



ORDER FOR WORSHIP

Transfiguration of our Lord

February 14, 2021

The Sundays after Epiphany began with Jesus' baptism and end with three disciples' vision of his transfiguration. In Mark's story of Jesus' baptism, apparently only Jesus sees the Spirit descending and hears the words from heaven. But now Jesus' three closest friends hear the same words naming him God's Beloved. As believers, Paul writes, we are enabled to see the God-light in Jesus' face, because the same God who created light in the first place has shone in our hearts to give us that vision. The light of God's glory in Jesus has enlightened us through baptism and shines in us also for others to see.

*The Holy Spirit
calls us together
as the people of
God.*

GATHERING

INDIGENOUS LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

We wish to acknowledge this land on which St. Philip's Lutheran Church is located. For thousands of years, it has been the traditional land of the Huron-Wendat, the Seneca, and most recently, the Mississaugas of the Credit River. We are grateful to have the opportunity to meet, worship, and serve on this land.

PRELUDE

"Thy Strong Word"

ELW 513

WELCOME

PRAYER

PSALM 147: 1 – 11, 20c

¹Hallelujah! How good it is to sing praises | to our God!

How pleasant it is to honor | God with praise!

²**The Lord re- | builds Jerusalem,
and gathers the ex- | iles of Israel.**

³The Lord heals the | brokenhearted
and binds | up their wounds.

⁴**The Lord counts the number | of the stars
and calls them all | by their names. R**

⁵Great is our Lord and might- | y in power;
there is no limit | to God's wisdom.

⁶**The Lord lifts | up the lowly,
but casts the wicked | to the ground.**

⁷Sing to the Lord | with thanksgiving;
make music upon the harp | to our God,

⁸**who covers the heav- | ens with clouds**

and prepares rain for the earth, making grass to grow up- | on the mountains. R
⁹God provides food | for the cattle
and for the young ravens | when they cry.
¹⁰**God is not impressed by the might | of a horse,**
and has no pleasure in the speed | of a runner,
¹¹but finds pleasure in those who | fear the Lord,
in those who await God's steadfast love. ^{20c}| Hallelujah! R

LIVING THE VISION

Neighbourhood Table @ Home

WORD

*God speaks to us
in scripture
reading,
preaching, and
song*

GOSPEL

Mark 9: 2 – 9

Mark's gospel presents the transfiguration as a preview of what would become apparent to Jesus' followers after he rose from the dead. Confused disciples are given a vision of God's glory manifest in the beloved Son.

²Six 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, ³and his clothes became dazzling white, such as no one on earth could bleach them. ⁴And there appeared to them Elijah with Moses, who were talking with Jesus. ⁵Then 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." ⁶He did not know what to say, for they were terrified. ⁷Then a cloud overshadowed them, and from the cloud there came a voice, "This is my Son, the Beloved; listen to him!" ⁸Suddenly when they looked around, they saw no one with them any more, but only Jesus. ⁹As 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.

SERMON

Bishop Michael Pryse

HYMN OF THE DAY

"Arise, Your Light Has Come!"

ELW 314





1 A - rise, your light has come! The Spir - it's call o - bey;
 2 A - rise, your light has come! Fling wide the pris - on door;
 3 A - rise, your light has come! All you in sor - row born,
 4 A - rise, your light has come! The moun - tains burst in song!



show forth the glo - ry of your God which shines on you to - day.
 pro - claim the cap - tive's lib - er - ty, good tid - ings to the poor.
 bind up the bro - ken - heart-ed ones and com - fort those who mourn.
 Rise up like ea - gles on the wing, God's pow'r will make us strong.

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THANKSGIVING

*In everything
 Give
 Thanks.*

1 Thessalonians 5:18

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

LORD'S PRAYER

SHARING OF THE PEACE

OFFERING

SENDING

*God blesses us
 and sends us in
 mission to the
 world.*

BLESSING

DISMISSAL

CARING in COMMUNITY

Vaccinations and COVID

SENDING

POSTLUDE

"Christ Whose Glory Fills the Skies"

arranged by Cindy Berry



ST. PHILIP'S LUTHERAN CHURCH

SERVING TODAY

Reverend Tuula Van Gaasbeek	Pastor
Chris Ritcey-Conrad	Music Director
Dave Pascoe	Videographer
Jim Rouse	Psalm Reader
Eunice Hogeveen	Living the Vision
Bishop Michael Pryse	Preacher, Gospel Reader
St. Philip's Choir	Hymn of the Day
Ellen and Alessia Gallipoli-van Rensburg	Prayers of the People
Zoom Bible Study Group	The Lord's Prayer
Dr. Gary Morningstar	Caring in Community
Lauren Voorpostel	Additional Music
The Work of the People	Additional Video Material
Bible Bunch by Meranda Phannenhour	Birthdays

IN OUR PRAYERS

Gus Berndt, Rodney Erlandson, Mary Hanslep, Al Jacksteit, Mark Kieswetter, Fran Moore, Marion Morningstar, Pat Penney, Julie Potocny, Lesley Powell, Sydney Ross, John Suknundun, Helen Scollnik, and Elga Smidt.

PASS THE OFFERING PLATE PLEASE

Thanks for giving your offering regularly. Even while our doors are closed, our hearts and hands are open and busy. Our ministries need your support. Details for how to give are on stphilipstoronto.com/donate-now/.

WAYS TO BE INVOLVED

While we can't be in the building, there are still ways to stay involved and in community with others. Here are a few:

- Add your name to the readers for worship services: contact Pastor Tuula.
- Participate in Lenten Soup Supper and Service starting Feb. 24 @ 6:00 pm.
- Participate in the Virtual Worship. Please contact Pastor Tuula.
- Join in the Virtual Coffee Hour @ 11:00 am on Sunday mornings.
- Join in the Congregational Annual Meeting on Sunday, February 21st @ 11:00 am.
- Starting on February 18: Deliver Good Food Boxes for 6 weeks to 45 families and 25 seniors.

ASH WEDNESDAY

...is this week, February 17. Watch your email for a link to the livestreamed service for the Eastern Synod. Get your temporary Ash Cross tattoo. And don't forget about pancakes on Tuesday!