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TRANSFIGURATION SUNDAY • February 14, 2021

2 Kings 2:1-12 • Psalm 50:1-6 • 2 Corinthians 4:3-6 • Mark 9:2-9

Dear Friends,

The pandemic is continuing to disrupt, alter and often take human lives. As Christians, we have the beauty of our faith to help us get through.

Phone calls, church correspondence through emails, pastoral letters, to-do lists, small walks, daily chores, following the news, receiving updates on family, friends and church news, and more all do their part in keeping us busy. However, from time to time there are also those moments when a really well written action book is a welcome diversion.

Some of us like reading these action stories from time to time. We can find ourselves identifying with various characters in these stories. We may relate well to the hero, or the victim; or to the characters who act for good, and more.

Now a good book is one in which we find ourselves constantly trying to figure out what is going to happen next! If it is a crime book, one starts early on, looking for clues to help identify who committed the crime; or how.

To some extent, I think about the victim(s). Ever think about how life seems to be going well at the beginning of the day of the crime. The victim(s) arise on a usually sunny morning. They get dressed, have breakfast, pat the family dog; and go jump into their car for a typical routine drive to wherever they are employed. They have no idea that a major crime is about to be perpetrated on them by the end of the day!

All seems well — well, that is until someone gets shot, robbed, framed or threatened. There is always the matter of surprise or of the unexpected. If only the victim(s) would have known in advance. But that seldom happens.

In the real world, not all surprises are a problem. Some can be a delight!

Enter Jesus.

In Mark 9, Jesus told Peter and James and John to follow him. Well, Jesus led them over to and up a local mountain. This may have seemed a little strange. But, Jesus often escaped to quiet places where he could be alone with his Father to pray. Peter fell asleep. There may not have seemed to be much of interest to him.

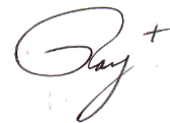
Then came the unexpected. No one saw this coming! Listen to how Mark describes what happened: *Jesus was transfigured before them, and his clothes became dazzling white, such as no one on earth could bleach them: And there appeared to them Elijah with Moses, who were talking with Jesus.*

Can any of us imagine what it must have been like to take a walk with some friends and find yourself with living ancient Biblical figures? Not only were they alive; they and their clothing were dazzling white. Also Moses, Elijah and Jesus were having a conversation. But there was more to come when we hear of God entering the conversation, speaking about his Son: *from the cloud there came a voice, "This is my Son, the Beloved; listen to him!"*

Imagine how much of a surprise this was. There were the optics of brightness of their transfiguration! But more was being said. These ancient people were still alive, representing everlasting life for humanity. Not to be missed was God's voice affirming that Jesus was/is his beloved Son and we are to listen to what he says!

Now that was a profound and holy event! Similar events are rare these days. Some may wonder if this story is of any relevance to us, now. First of all, this event has endured to be shared with us 2000 years later. Secondly, it still has meaning for us in our battered world, today. God is a God of the living. God lives and God's people live, now and forever. Along the way, God shares in our lives. In good and in not so good times, God remains with us. We need to only seek to be aware of the many ways God moves in our lives. Often they are small but multitudinous things that add up making a real difference in our lives. For that we may be ever thankful.

The blessings of our living God as Father, Son and Holy Spirit be with you and those you love now and always.



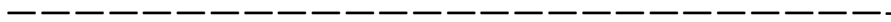
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You are invited to go each Sunday and/or **Ash Wednesday** to the link:

tinyurl.com/StAlbans-CDMC

That is the link to St. Alban's Anglican Church in Burnaby B.C. Follow the instructions. You will find links to the Rev'd Greg Jenkins officiating at an Anglican church service with children's focus, church music, readings, prayers and a sermon.

If you are also interested in joining their weekly Bible Study, contact Rev. Greg at revgregjenkins@gmail.com He will be more than happy to be in touch about joining in with their group by ZOOM. I hope you will find these services help to deepen your faith.



We are joining with many parishes in our deanery in providing telephone support to our members and friends. This support is designed to keep us up to date, while not requiring a computer. A CDMC Pastoral Letter will be read this week through our phone ministry. 1-888- 229-5422

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