

CHRIST CHURCH, DARTMOUTH
Diocese of Nova Scotia and PEI
Anglican Church of Canada



Sunday, February 23, 2020
10:00am Last Sunday After Epiphany
(Transfiguration)

An inclusive church welcoming everyone.

We are an affirming church, and we offer a warm welcome to people of all walks of life. This is a safe space for everyone as we are all created in the image of God.

We gratefully acknowledge that we are in Mi'kma'ki, the ancestral and unceded territory of the Mi'kmaq people.

Order of Worship for The Holy Eucharist
The Book of Alternative Services

Note: *Please follow along with the liturgy as best you can, directions are included in this worship order. As you are able please stand for all the hymns as we join our voices and sing as we praise God.*

Introit: Let There Be Peace On Earth

The Gathering of the Community

All stand. The presiding celebrant greets the community

Celebrant 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.**

Celebrant Almighty God,

All 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.

Hymn of Gathering: Lift Every Voice and Sing

Kyrie Sung

Paul Friesen-Carper

Kyrie (Congregational Refrain)

Ky-ri - e _____ e - lei - son, on our world and on_ our way..

Ky-ri - e _____ e - lei - son, _ ev' - ry day..

Refrains (Sung by all)
Verses 1-4 (Sung by the choir)

Canticle of Praise: Glory to God (Congregational Refrain)

Glo - ry to God in the high - est, the high - est, and
peace to God's peo - ple on earth.

Refrains (Sung by all)

Verses 1-3 (Sung by the choir)

The Collect of the Day (said together)

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 congregation sits for the lessons. The Psalm is said responsively)

First Reading: First Reading: Exodus 24:12-18

OT p.65

Read by Cathy Connors

In describing the transfiguration experience as a mountaintop theophany, Matthew assumes that his readers know this Exodus passage, and in hearing Exodus 24, we understand more of Matthew's theology. The church now assembles on the mountain of the church to receive the word of God for the forty days of Lent.

Psalm 2

Led by Janice Silver

Why are the nations in an uproar? Why do the peoples mutter empty threats?

Why do the rulers of the earth rise up in revolt, and the princes plot together, against the Lord and the Lord's anointed?

“Let us break their yoke,” they say; “let us cast off their bonds from us.”

The One enthroned in heaven is laughing; the Lord has them in derision.

Then God speaks to them in wrath, and the divine rage fills them with terror.

“I myself have set my anointed upon my holy hill of Zion.”

Let me announce the decree of the Lord, who said to me, “You are my heir; this day have I begotten you.

Ask of me, and I will give you the nations for your inheritance and the ends of the earth for your possession.

You shall crush them with an iron rod and shatter them like a piece of pottery.”

And now, you monarchs, be wise be warned, you rulers of the earth.

Submit to the Lord with fear, and bow with trembling before the presence of the Lord;

lest God be angry and you perish; for the divine wrath is quickly kindled.

Happy are they all who take refuge in God!

Second Reading: 2 Peter 1:16-21

NT p.209

Read by Christine Hoehne

Not only the author of 2 Peter, but now also we affirm the mystery of Jesus Christ transfigured by divine majesty. We are now on the holy mountain, and we will stand to receive the gospel account.

Gospel Responses (before and after the Gospel reading)

The Gospel: Matthew 17: 1-9

In the narrative of the transfiguration the church sees testimony to Jesus' status as the eschatological Son of Man and the beloved Son of God. Just as God spoke on a mountaintop in ages past, so now Christ speaks, first in the Sermon on the Mount, and now from the Mount of Transfiguration. Matthew's message: "Listen to him." This Sunday, through these reading, we stand to do so. The church becomes the dwelling that Peter thinks to erect.

Gospel Acclamation (*Congregational Refrain*)

Al-le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of e - ter - nal
life. A-le - lu - ia. A-le - lu - ia. A - le - lu - ia. A-le
lu - ia. A - le - lu - ia. A - le - lu - ia.

Sung by all once before the Gospel and once after the Gospel.

Sermon: Gail Teixeira “God’s hand from talkin’ to leadin’” *Spiritual songs in African Canadian faith life*

The Prayers of the People

Led by Judith MacDonald

Confession and Absolution (please stand as you are able)

Celebrant 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.

Silence is kept.

Celebrant Most merciful God,
All 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.

Celebrant 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.

People Amen.

The Peace (stand as you are able)

The passing of the peace is an ancient practice for Christians. Often a handshake or a hug, this point in our service reflects our mutual love for one another. For some, passing the peace (shaking hands, embracing) may be uncomfortable. If you do not wish to share the peace, that is okay! So that others know this, you can place your hands together in a sign of prayer.

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People And also with you.

The Preparation of the Gifts

Hymn of Offering: Come to the River

The Prayer over the Gifts (said together) *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. Amen.

Canticle of Praise: This Is the Feast (Congregational Refrain)

This is the feast of vic-t'y for our God, for the
Lamb who was slain has be-gun his reign, Al-le-lu-ia.

Refrains (Sung by all)

Verses 1-3 (Sung by the choir)

Celebration of the Eucharist

This community of faith welcomes to the Lord's table all who are called and who wish to be nourished. Come as you are. If you would like to receive a blessing, please cross your hands in front of your chest. Gluten Free bread is available. Please let the minister know or greeter know.

The Great Thanksgiving (Supplement 2 BAS)

Celebrant The Lord be with you.
People **And also with you.**
Celebrant Lift up your hearts.
People **We lift them to the Lord.**

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
People **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

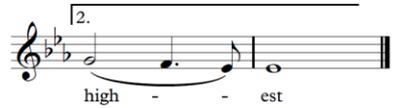
Celebrant Eternal God, Source of all being, we give you thanks and praise for your faithful love. You call us into friendship with you and one another to be your holy people, a sign of your presence in the world.

When those we trust betray us, unfailingly you remain with us. When we injure others, you confront us in your love and call us to the paths of righteousness. You stand with the weak, and those, broken and alone, whom you have always welcomed home, making the first last, and the last first.

Therefore we raise our voices with angels and archangels, forever praising you and singing:

Holy, Holy, Holy (sung throughout by all)

Ho-ly, ho - ly, ho-ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,
heav - en and earth are full of your glo - ry, full of your glo - ry. Ho -
san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.



Celebrant Blessed are you, O Holy One: when Hagar was driven into the wilderness you followed her and gave her hope. When Joseph was sold into bondage, you turned malice to your people's good. When you called Israel out of slavery, you brought them through the wilderness into the promised land. When your people were taken into exile you wept with them by the river of Babylon and carried them home.

People **Restore us, O God, let your face shine!**

Celebrant At the right time you sent your Anointed One to stand with the poor, the outcast, and the oppressed. Jesus touched lepers, and the sick, and healed them.

He accepted water from a woman of Samaria and offered her the water of new life. Christ knew the desolation of the cross and opened the way for all humanity into the redemption of your reconciling love.

On the night he was betrayed, Jesus, at supper with his friends, took bread, gave you thanks, broke the bread, gave it to them, and said, "Take and 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.”

Loving and Holy One, recalling Christ’s death and resurrection, we offer you these gifts, longing for the bread of tomorrow and the wine of the age to come. Therefore we proclaim our hope.

People **Dying you destroyed our death, rising you restored our life. Lord Jesus, come in glory.**

Celebrant Pour out your Spirit on these gifts that through them you may sustain us in our hunger for your peace. We hold before you all whose lives are marked by suffering, our sisters and brothers. When we are broken and cast aside, embrace us in your love.

People **Restore us, O God, let your face shine!**

Celebrant Through Christ, with Christ, and in Christ in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honour and glory are yours, O Source of all life, now and for ever.

People **Amen.**

The Lord’s Prayer

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

All **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.**

The Breaking of the Bread

Celebrant “I am the bread of life,” says the Lord.
 “Whoever comes to me will never be hungry;
 whoever believes in me will never thirst.”

All

Taste and see that the Lord is good;
happy are they who trust in him!

Lamb of God (sung throughout by all)



Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on us.



Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on us.



Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world;



grant us peace, grant us peace, Lamb of God.

The Communion

The celebrant invites the people to share in communion and may say,

Celebrant The gifts of God for the People of God.
People Thanks be to God.

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Anthem During Communion: O Healing River

The Prayer after Communion (said together, please stand as you are able) *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. Amen.

Doxology (please stand as you are able) *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 Blessing

Hymn of Sending Forth: Precious Lord, Take My Hand

Dismissal

Postlude: Jehovah Is Your Name

We pray for: Archbishop of Canterbury Justin Welby; Archbishop Linda Nicholls, Primate; Archbishop Ron Cutler Metropolitan and Diocesan Bishop

Christ Church Prayer List: Grace Oickle, Heather Otto, Marie Otto, Heather & John Kelly, Mary Lee & Ronald Page, Jane, Stephen, Clare, Sarah & Samuel Parsons

For those ill or in Need: Allyson, Carol Gordon, Les Halsey, Rick Chenhall, Carol Balcom, Rene Cyr, Darrell Williams, Rainer Minzloff, Don Fickes, Jamie, Melba Graham, John, Heather, Lyn, Dennis & Sheila, Peter, Michael, Joanne Francella, Edith Sutherland, Ida Smith, Madelyn, Jean Thompson, Bob Howell

Diocesan Cycle of Prayer: Cape Breton Region, Collieries Parish_Rev Dorothy Miller, Rev Myrna MacMullin, and Robert

Today

Annual General Meeting following the 10am Service.

A Bake Sale is being held after the 10am Service in the Lower Hall.

Upcoming Church Events:

This Week at Christ Church (*February 24-28*)

Monday:

Parish Office Open 9-5pm
Theology On Tap, 7pm Pilot's Pub

Tuesday:

Shrove Tuesday pancake Supper, Lower Hall 5-6:30pm

Wednesday:

Ash Wednesday Service, 6:30pm

(Imposition of Ashes and Holy Communion)

Foodbank Preparation Lower Hall, 7:30am

Judo, Upper Hall 5:30pm

Choir, in the Church 6:00pm-8:00pm

Thursday:

Foodbank 9-11am in the Lower Hall

Adult Confirmation Class 1:00pm in Parish Office

Yoga, Upper Hall, 5:30pm

Sunday:

Worship at 8am (BCP), 10:00am (BAS)

Eradicating Hunger in our Neighbourhood: Next Door and Further Away: *A two-part series March 8 & 29, 2020 at 11:30am presented by Pastoral Ministry Committee.*

Part 1: Sunday March 8th A talk being presented by the Canadian Food Grains Bank.

Part 2: Sunday March 29th the documentary film *Six Primrose* will be shown. *Six Primrose* is an inspiring feature-length documentary, filmed on location in Dartmouth North, at the Community Food Centre. The film chronicles the dramatic impact that access to healthy food, a social network and empowering programs have on individual lives and communities as a whole. *Six Primrose* was filmed over the course of two years, with the filmmakers John Hillis and Hannah Minzloff forming deep connections with the community members they portrayed.

March 22, 2020 All are invited to the Book Launch of *Tales from the Darkside*, a new collection of short stories by Dartmouth

author, Robert John Schwarzmamm. Robert is Violet's brother. Violet and Alan published this book to recognize Robert's talent. The Book Launch will take place in the Lower Hall of Christ Church, during coffee hour, from 11 am to 12:30pm, immediately following the 10 am service. Refreshments will be available. Robert will present a short reading and sign books. The first edition of the book is \$15 and the second edition is \$20. The difference in price will be explained by Violet at the event.

Church Announcements:

NOTICE: For the 10:00am service: Beginning March 1st All Verbal Parish Church Announcements will take place prior to the 10:00am worship service at 9:50am. Once announcements are finished, and at the hour, we begin our service with the Introit Hymn. Having the announcements prior to worship allows us to focus on what is taking place in our community and it helps us to fully focus on the liturgy of the day. If hearing the announcements is important to you, coming to church earlier gives you a little extra time for fellowship!

If you have an announcement that you wish to verbally highlight during our announcement time, *you must* contact the parish office. Space is limited to 3 messages and time allotted will come on a first come, first serve basis, with the discretion of the Parish Administration. Often brief, to the point, announcements are most effective.

Happy Birthday Blessings: Birthdays are a special time in the lives of our Christ Church family, and we want to ensure we recognize these happy occasions together. The first Sunday in each month we will celebrate birthdays in that month. Beginning the first Sunday in March, we will have a birthday book at the church entrance. If you have a birthday in that month, we invite you to print your name in the book. This will allow us to recognize your special day. (The March 1st blessing, will include your January and February birthdays as well)

Reading Ahead: March 1, 2020: Genesis 2:15-17; 3:1-7; Psalm 32; Romans 5:12-19; Matthew 4:1-11

Worship Practices Regarding Corona Virus and contagious disease precautions. Please note that hand sanitizers are strategically located at the back and front of the church for you use. As always, wash your hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds, especially after going to the bathroom; before eating; and after blowing your nose, coughing, or sneezing. If soap and water are not readily available, use an alcohol-based hand sanitizer with at least 60% alcohol. Always wash hands with soap and water if hands are visibly dirty. *A reminder that intinction “dipping the bread in the chalice of wine” is not permitted as per Diocesan Policy.* If you do not wish to receive the wine simply cross your arms in front of you to receive the blessing. Remember You do not need to receive both the bread and wine to experience God’s love and grace!

The Coffee Hour Club is operating on a volunteer basis. It is a time to meet fellow Parishioners to enjoy a coffee, tea and a sweet With Plenty of good conversation. A sign up is at the back of the church. Email jehookwhittier@bellaliant.net or call Jamie or Danny at 902-465-9717

Lenten Bible Study: On Wednesday mornings at 10:00am in the Rector’s office we will be examining C.S. Lewis’s book *The Screwtape Letters*. This book can be purchased at your local bookstore, online, or can be found at the public library. Our first session is on March 4th.

Adult Confirmation Thursdays at 1:00pm in the Parish Office

Youth Confirmation Classes: March 1, 8, 15th at 12:45 in the Parish Office. All welcome!

Morning Prayer: On Tuesdays and Wednesdays at 9:00am, Debbie Fice, our Theological Student, will be leading morning prayer. Please come and enjoy this sacred time, a great way to start your day. **Morning Prayer will not be held February 25th, 2020.**

Dartmouth Area Community Notices

Day of Prayer service scheduled to be held at **Church of the Holy Spirit on Friday, March 6 @ 7:30 pm.** This time of prayer and praise is organized by the W.I.C.C. (Women's Interchurch Council of Canada),

an ecumenical event. This year's event has been prepared by the Zimbabwe women 'Take up your mat and Walk'

LENTEN PROGRAM IN YOUR AREA: The Parish of St. James' Armdale and the Diocese's Creating Missional Communities Team (VSST) are partnering to host a 5-week Lenten series called *Compassionate Conflict: skills and tools for understanding and managing interpersonal conflict*, with professional mediator Susan Barthos. Registration cost is only \$10 for this entire five-week workshop. Runs Wednesdays, 6:30 p.m. to 8 p.m. starting March 4. REGISTRATION is OPEN! Visit the Diocesan website or click on this direct link: <https://www.eventbrite.ca/e/compassionate-conflict-a-lenten-workshop-tickets-91682337339> GOT QUESTIONS? Phone Rev. Katie – 902-477-6770.

The Anglican Church of Saint Andrew, 2 Circassion Drive, Cole Harbour, is holding their Fish/Corn Chowder Luncheons on Friday – February 28, March 6, 13, 20 & 27 and April 3 from 11:30 am – 1 pm. The cost is \$10.00/per person and \$3.50 for children under 12. For this low price, you will be treated to our fabulous Fish or Corn Chowder with Biscuits, Dessert and Tea/Coffee/Juice. Music is provided. Come eat, dance, sing-along, purchase baked goods/crafts and enjoy some fellowship with your friends.

MISSION STATEMENT

Our mission at Christ Church is to be a welcoming Christian community committed to enabling each other to grow through worship, spiritual fellowship and service, following the example of Christ.

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