

**Canon Davis Memorial Church
Anglican Church of Canada
Sunday, August 6, 2023 – The Transfiguration of the Lord**

Worship Service: Sunday 9:30 a.m.

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Prelude

THE GATHERING OF THE COMMUNITY

Sentence

Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, the new creation has come: The old has gone, the new is here!
2 Corinthians 5:17

Processional Hymn

#3800 *Worship the King*

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.**

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.

Lord, have mercy.

Christ, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

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.

THE PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

1st Reading:Daniel 7:9-10, 13-14

A READING FROM THE BOOK OF DANIEL

Daniel wrote, "As I watched, thrones were set in place, and an Ancient One took his throne, his clothing was white as snow, and the hair of his head like pure wool; his throne was fiery flames, and its wheels were burning fire. A stream of fire issued and flowed out from his presence. A thousand thousands served him, and ten thousand times ten thousand stood attending him. The court sat in judgement, and the books were opened. As I watched in the night visions, I saw one like a human being coming with the clouds of heaven. And he came to the Ancient One and was presented before him. To him was given dominion and glory and kingship, that all peoples, nations, and languages should serve him. His dominion is an everlasting dominion that shall not pass away, and his kingship is one that shall never be destroyed."

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 99 (*to be read responsively*)

The Lord is king; let the people tremble; he is enthroned upon the Cherubim; let the earth shake.

The Lord is great in Zion; he is high above all peoples.

Let them confess his name, which is great and awesome; he is the Holy One.

"O mighty King, lover of justice, you have established equity; you have executed justice and righteousness in Jacob."

Proclaim the greatness of the Lord our God and fall down before his footstool; he is the Holy One.

Moses and Aaron among his priests, and Samuel among those who call upon his name, they called upon the Lord, and he answered them.

He spoke to them out of the pillar of cloud; they kept his testimonies and the decree that he gave them.

"O Lord our God, you answered them indeed; you were a God who forgave them, yet punished them for their evil deeds."

Proclaim the greatness of the Lord our God and worship him upon his holy hill; for the Lord our God is the Holy One.

2nd Reading:Peter 1:16-19

A READING FROM THE LETTER OF PAUL TO THE ROMANS

Likewise the Spirit helps us in our weakness; for we do not know how to pray as we ought, but that very Spirit intercedes with sighs too deep for words. And God, who searches the heart, knows what is the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints according to the will of God. We know that all things work together for good for those who love God, who are called according to his purpose. For those whom he foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, in order that he might be the firstborn within a large family. And those whom he predestined he also called; and those whom he called he also justified; and those whom he justified he also glorified. What then are we to say about these things? If God is for us, who is against us? He who did not withhold his own Son, but gave him up for all of us, will he not with him also give us everything else? Who will bring any charge against God's elect? It is God who justifies. Who is to condemn? It is Christ Jesus, who died, yes, who was raised, who is at the right hand of God, who indeed intercedes for us. Who will separate us from the love of Christ? Will hardship, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword? As it is written, "For your sake we are being killed all day

long; we are accounted as sheep to be slaughtered." No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

The Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God.

Gradual Hymn # 393

Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise

Gospel

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke

Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Luke 9: 28-36

The Gospel of Christ.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Sermon:

The Feast of the Transfiguration

I love the Feast of Transfiguration! This is where the church comes alive in my humble opinion! You see in the scripture today that we are promised that we will meet God! And our identities as individuals and as a community of faith will both be formed and transformed. The great thing about this transformation is that it has happened before and it will happen again. The Bible is awesome that way.

So let's dive in, as I said this transfiguration process has happened before, and it did. At Jesus' baptism, in the River Jordan, after they go back and forth about who should baptize whom, Jesus kneels in the river and prays. The Holy Spirit comes in the midst of prayer. Prayer is where God does the talking. Prayer that reveals the Word of God to us, mere mortals. Prayer that knocks us to our knees. Prayer that invites us into ministry. Prayer is where you hear the voice of God calling to you. This is what it means to pray. And it is how God works in the world and in you.

And so the story begins, "Jesus is praying". This whole transfiguration takes place while Jesus is praying. I think that's important. God comes when we are present to the Holy Spirit. So in the midst of the prayer, his appearance changes. Whoa! Jesus' clothes become dazzling white! Shiny you might say! And in that moment it is revealed that two folks are talking to Jesus, and not just any two, or even the ones who went up the mountain with Jesus. He is talking to Moses and Elijah, these two important people from the history of Israel are also shiny. They too are in God's glory as the scripture says. More importantly, they are having a little chat, not about the weather on the mountain, but important stuff, like death and resurrection. Both would have something to say on the topic. Remember Moses dies before he reaches the promised land. And Elijah is the first person in the bible to be raised into heaven. He doesn't die. So this little chat about the things which are about to happen in Jerusalem has some meaning to Jesus' apostles, Jesus who is probably going to die given all the trouble he is stirring up.

Two things are happening in the process of transfiguration. The talk is about departure, and not just going back down the mountain but exodus, a total leaving of one place for another. Something that Christians know about as our allegiance shifts from the world to God. So Jesus is much like the prophets of old, but he is also much more than that. Jesus is God's glory. He is the Messiah, the anointed one. He is the revelation of the Godhead. Most importantly¹, it is through Jesus that we become inheritors of Abraham's covenant, just as Moses and Elijah received God's blessing. We become God's people, every bit as important to God as the people of the desert some 5000 yrs ago. We inherit the promise.

Unfortunately, the disciples miss most of the action here, they fell asleep. This is a problem for them and for God's people. How often do we fall asleep to what God is doing? So they offer to build a couple of tents. Seems like the kind of thing I might say if I hadn't heard the first part of the conversation. It is actually a silly idea. Jesus is not just a prophet like Moses and Elijah, he is way more than that. And so God wants something different than the same old from us. God wants our best.

God then proclaims that this moment is indeed glorious. Jesus is the elected one. And so we are called to do what he asks. Their response is the only appropriate reaction. Silence.

So what does this all mean for us? It is in fact a lesson about how to pray. We are Anglicans and much of our corporate prayer comes out of a book, we have so many rules about prayer, who can say them, and what they can say. But prayer is much more than church rules. It needs to be to God, we understand that, but it must also be a two-way communication. That means we need to settle down and enter into prayer not just when we are worked up about the world around us, but also in the good times. Most importantly we need to learn to let God speak. We need to learn to listen and hear the voice of the Holy Spirit.

So how does that happen for you? When does God speak into your lives? I'd like to think that it happens right here in this church. That somehow today you might feel like you were a part of the transfiguration. That you had seen Jesus and his friends shimmering in the light. That you had a deeper sense of the goodness of God. What if you left here today totally changed? In quiet contemplation about who you are and how you fit in? We leave the mountain top today with Jesus, and we bring him out into the world where he needs to be.

This is the Good News we need to hear. So be bold, coming down from the mountain today and tell someone you care about, the transformational power of Jesus.

Because we know this will happen again. We know Jesus is taken out at Calvary on the cross. We celebrate it every year on Good Friday. And we know from the book of the revelation that Jesus will be raised up and he will sit at the right hand of God. In both instances the Holy Spirit was there!

So when did you last see the Holy Spirit? I hope it is all the time, but if your having a problem in this area then you might want to try your knees. A little more prayer, a little more silence, a little more God.

The Nicene Creed:

Let us confess our faith, as we say,

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one being

with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven: by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary, and was made man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father. With the Father and the Son he is worshipped and glorified. He has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Prayers of the People

(In peace let us pray to the Lord, saying, "Lord, have mercy.")

For the peace from on high and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.
Lord, have mercy.

For the peace of the whole world, for the welfare of the holy Church of God, and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.
Lord, have mercy.

For our bishops, and for all the clergy and people, let us pray to the Lord.
Lord, have mercy.

For Charles our King, for the leaders of the nations, and for all authority, let us pray to the Lord.
Lord, have mercy.

For Sarnia, for every city and community, and for those who live in them in faith, let us pray to the Lord.
Lord, have mercy.

For good weather, and for abundant harvests for all to share, let us pray to the Lord.
Lord, have mercy.

For those who travel by land, water, or air, for the sick and the suffering (especially), for prisoners and captives, and for their safety, health, and salvation, let us pray to the Lord.
Lord, have mercy.

For our deliverance from all affliction, strife, and need, let us pray to the Lord.
Lord, have mercy.

For the absolution and remission of our sins and offences, let us pray to the Lord.
Lord, have mercy.

For all who have died (especially), let us pray to the Lord.
Lord, have mercy.

Remembering (... and) all the saints, we commit ourselves, one another, and our whole life to Christ our God.
To you, O Lord.

Almighty God, you have given us grace at this time with one accord to make our common supplications to you, and you have promised through your well-beloved Son that when two or three are gathered together you will hear their requests. Fulfil now our desires and petitions, as may be best for us, granting us in this world knowledge of your truth, and in the age to come eternal life; for you, Father, are good and loving, and we glorify you through your Son Jesus Christ our Lord, in the Holy Spirit, now and for ever. **Amen.**

In our parish cycle of prayer, we pray for...

Prayer for a Renewed Church

Almighty God, give us a new vision of you, of your love, of your grace and power, and then, give us a new vision of what you would have us do as your Church in this nation and at this time, and an awareness that in the strength of your Spirit, we can do it to your glory. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

Confession and Absolution: Dear friends in Christ, God is steadfast in love and infinite in mercy; he welcomes sinners and invites them to his table. Let us confess our sins, confident in God's forgiveness.

The Confession: 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.**

Absolution: 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 # 374

Alleluia! Sing to Jesus

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

Eucharist Prayer

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 that we should praise you, gracious God, for you created all things. You formed us in your own image: male and female you created us. When we turned away from you in sin, you did not cease to care for us,

but opened a path of salvation for all people. You made a covenant with Israel, and through your servants Abraham and Sarah gave the promise of a blessing to all nations. Through Moses you led your people from bondage into freedom; through the prophets you renewed your promise of salvation. Therefore, with them, and with all your saints who have served you in every age, we give thanks and raise our voices to proclaim the glory of your name.

**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.**

Holy God, source of life and goodness, all creation rightly gives you praise. In the fullness of time, you sent your Son Jesus Christ, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all. He healed the sick and ate and drank with outcasts and sinners; he opened the eyes of the blind and proclaimed the good news of your kingdom to the poor and to those in need. In all things he fulfilled your gracious will.

On the night he freely gave himself to death, 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."

Gracious God, his perfect sacrifice destroys the power of sin and death; by raising him to life you give us life for evermore.

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith.

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

Recalling his death, proclaiming his resurrection, and looking for his coming again in glory, we offer you, Father, this bread and this cup. Send your Holy Spirit upon us and upon these gifts, that all who eat and drink at this table may be one body and one holy people, a living sacrifice in Jesus Christ, our Lord.

Through Christ, with Christ, and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory is yours, almighty Father, now and for ever.
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

"I am the bread of life," says the Lord.
"Whoever comes to me will never be hungry;
whoever believes in me will never thirst."
**Taste and see that the Lord is good;
happy are they who trust in him!**

The Communion

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

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.

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.**

Recessional Hymn # 321

All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name

Blessing

The peace of God which passes all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God and of his son Jesus Christ and the blessing of God Almighty the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit be with you and those you love for ever more. **Amen.**

Benediction Song

Go Now in Peace

Dismissal

The flowers on the Altar today are given to the Glory of God and in memory of Reginald and Kate Haddon, a gift of their family.

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

CANON DAVIS MEMORIAL CHURCH UPDATE AS OF JUNE 30, 2023

The members of Canon Davis Memorial have had a very busy first half of the year. We have all been fundraising for ACW, pie making and we held two delicious luncheons and a Strawberry Social. The Sew Day group was busy with their monthly luncheons and activities and the Ways & Means with their monthly dinners and raffles.

We have had the continued support from our tenants with their rental incomes. Through our current giving's we have reached 49% of our goal.

Fundraising in our community for London Rd School Playground Equipment has been successful. Through monthly Meat Raffles so far **\$1680.00 has been raised.**

CDM is sending two youth to Camp Huron from London Rd School. The Lambton Deanery, CDM's Ladies Guild and CDM have covered the cost of camp for these two youth.

Everyone has worked very hard these past six months to support their church. As of the end of June we have brought in a total of **\$55,700.93**.

We thank you!

Our expenses unfortunately have increased due to a huge increase to our annual insurance costs, major maintenance for the organ repairs and the boiler system. Along with our monthly expenses in Repair & Maintenance and Utilities which have increased as well. Due to increasing cost, it has left us with a total of **\$67,258.24**. This leaves us with a deficit of (\$11,557.31). With all that said, we feel we remain in a good financial position.

On a lighter note, we have had new members join CDM. We have celebrated the retirement of Rev Ray Jenkins and the Installation of a new licensed lay reader, Ginny Schleihauf. We have also been able to fill the position of Deputy Rector's Warden which had been vacant for a couple of years with Ginny Schleihauf. We have had two baptisms, the great grandchildren of Doug and Shirley Frew. We also had a wedding at CDM between Wendy Vicary and Greg Baker.

Last but far from least, CDM has been blessed with our new minister, Rev'd Jon Forbes. It has been a wonderful two months already. Parish Council is so pleased with all the great comments from parishioners. Jon is truly a joyous addition to our family. Let us continue to move forward as a loving, caring and hospitable church in Sarnia.

God Bless 🙏
Carol Spence, John Hayter and
Sheree Lynn Hayter

NEWS AND EVENTS

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

If you would like a home visit with Communion, please contact the office as a Lay Visitor will be available in the coming weeks.

Please join us for **Coffee Hour** after service for a time of fellowship in the parish hall.

Upcoming Events:

Reminders

15 Sept ... 7:00 p.m. Free Concert, All Saints Anglican Church: Evening of Music in Memory of Eleanor Vargo

Sunday, August 13th Ginny Schleihauf will be officiating