask in the name

of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen

Offertory Hymn # 619
Fairest Lord Jesus

Offertory Response*All Things Come of Thee*

People Yours, Lord, is the greatness, the power, the glory, the splendour, and the majesty;
for everything in heaven
and on earth is yours. All things come from you, and of your own do we give
you.

Officiant: And now, as our Saviour Christ has taught us,
we are bold to say,

People: 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.

Officiant: Glory to God

People: 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

Closing Hymn # 460
Lord, the Light of Your Love Is Shining (vs 1 & 3)

Officiant: May the God of hope fill us all with joy and peace in believing
through the power of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

Sung Benediction ***Go Now in Peace***
(in the back of the blue Hymn book)

***The Flowers on the Altar today are given to the Glory of God, and in loving memory
of John Manton, a wonderful husband, Dad and Grandad, love you forever, Joyce
and family.***

Please enter names in the **Intercessions Book** each week to be read in the service.

NEWS AND EVENTS

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Please send all announcements for the bulletin to Karen by 11:00 a.m. Tuesday of each week or call: 519-344-9531 or email: canondavis@gmail.com.

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If you would like to contact Rev'd Jon Forbes or would like a home visit with Communion or know of someone who would, Rev'd Jon may be reached at 1-905-818-9488 or email jonforbes@outlook.com

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Please join us this Sunday for **Coffee Hour** after service for a time of fellowship in the parish hall . This Sunday the BAC is offering us a **Turkey ala King brunch**.

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Thank you to everyone who attended Vestry. Great turnout. **Thank you to those who handed in their survey on Sunday.** You still have the month of February to complete and hand in. This survey will help us to work on the pros and cons of CDM. Also, it lets Rev'd Jon, Wardens, Parish Council and all members of CDM to work together towards a common goal. A successful and growing church.

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Boiler Project Fundraiser -- Poorman's Dinner and Live Auction One Evening in May. This is being planned with the full support of Wardens and the ACW. We are reaching out to you and asking for a few volunteers to work along with us for the benefit of CDM. A **meeting** is being held on **Thursday February 15 at 10:00 a.m.** in the **Boardroom** to discuss how to proceed. If you are interested or have any questions please contact Sharron Willock at 519-542-4952 or swillock1@cogeco.ca. Sharron brought this great idea to our attention and has graciously offered to take the lead and be the fundraisers first contact. Thank you, Sharron Willock and Sheree Lynn Hayter.

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Gianna Home is a charitable organization in Sarnia striving to help women and their babies. We need kind-hearted women to help us keep our doors open. We cannot do the work we strive to do unless we have volunteers. If you're interested or want to learn more about Gianna Home, check out our website, GiannaHome.ca or email info@giannahome.ca Thanks so much, God Bless all of you!

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Rev'd Jon Forbes invites you for Bible Study, Sunday evenings on Zoon at 7:00 p.m. The Zoom link is: <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/86012234636?pwd=gGYy8r1ULQq3KlISYJQ3ykH7Acbyqz.1>

Upcoming Events:

13 Feb. The **ACW** will once again host their famous **Shrove Tuesday Pancake Dinner with real Maple Syrup**. Cost Adults \$10.00, Children \$5.00. Call 519 344 9531 to reserve.

14 Feb. Ash Wednesday Service -- Time 7:00 p.m.

21 Feb. Yummy time!... BAC Roast Pork Dinner

Call 519-344-9531 to reserve your seat or place a take-out order
Cost: Adults \$20.00

24 Feb. Sew Day Returns. Saturday February 24 from 9:00 am to 3:00 pm. Cost \$20.00 and lunch is provided. To sign up, please call Carol Turner at 519 384 3015.

28 Feb. Parish Council Meeting in the Boardroom at 10:00 a.m.

Reminders:

11 Feb BAC - Turkey-ala-King after service

11 Feb Bible Study - 7:00 p.m. on zoom

13 Feb ACW Shrove Tuesday Pancake Dinnerwith real Maple Syrup

14 Feb Ash Wednesday Service 7:00 p.m.

15 Feb Boiler Project Fundraiser Meeting 10:00 a.m.- Boardroom

15 Feb Limber Up and Lunch

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