

Transfiguration Sunday - February 14, 2021 – 4pm

Online Service of the Word I

We are members of the Laurentian Regional Ministry of the Anglican Diocese of Montreal; our churches are located on land which has long served as a site of meeting and exchange amongst Indigenous peoples, including the Anishinaabeg, the Huron-Wendat, and the Omàmiwininiwak (Algonquin), St. Lawrence Iroquoians and Mohawk. Our churches honour, recognize and respect these nations as the traditional stewards of the lands and waters on which we gather today.

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The Gathering of the Community (BAS p.185)

Josée

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.

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. **Amen.**

The presider gives notice of matters affecting the life and work of the congregation, ending with the following thanksgiving:

We thank all of you who have continued to support church ministries through participation, and/or financial support.

Let us pray:

Abundant God, you made us in your image and breathed in us a spirit of generosity that is both gift and response. Move us, we pray, to give as we have received – abundantly, generously, and joyfully that our common ministry may ever bear witness to your unfailing grace. In the name of the Three in whom we are One, Amen.

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THE PENITENTIAL RITE

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

**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.**

Merciful God, grant to 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. **Amen.**

THE PEACE

We are all one in Christ Jesus. We belong to him through faith, heirs of the promise of the Spirit of peace.

The peace of the Lord be always with you.
And also with you.

The Lord is our light and our life.
O come, let us worship.

HYMN: CP #393 IMMORTAL, INVISIBLE, GOD ONLY WISE (V.1, 3, AND 4)

1. Immortal, invisible, God only wise,
in light inaccessible hid from our eyes;
most blessed, most glorious, the Ancient of Days,
almighty, victorious, thy great name we praise.

3. To all life thou givest, to both great and small;
in all life thou livest, the true life of all;
we blossom and flourish as leaves on the tree,
and wither and perish, but nought changeth thee.

4. Great Source of all glory and wisdom and light,
thine angels adore thee, all veiling their sight;
all laud we would render: O help us to see
'tis only the splendour of light hideth thee.

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Caniadau y Cyssegr, 1839; harm. The English Hymnal, 1906. Used by Permission.*

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Quitterie

Dieu Tout-Puissant, sur la sainte montagne tu as révélé à des témoins choisis ton Fils unique merveilleusement transfiguré ; délivre-nous de l'inquiétude de ce monde, et transforme-nous en son image avec une gloire de plus en plus grande. Par Jésus-Christ notre Seigneur, qui vit et règne avec toi et le Saint-Esprit, un seul Dieu, pour les siècles des siècles. **Amen.**

Or

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. **Amen.**

The Proclamation of the Word

THE FIRST READING

Joan P.

A reading from the Second Book of Kings (2 Kings 2:1-12)

Now 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.

The word of the Lord. **Or** Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM 50:1-6 (BAS p. 768)

Carol

1 The Lord, the God of gods, has spoken; *

he has called the earth from the rising of the sun to its setting.

2 Out of Zion, perfect in its beauty, *

God reveals himself in glory.

3 Our God will come and will not keep silence; *

**before him there is a consuming flame,
and round about him a raging storm.**

4 He calls the heavens and the earth from above *
to witness the judgement of his people.

5 “Gather before me my loyal followers, *
**those who have made a covenant with me
and sealed it with sacrifice.”**

6 Let the heavens declare the rightness of his cause; *
for God himself is judge.

Glory to the Father, to the Son and to the Holy Spirit,
As it was in the beginning, is now and will be for ever. Amen.

The Second Reading

Quitterie

Lecture de la deuxième lettre de Paul aux Corinthiens. (2 Cor :4 :3-6)

Si cependant notre Évangile demeure voilé, il est voilé pour ceux qui se perdent, pour les incrédules, dont le dieu de ce monde a aveuglé l'intelligence, afin qu'ils ne perçoivent pas l'illumination de l'Évangile de la gloire du Christ, lui qui est l'image de Dieu. Non, ce n'est pas nous-mêmes, mais Jésus Christ Seigneur que nous proclamons. Quant à nous-mêmes, nous nous proclamons vos serviteurs à cause de Jésus. Car le Dieu qui a dit : que la lumière brille au milieu des ténèbres, c'est lui-même qui a brillé dans nos cœurs pour faire resplendir la connaissance de sa gloire qui rayonne sur le visage du Christ.

Écoutez ce que l'Esprit dit aux Églises.

Nous rendons grâce à Dieu.

Or

A reading from the second letter of Paul to the Corinthians (2 Cor 4:3-6)

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.

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.

Thanks be to God.

The Gospel

Nick

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

A reading from the Gospel according to Mark. (Mk 9:2-9)

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.

The Gospel of Christ.

Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.

Sermon

Tania

The Apostles' Creed

Josée

Let us confess our faith as we say,

**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.**

Intercessions and Thanksgivings

Hugh

In the power of the Spirit and in union with Christ,
let us pray to the Father.

***At the end of each petition, after the words "Lord, look with favour,"
please respond with "Lord, transfigure and heal."***

Lord of glory, it is good that we are here.
In peace we make our prayer to you.
In trust we confirm our faith in you ...
Help us to set our faces steadfastly to where you would have us go.
Lord, look with favour.
Lord, transfigure and heal.

Lord of glory, look with favour on your Church,
proclaiming your beloved Son to the world
and listening to the promptings of his Spirit ...
May she be renewed in holiness that she may reflect your glory.
Lord, look with favour.

Lord, transfigure and heal.

Lord of glory, look with favour on the nations of the world,
scarred by hatred, strife and war ...
May they be healed by the touch of your hand.
Lord, look with favour.

Lord, transfigure and heal.

Lord of glory, look with favour on those in need and distress,
suffering as your Son has suffered
and waiting for the salvation you promise ...
May the day break
and Christ the Morning Star bring them the light of his presence.
Lord, look with favour.

Lord, transfigure and heal.

Lord of glory, it is good if we suffer with you
so that we shall be glorified with you.
According to your promise bring all Christ's brothers and sisters ...
to see him with their own eyes in majesty
and to be changed into his likeness from glory to glory.
To him be praise, dominion and worship
now and for all eternity.

Amen.

Open prayer may be offered and silence is kept.

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.

The Lord's Prayer

Gathering our prayers and praises into one, let us pray as our Saviour taught us,
**Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,**

Hugh

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 forever. Amen.

Doxology

Josée

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.

The Sending

Blessing

Josée

May the God of mercy transform you by his grace, and the blessing of God almighty,
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always.
Amen.

HYMN: CP #380 O WORSHIP THE KING (V. 1,4 AND 6)

1 O worship the King all-glorious above,
O gratefully sing his power and his love:
our shield and defender, the Ancient of Days,
pavilioned in splendor and girded with praise.

4 Thy bountiful care, what tongue can recite?
It breathes in the air, it shines in the light;
it streams from the hills, it descends to the plain,
and sweetly distills in the dew and the rain.

6 O measureless Might, ineffable Love,
while angels delight to hymn thee above!
The humbler creation, though feeble their lays,
in true adoration shall sing to thy praise!

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Dismissal

Josée

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.
Thanks be to God.