

A SERVICE OF WORD AND SACRAMENT TRANSFIGURATION SUNDAY



CHRISTCHURCH
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15 FEBRUARY 2026

The Transfiguration Icon

The icon on the front of our service leaflet depicts the Transfiguration of the Lord on Mt. Tabor. At its center, Christ is shown with “clothes as white as light” and the glory of God shining out from him. Moses stands in a posture of blessing to the right of Christ. Elijah also stands in a posture of blessing to the left of Christ, dressed in animal skins that represent his prophetic role. Together, Moses and Elijah symbolize the Law and the Prophets, of which Jesus is the fulfillment. The Apostles John, Peter, and James appear at the bottom of the icon, scattered in confusion at what they are witnessing. Their sandals are removed, for they knew they were on holy ground.



Kindly refrain from bringing food or drink into the church.

Please maintain silence before worship for prayer. Kindly silence all electronic devices.

..... The Entrance Rite

Processional Hymn 445 *Please stand*

Praise to the Holiest in the Height



Verse 2

*O loving wisdom of our God!
When all was sin and shame,
a second Adam to the fight
and to the rescue came.*

Verse 3

*O wisest love, that flesh and blood,
which did in Adam fail,
should strive afresh against the foe,
should strive, and should prevail;*

Verse 4

*and that the highest gift of grace
should flesh and blood refine:
God's presence and his very self,
and essence all divine.*

Verse 5

*Praise to the holiest in the height,
and in the depth be praise;
in all his words most wonderful,
most sure in all his ways!*

The Opening Acclamation

Celebrant I will make you as a light for the nations,
People That my salvation may reach to the end of the earth.

The Collect for Purity

Celebrant and people

Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: 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.*

The Summary of the Law

Hear what our Lord Jesus Christ says: You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind. This is the first and great commandment. And the second is like it: You shall love your neighbor as yourself. On these two commandments depend all the Law and the Prophets. *Matthew 22:37-40*

The Kyrie

Celebrant Lord, have mercy upon us.
People Christ, have mercy upon us.
Celebrant Lord, have mercy upon us.

Song of Praise

Refrain

Glo-ry to God in the high - est! Sing, glo-ry to God!___ Glo-ry to
God in the high - est, and peace to his peo-ple on earth!___

Verse 1

Lord God, heav-en-ly King,___ al-migh-ty___ God and Fa- ther,___
we wor - ship you, we give you thanks,___ we
praise you___ for your glo - ry!___ *Refrain*

Verse 2

Lord Je-sus Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa-ther, Lord God, Lamb of God,___

you take a - way the sin of the world: have mer - cy on us.

You are seat - ed at the right hand

of the Fa - ther: re - ceive our prayer.

Refrain

Verse 3

For you a - lone are the ho - ly one, you a - lone are the

Lord, the Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly

Spi - rit, in the glo - ry of God the Fa - ther!

Refrain

The Collect of the Day

Celebrant The Lord be with you.
People **And with your spirit.**
Celebrant Let us pray.

O God, who before the passion of your only-begotten Son revealed his glory upon the holy mountain: Grant that we, beholding by faith the light of his countenance, may be strengthened to bear our cross, and be changed into his likeness from glory to glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.
Amen.

..... The Liturgy of the Word

The First Lesson *Please be seated*

Exodus 24:12-18

¹² The LORD said to Moses, "Come up to me on the mountain and wait there, that I may give you the tablets of stone, with the law and the commandment, which I have written for their instruction." ¹³ So Moses rose with his assistant Joshua, and Moses went up into the mountain of God. ¹⁴ And he said to the elders, "Wait here for us until we return to you. And behold, Aaron and Hur are with you. Whoever has a dispute, let him go to them." ¹⁵ Then Moses went up on the mountain, and the cloud covered the mountain. ¹⁶ The glory of the LORD dwelt on Mount Sinai, and the cloud covered it six days. And on the seventh day he called to Moses out of the midst of the cloud. ¹⁷ Now the appearance of the glory of the LORD was like a devouring fire on the top of the mountain in the sight of the people of Israel. ¹⁸ Moses entered the cloud and went up on the mountain. And Moses was on the mountain forty days and forty nights.

Lector The Word of the Lord.
People **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 99

- ¹ The LORD is King; let the peoples tremble;
he sits between the cherubim; let the earth shake.
- ² The LORD is great in Zion
and high above all peoples.
- ³ They shall give thanks unto his Name, which is great and wonderful;
holy is he and mighty, a King who loves justice.
- ⁴ You have established equity;
you have executed judgment and righteousness in Jacob.
- ⁵ O magnify the LORD our God,
and fall down before his footstool, for he is holy.
- ⁶ Moses and Aaron among his priests, and Samuel among those who call upon his Name,
they called upon the LORD, and he heard them.
- ⁷ He spoke to them out of the cloudy pillar,
for they kept his testimonies and the law that he gave them.
- ⁸ You heard them, O LORD our God;
you forgave them, O God, yet punished their evildoings.
- ⁹ O magnify the LORD our God, and worship him upon his holy hill,
for the LORD our God is holy.

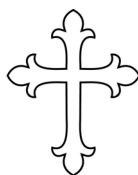
The Second Lesson

Philippians 3:7-14


⁷ But whatever gain I had, I counted as loss for the sake of Christ. ⁸ Indeed, I count everything as loss because of the surpassing worth of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have suffered the loss of all things and count them as rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ ⁹ and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but that which comes through faith in Christ, the righteousness from God that depends on faith— ¹⁰ that I may know him and the power of his resurrection, and may share his sufferings, becoming like him in his death, ¹¹ that by any means possible I may attain the resurrection from the dead. ¹² Not that I have already obtained this or am already perfect, but I press on to make it my own, because Christ Jesus has made me his own. ¹³ Brothers, I do not consider that I have made it my own. But one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, ¹⁴ I press on toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus.

Lector The Word of the Lord.


People **Thanks be to God.**



Refrain




Swing low, sweet cha - ri - ot, — com-ing for to car-ry me home! Swing




low, sweet cha - ri - ot, — com-ing for to car-ry me home!

Verse



I looked o-ver Jor-dan, and what did I see, — com-ing for to car-ry me



home? A band of an-gels com-ing af-ter me, com-ing for to car-ry me home.

Verse 2

*Swing low, sweet chariot,
coming for to carry me home!
Swing low, sweet chariot,
coming for to carry me home!
If you get there before I do,
coming for to carry me home,
tell all my friends I'm coming too,
coming for to carry me home.*

Verse 3

*Swing low, sweet chariot,
coming for to carry me home!
Swing low, sweet chariot,
coming for to carry me home!
I'm sometimes up, I'm sometimes down,
coming for to carry me home;
but still my soul feels heavenly bound,
coming for to carry me home.*

The Gospel *Please remain standing*

Matthew 17:1-9



Al-le-lu-ia! Al - le - lu - ia! — Al - le - lu - ia!

Gospeler The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to St. Matthew.

People **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

¹ And after six days Jesus took with him Peter and James, and John his brother, and led them up a high mountain by themselves. ² And he was transfigured before them, and his face shone like the sun, and his clothes became white as light.

³ And behold, there appeared to them Moses and Elijah, talking with him. ⁴ And Peter said to Jesus, "Lord, it is good that we are here. If you wish, I will make three tents here, one for you and one for Moses and one for Elijah." ⁵ He was still speaking when, behold, a bright cloud overshadowed them, and a voice from the cloud said, "This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased; listen to him." ⁶ When the disciples heard this, they fell on their faces and were terrified. ⁷ But Jesus came and touched them, saying, "Rise, and have no fear." ⁸ And when they lifted up their eyes, they saw no one but Jesus only. ⁹ And as they were coming down the mountain, Jesus commanded them, "Tell no one the vision, until the Son of Man is raised from the dead."

Gospeler The Gospel of the Lord.

People **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

The Sermon *Please be seated*

The Reverend Canon Andrew M. Rowell

The Nicene Creed *Please stand*

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, visible and invisible.
We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only-begotten 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,
was incarnate from the Holy Spirit and 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 and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,
who 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.*

The Prayers of the People *Please kneel*

After each prayer, the People respond with the words "Hear our prayer."

The Confession of Sin *Please remain kneeling*

Celebrant and People

Almighty God, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, maker and judge of us all: We acknowledge and lament our many sins and offenses, which we have committed by thought, word, and deed against your divine majesty, provoking most justly your righteous anger against us. We are deeply sorry for these our transgressions; the burden of them is more than we can bear. Have mercy upon us, have mercy upon us, most merciful Father; for your Son our Lord Jesus Christ's sake, forgive us all that is past; and grant that we may evermore serve and please you in newness of life, to the honor and glory of your Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

The Absolution

The Comfortable Words

The Celebrant may then say one or more of the following sentences, first saying

Hear the Word of God to all who truly turn to him.

Come to me, all who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. *Matthew 11:28*

God so loved the world, that he gave his only-begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him shall not perish, but have eternal life. *John 3:16*

The saying is trustworthy and deserving of full acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners. *1 Timothy 1:15*

If anyone sins, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous. He is the propitiation for our sins, and not for ours only, but also for the sins of the whole world. *1 John 2:1-2*

The Peace *Please stand*

Celebrant The Peace of the Lord be always with you.
People **And with your spirit.**

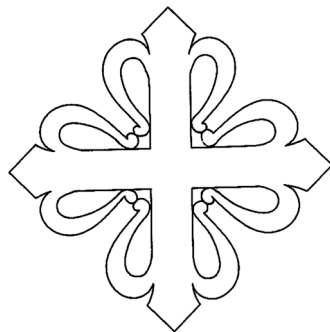
The ministers and people greet one another in the name of the Lord.

Welcome and Parish Announcements *Please be seated*

..... **The Holy Communion**.....

At the Offertory *Oh How Amiable* R. Vaughan Williams

*O how amiable are thy dwellings, thou Lord of hosts!
My soul hath a desire and longing to enter into the courts of the Lord:
My heart and my flesh rejoice in the living God.
Yea, the sparrow hath found her an house,
and the swallow a nest where she may lay her young:
even thy altars, O Lord of hosts, my King and my God.
Blessed are they that dwell in thy house:
they will be always praising thee.
The glorious majesty of the Lord our God be upon us:
prosper thou the work of our hands upon us.
O prosper thou our handywork.
O God, our help in ages past,
our hope for years to come,
our shelter from the stormy blast,
and our eternal home.*



*If you'd like to give an offering this morning, you can place your gift in the offering plate,
scan the QR code to the right, or visit our website and click on the "Give" tab.*



The Great Thanksgiving - Anglican Standard Text

Please stand

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And with your spirit.**

Celebrant Lift up your hearts.

People **We lift them up to the Lord.**

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People **It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

It is right, our duty and our joy, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth; because in the mystery of the Word made flesh, you have caused a new light to shine in our hearts, to give the knowledge of your glory in the face of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

Sanctus

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of power and might.____

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of power and might.____

Hea - ven and earth are full,____ full____ of your glo - ry. Ho -

san - na in the high - est! Ho - san - na in the high - est!

Bless - ed is he who comes____ in the name of the Lord.____ Ho -

san - na in the high - est! Ho - san - na in the high - est!

Please kneel

All praise and glory is yours, O God our heavenly Father, for in your tender mercy, you gave your only Son Jesus Christ to suffer death upon the Cross for our redemption. He made there, by his one oblation of himself once offered, a full, perfect, and sufficient sacrifice, oblation, and satisfaction, for the sins of the whole world; and he instituted, and in his Holy Gospel commanded us to continue, a perpetual memory of his precious death and sacrifice, until his coming again.

So now, O merciful Father, in your great goodness, we ask you to bless and sanctify, with your Word and Holy Spirit, these gifts of bread and wine, that we, receiving them according to your Son our Savior Jesus Christ's holy institution, in remembrance of his death and passion, may be partakers of his most blessed Body and Blood.

For on the night that he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take, eat; this is my Body, which is given for you: Do this in remembrance of me."

Likewise, after supper, Jesus took the cup, and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, saying, “Drink this, all of you; for 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 in remembrance of me.”

Therefore, we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

And here we offer and present to you, O Lord, ourselves, our souls and bodies, to be a reasonable, holy, and living sacrifice. We humbly pray that all who partake of this Holy Communion may worthily receive the most precious Body and Blood of your Son Jesus Christ, be filled with your grace and heavenly benediction, and be made one body with him, that he may dwell in us, and we in him.

And although we are unworthy, because of our many sins, to offer you any sacrifice, yet we ask you to accept this duty and service we owe, not weighing our merits, but pardoning our offenses, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. *AMEN.*

The Lord's Prayer

And now as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to pray:



Our Fa-ther in heav-en, hall-owed by your name, your king-dom
come, your will be done, on earth as in heav-en.
Give us to-day our dai-ly bread. For - give us our sins as we for-
give those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial, and de-li-ver us from
e - vil. For the king - dom the po - wer and the glo - ry are
yours, now, and for - ev - er. A - men. A - men.



The Breaking of the Bread

Celebrant Alleluia! Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

People Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia!.

The Prayer of Humble Access

We do not presume to come to this, your table, O merciful Lord, trusting in our own righteousness, but in your abundant and great mercies. We are not worthy so much as to gather up the crumbs under your table; but you are the same Lord, whose character is always to have mercy. Grant us, therefore, gracious Lord, so to eat the flesh of your dear Son Jesus Christ, and to drink his blood, that our sinful bodies may be made clean by his body, and our souls washed through his most precious blood, and that we may evermore dwell in him, and he in us. *Amen.*

Invitation to Communion

Celebrant The Gifts of God for the People of God.

Please be seated

Fraction Anthem

Agnus Dei

Je - sus, Lamb of God: have mer - cy on us.

Je - sus, bear - er of our sins: have mer - cy on us.

Je - sus, re - deem - er, re - deem - er of the world:

give us your peace, give us your peace.

Communion Music

Oceans

You call me out upon the waters
the great unknown, where feet may fail
And, there, I find you in the mystery;
in oceans deep, my faith will stand.

Chorus

*And I will call upon your name
and keep my eyes above the waves.*

*When oceans rise,
my soul will rest in your embrace
for I am yours, and you are mine.*

Your grace abounds in deepest waters
Your sovereign hand will be my guide
Where feet may fail and fear surrounds me
you've never failed, and you won't start now

Bridge

Spirit, lead me where my trust is without borders,
let me walk upon the waters,
wherever you would call me.
Take me deeper than my feet could ever wander,
and my faith will be made stronger
in the presence of my Saviour.

*I will call upon your name,
keep my eyes above the waves.
My soul will rest in your embrace;
I am yours and you are mine.*

Communion Music

Worthy is the Lamb who was slain!
Holy, holy is he.
Sing a new song to him who sits on
heaven's mercy seat

Chorus
Holy, holy, holy
is the Lord God Almighty,
who was and is and is to come
With all creation, I sing
praise to the King of kings.
You are my everything,
and I will adore you.

Communion Music

The Lord bless you and keep you,
make his face shine upon you,
and be gracious to you.
The Lord turn his face toward you,
and give you peace.

Amen, amen, amen.

The Lord bless you and keep you,
make his face shine upon you,
and be gracious to you .
The Lord turn his face toward you,
and give you peace.

Amen, amen, amen

May his favor be upon you,
And a thousand generations,
And your family and your children,
And their children, and their children.

Revelation Song

Clothed in rainbows of living color,
flashes of lightning, rolls of thunder.
Blessing and honor, strength and glory,
and power be to you the only wise King.

Filled with wonder, awestruck wonder,
at the mention of your name
Jesus, your name is power, breath, and living water -
such a marvelous mystery!

The Blessing

May his presence go before you,
and behind you, and beside you,
all around you, and within you;
he is with you, he is with you.

In the morning, in the evening,
in your coming, and your going.
in your weeping, and rejoicing;
he is for you, he is for you.

Amen, amen, amen

May his presence go before you,
and behind you, and beside you,
all around you, and within you;
he is with you, he is with you.

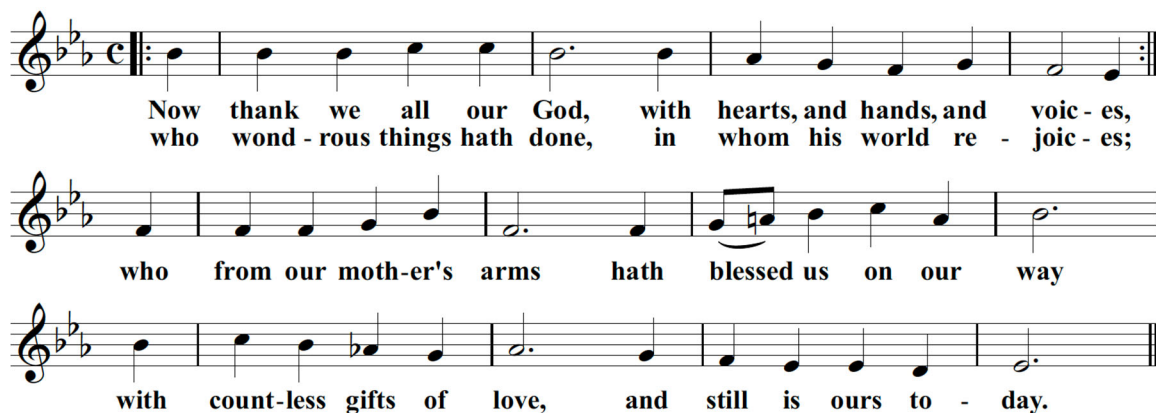


Post Communion Prayer *Please kneel*

Celebrant and People

Almighty and everliving God, we thank you for feeding us, in these holy mysteries, with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and for assuring us, through this Sacrament, of your favor and goodness towards us: that we are true members of the mystical body of your Son, the blessed company of all faithful people; and are also heirs, through hope, of your everlasting kingdom. And we humbly ask you, heavenly Father, to assist us with your grace, that we may continue in that holy fellowship, and do all the good works that you have prepared for us to walk in; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory, now and for ever. *Amen.*

The Blessing



Verse 2

*O may this bounteous God through all our life be near us!
 with ever-joyful hearts and blessed peace to cheer us;
 and keep us in his grace, and guide us when perplexed,
 and free us from all ills in this world and the next.*

Verse 3

*All praise and thanks to God the Father now be given,
 the Son, and him who reigns with them in highest heaven,
 eternal, Triune God, whom earth and heaven adore;
 for thus it was, is now, and shall be, evermore.*

The Dismissal

Gospeler God is good,

People **All the time!**

Gospeler All the time,

People **God is good!**

Gospeler Alleluia! Let us go forth into the world, rejoicing in the glory of Christ.

People **Thanks be to God! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

The Altar Flowers are given to the Honor and
Glory of God and in Loving Memory of

Thomas M. Derickson, Jr.



Serving in the Liturgy

Celebrant	The Reverend J. Michael Chitwood
Gospeler	The Reverend Deacon Leah M. Slawson
Assisting	The Reverend Canon Andrew M. Rowell
Director of Music	The Reverend Dr. Jack N.T. Lindsay
Vergers	Ricka Oates and Maggie Stuart
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Crucifer	Jack Crane
Server	Ava Crane
Gospel Torch Bearers	Haven Cornwell and Kadence Clark
Altar Guild	Any Millo, Valerie Owen, Rira Worth, and Kathleene Hawthorne
Greeters	Stacy Glass and Eric Glass
Prayer Team	Hope Mardre, Dolly McLemore, Sally Cobb, Pete Cobb, and the Daughters of the Holy Cross
Ushers	Woodley Bagwell, David Rees, Randy McNeil, Ted Klose, and Robert Hines



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