



the Church
of St Peter and
St Simon-the-Apostle

Transfiguration Sunday

The Last Sunday after the Epiphany

February 14, 2021

Welcome to the Church of St. Peter and St. Simon-the-Apostle.

Choral Matins at 10:30 am

Officiant: The Rev. Michael Perry

Preacher: Sileen Phillips

Assisting: The Rev. Canon Geoffrey Sangwine

Organist: Robin Davis / Cantor: Katherine Jones

The service begins on page 1 of the *Book of Common Prayer*.

Please remember to wear your mask.

This service is being live-streamed for those worshipping from home.

*The flowers are given to the honour and glory of Almighty God
and in loving memory of Annie O'Brian, from her family.*

Prelude *Schmucke dich, o liebe Seele (Adorn yourself, dear soul) BWV 654* J.S. BACH

Opening Sentence

The earth shall be filled with the knowledge of the glory of the Lord, as the waters cover the sea. *Habakkuk 2.14.*

Hymn *I'm Gonna Live So God Can Use Me*

I'M GONNA LIVE (VU 575)

Choir I'm gonna live so God can use me, anywhere, Lord, anytime.

I'm gonna live so God can use me, anywhere, Lord, anytime.

I'm gonna work so God can use me. anywhere, Lord, anytime.

I'm gonna work so God can use me, anywhere, Lord, anytime.

*I'm gonna pray so God can use me, anywhere, Lord, anytime.
I'm gonna pray so God can use me, anywhere, Lord, anytime.*

*I'm gonna sing so God can use me, anywhere, Lord, anytime.
I'm gonna sing so God can use me, anywhere, Lord, anytime.*

Invitation to Confession – BCP p. 4

Confession – BCP pp. 4-5

Officiant Almighty and most merciful Father,

All **We have erred and strayed from thy ways like lost sheep, we have followed too much the devices and desires of our own hearts, we have offended against thy holy laws, we have left undone those things which we ought to have done, and we have done those things which we ought not to have done; and there is no health in us. But thou, O Lord, have mercy upon us, miserable offenders. Spare thou them, O God, which confess their faults. Restore thou them that are penitent; according to thy promises declared unto all people in Christ Jesu our Lord. And grant, O most merciful Father, for his sake, that we may hereafter live a godly, righteous, and sober life, to the glory of thy holy Name. Amen.**

The Absolution – BCP p. 5

The Lord's Prayer – BCP pp. 5-6

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 them that 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.

Versicles & Responses – BCP p. 6

Officiant O Lord, open thou our lips;

All **And our mouth shall show forth thy praise.**

Officiant O God, make speed to save us;

All **O Lord, make haste to help us.** *You are invited to stand.*

Officiant Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;

All **As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.**

Officiant Praise ye the Lord;

All **The Lord's Name be praised.**

The Venite – Psalm 95 *Said together.*

The Lord hath manifested forth his glory: / O come, let us worship.
 O come, let us sing unto the Lord: / let us heartily rejoice in the strength of our salvation.
 Let us come before his presence with thanksgiving, /
 and show ourselves glad in him with psalms.
 For the Lord is a great God, / and a great King above all gods.
 In his hand are all the corners of the earth: / and the strength of the hills is his also.
 The sea is his, and he made it: / and his hands prepared the dry land.
 O come, let us worship, and fall down, / and kneel before the Lord our Maker.
 For he is the Lord our God; / and we are the people of his pasture,
 and the sheep of his hand.
 To-day, O that ye would hear his voice: / ‘Harden not your hearts as in the Provocation,
 and as in the day of Temptation in the wilderness;
 When your fathers tempted me, / proved me, and saw my works.
 Forty years long was I grieved with that generation, and said, /
 ‘‘It is a people that do err in their hearts, for they have not known my ways’’;
 Unto whom I swear in my wrath, / that they should not enter into my rest.’

 Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, / and to the Holy Ghost;
 As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, / world without end. Amen.
 The Lord hath manifested forth his glory: / O come, let us worship.

Psalm 50.1-6 *Deus deorum. Sung by the Cantor.*

Tone VII-5



- ¹ THE LORD, even the Most Mighty **God**, hath spo-ken, /
 and called the world, from the rising of the sun unto the **go**-ing döwn there-of.
- ² Out of Sion, the per-**fec**-tion-of beau-ty, /
 God hath shün-ed-forth.
- ³ Our God cometh, and **keep-eth** not si-lence; /
 there goeth before him a consuming fire,
 and a mighty tempest is stirred up **round** a-böut him.



⁴ He calleth to the **hea**-vens from-a-bove, /
 and to the earth, that he may **judge** his pëo-ple:
⁵ ‘Gather my saints to-**geth**-er un-to me: /
 those that have made a covenant with **me** with sä-cri-fice.’
⁶ And the heavens de-**clare** his right-eous-ness; /
 for **God** is jüdge him-self.
 Glory be to the **Fa**-ther,-and to-the Son: /
 and **to** the Hö-ly-Ghost;
 As it was in the beginning, is now, and **ev**-er shall be: /
 world with-**out** end. Ä-men.

First Lesson *Nehemiah 2*

Reader The first lesson is written in the 2nd chapter of Nehemiah, beginning at the 1st verse.

In the month of Nisan, in the twentieth year of King Artaxerxes, when wine was served to him, I carried the wine and gave it to the king. Now, I had never been sad in his presence before. So the king said to me, ‘Why is your face sad, since you are not sick? This can only be sadness of the heart.’ Then I was very much afraid. I said to the king, ‘May the king live for ever! Why should my face not be sad, when the city, the place of my ancestors’ graves, lies waste, and its gates have been destroyed by fire?’ Then the king said to me, ‘What do you request?’ So I prayed to the God of heaven. Then I said to the king, ‘If it pleases the king, and if your servant has found favour with you, I ask that you send me to Judah, to the city of my ancestors’ graves, so that I may rebuild it.’ The king said to me (the queen also was sitting beside him), ‘How long will you be gone, and when will you return?’ So it pleased the king to send me, and I set him a date. Then I said to the king, ‘If it pleases the king, let letters be given me to the governors of the province Beyond the River, that they may grant me passage until I arrive in Judah; and a letter to Asaph, the keeper of the king’s forest, directing him to give me timber to make beams for the gates of the temple fortress, and for the wall of the city, and for the house that I shall occupy.’ And the king granted me what I asked, for the gracious hand of my God was upon me.

Then I came to the governors of the province Beyond the River, and gave them the king’s letters. Now the king had sent officers of the army and cavalry with me. When Sanballat the

Horonite and Tobiah the Ammonite official heard this, it displeased them greatly that someone had come to seek the welfare of the people of Israel.

So I came to Jerusalem and was there for three days. Then I got up during the night, I and a few men with me; I told no one what my God had put into my heart to do for Jerusalem. The only animal I took was the animal I rode. I went out by night by the Valley Gate past the Dragon's Spring and to the Dung Gate, and I inspected the walls of Jerusalem that had been broken down and its gates that had been destroyed by fire. Then I went on to the Fountain Gate and to the King's Pool; but there was no place for the animal I was riding to continue. So I went up by way of the valley by night and inspected the wall. Then I turned back and entered by the Valley Gate, and so returned. The officials did not know where I had gone or what I was doing; I had not yet told the Jews, the priests, the nobles, the officials, and the rest that were to do the work.

Then I said to them, 'You see the trouble we are in, how Jerusalem lies in ruins with its gates burnt. Come, let us rebuild the wall of Jerusalem, so that we may no longer suffer disgrace.' I told them that the hand of my God had been gracious upon me, and also the words that the king had spoken to me. Then they said, 'Let us start building!' So they committed themselves to the common good. But when Sanballat the Horonite and Tobiah the Ammonite official, and Geshem the Arab heard of it, they mocked and ridiculed us, saying, 'What is this that you are doing? Are you rebelling against the king?' Then I replied to them, 'The God of heaven is the one who will give us success, and we his servants are going to start building; but you have no share or claim or historic right in Jerusalem.'

Reader The word of the Lord.

All **Thanks be to God.**

Surge, Illuminare: *Sung by the Cantor.*



Arise, shine, for thy light is **come**,
 and the glory of the Lord is ris-**en** up on thee.
 For, behold, the darkness shall cover the **earth**,
 and gross dark-**ness** the people.



But the Lord shall a rise up on **thee**,
 and his glory shall be **seen** up-on thee
 And the Gentiles shall come to thy **light**,
 and kings to the brightness **of** thy ri-sing.
 Thy gates shall be open con-**tin**-ual-ly;
 they shall not be **shut** day nor night.
 The sons also of them that afflicted thee shall come bending **un**-to-thee;
 and all they that despised thee shall bow themselves down at the **soles** of thy feet.
 And they shall call thee the City of the **Lord**,
 the Zion of the Holy **One** of Is-ra-el.
 Violence shall no more be heard in thy **land**,
 wasting nor destruction with-**in** thy bor-ders.
 But thou shalt call thy walls Sal-**va**-tion,
 (-) **and** thy gates Praise.
 The sun shall be no more thy light by **day**,
 neither for brightness shall the moon give **light** un-to thee,
 But the Lord shall be unto thee an everlasting **light**,
 and thy **God** thy glo-ry.
 Glory be to the Father, and to the **Son**,
 and **to** the Ho-ly-Ghost;
 As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever **shall** be,
 world with-**out** end. A-men.

Second Lesson *Mark 9.2-9*

Reader The second lesson is written in the 9th chapter of the Gospel of St. Mark,
 beginning at the 2nd verse.

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.

Reader The word of the Lord.

All **Thanks be to God.**

Jubilate Deo (Recorded by the St. Simon's Choir in 2013)

BENJAMIN BRITTEN

¹ O be joyful in the Lord, all ye lands:

* serve the Lord with gladness, and come before his presence with a song.

² Be ye sure that the Lord he is God;

* it is he that hath made us, and not we ourselves; we are his people,
and the sheep of his pasture.

³ O go your way into his gates with thanksgiving, and into his courts with praise;

* be thankful unto him, and speak good of his Name.

⁴ For the Lord is gracious, his mercy is everlasting;

* and his truth endureth from generation to generation.

The Apostles' Creed – *BCP* pp. 10-11

Officiant I believe in God

All **the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth: and in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried: he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy Catholic Church; the Communion of Saints; the Forgiveness of sins; the Resurrection of the body, and the Life everlasting. Amen.**

Officiant The Lord be with you;

All **And with thy spirit.**

Officiant Let us pray.

Officiant Lord, have mercy upon us.

All **Christ, have mercy upon us.**

Officiant Lord, have mercy upon us.

Officiant Our Father

All **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 them that trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. Amen.**

Officiant O Lord, show thy mercy upon us;

All **And grant us thy salvation.**

Officiant O Lord, save the Queen;

All **And mercifully hear us when we call upon thee.**

Officiant Endue thy ministers with righteousness;

All **And make thy chosen people joyful.**

Officiant O Lord, save thy people;

All **And bless thine inheritance.**

Officiant Give peace in our time, O Lord;

All **And evermore mightily defend us.**

Officiant O God, make clean our hearts within us;

All **And take not thy Holy Spirit from us.**

The Collect of the Day

Officiant 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.**

Collect for Peace

Officiant O God, who art the author of peace and lover of concord, in knowledge of whom standeth our eternal life, whose service is perfect freedom: defend us thy humble servants in all assaults of our enemies; that we, surely trusting in thy defence, may not fear the power of any adversaries; through the might of Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Collect for Grace

Officiant O Lord our heavenly Father, Almighty and everlasting God, who hast safely brought us to the beginning of this day: defend us in the same with thy mighty power; and grant that this day we fall into no sin, neither run into any kind of danger; but that all our doings may be ordered by thy governance, to do always that is righteous in thy sight; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Anthem *Steal Away* (Recorded by the SPSS choir at Gloucester Cathedral
in August 2019) Bass Solo: Alan MacDonald ARR. BRIAN MOLES

*Steal away, steal away, steal away to Jesus,
Steal away. Steal away home. I ain't got long to stay here.*

*My Lord He calls me, He calls me by the thunder
The trumpet sounds with in-a my soul, I ain't got long to stay here.*

*Steal away, steal away, steal away to Jesus,
Steal away. Steal away home. I ain't got long to stay here.*

*Green trees a-bending, poor sinner stands a trembling
The trumpet sounds with in-a my soul, I ain't got long to stay here.*

*Steal away, steal away, steal away to Jesus,
Steal away. Steal away home. I ain't got long to stay here.*

Homily Sileen Phillips

Hymn 326 *Bright the Vision That Delighted* REDHEAD NO. 46 (LAUS DEO)

Choir *Bright the vision that delighted once the sight of Judah's seer;
sweet the countless tongues united to entrance the prophet's ear.*

*Round the Lord, in glory seated, cherubim and seraphim
filled the temple, and repeated each to each the alternate hymn:*

*“Lord, thy glory fills the heaven; earth is with its fullness stored;
unto thee be glory given, holy, holy, holy, Lord.”*

*Heaven is still with glory ringing, earth takes up the angels' cry,
“Holy, holy, holy,” singing, “Lord of hosts, the Lord most high.”*

*With his seraph train before him, with his holy church below,
thus unite we to adore him, bid we thus our anthem flow:*

*“Lord, thy glory fills the heaven; earth is with its fullness stored;
unto thee be glory given, holy, holy, holy, Lord.”*

The Prayers

General Thanksgiving – BCP p. 14

Officiant Almighty God,

All **Father of all mercies, we thine unworthy servants do give thee most humble and hearty thanks for all thy goodness and loving-kindness to us and to all people. We bless thee for our creation, preservation, and all the blessings of this life; but above all for thine inestimable love in the redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ; for the means of grace, and for the hope of glory. And we beseech thee, give us that due sense of all thy mercies, that our hearts may be unfeignedly thankful, and that we show forth thy praise, not only with our lips, but in our lives; by giving up ourselves to thy service, and by walking before thee in holiness and righteousness all our days; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with thee and the Holy Ghost, be all honour and glory, world without end. Amen.**

Prayer of St Chrysostom

Officiant Almighty God, who hast given us grace at this time with one accord to make our common supplications unto thee; and dost promise that when two or three are gathered together in thy Name thou wilt grant their requests: Fulfil now, O Lord, the desires and petitions of thy servants, as may be most expedient for them; granting us in this world knowledge of thy truth, and in the world to come life everlasting. **Amen.**

Hymn *All Ye Who Seek for Jesus, Raise*

PLAINSONG MODE 1

Cantor *All ye who seek for Jesus, raise your eyes above, and upward gaze:
There may you see the wondrous sign of never-ending glory shine.*

*So shines the Gentiles' King and Lord, the Prince by Judah's race adored,
Promised to Abraham of yore, and to his seed for evermore.*

*To him the prophets testify: and that same witness, from on high
The father seals by his decree: Hear and believe my Son, saith he.*

*To God the Father, God the Son, and God the Spirit, praise be done.
May Christ the Lord upon us pour, the Spirit's gift for evermore. Amen*

The Grace

All **The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God,
and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with us all evermore. Amen.**

Postlude *Fugue in g minor BWV 535*

J.S. BACH

In our Prayers this Week

The Anglican Communion The Anglican Church of Canada.

Diocesan Cycle of Prayer Bishop's Committee on Intercultural Ministry.

Outreach & Advocacy Cycle of Prayer *Pray for* Holy Trinity, Thornhill, its support of food banks in Richmond Hill, All Saints Kitchen & Clothing Depot, and Eva's Place, its refugee sponsorship, and its parish nurse ministry;

for Holy Trinity, Trinity Square, its daily meal program, offering food, hygiene and harm reduction supplies, encampment support, shelter and housing advocacy, its Homeless Memorial, refugee sponsorship and advocacy, its partnership with Toronto Urban Native Ministry and Trinity Square Café.

and for the Church of the Incarnation, its support of local food banks, the North Yorkers for Disabled Persons group home, Flemingdon Park Ministry, the Pikangikum Water Project, monthly seniors' lunch, and community garden.

Parish Cycle Gloria Martin, Godfrey Martin, Mary Martin & Malcolm Jackson.

Home Bound Parishioners Byron Armstrong, Gail Birnie, Nancy Byers, Cintra Cassidy, Jim Colling, Ann Duff, Charlotte Graham, Lorraine Griffith, George Petricko, Lucy Simons, Lila Vamosi, Pam Young.

Parish Announcements

The deadline for submissions is Thursday at noon each week.

Services

- **Wednesday, February 17** *Ash Wednesday*
11 am Choral Eucharist. Live-Stream only
- **Sunday, February 21** *Lent I*
10.30 am Choral Eucharist. Live-Stream only

Covid-19 Vaccine Presentation

February 16 @ 7:00 pm - 8:00 pm

The Health and Safety Committee of St Peter and St Simon-the-Apostle offers to the community a presentation on the various Covid-19 vaccines that will be made available in Canada. There will be a Zoom slideshow lasting about 30 minutes presented by Dr. Ted Robinson. This will be followed by a question and answer period.

You can follow on Zoom through the internet or by telephone. Look for the Zoom invitation in the weekly email update which comes out on Saturdays. The presentation part of the evening will be recorded for future viewing on our website. At 8pm we will conclude our evening with our regularly scheduled service of Compline.

Our Annual Vestry Meeting will take place by Zoom on Sunday, February 28, 2021 at 12.30 pm. *Reports are due in the office by February 11th.* The Vestry Report will be sent to the parish electronically for those with email and by post for all others.

Church School: For the time being, Sileen Phillips will be leading Church School On-line on Sundays at 10.30 am.

The Garden Guild is in the process of creating a digital image collection of our property ranging from the most recent times right through the years back to when we had a Howard Street lych gate. All contributions from any era will be greatly appreciated. Please let us know if you have any photographs, diagrams or sketches that you could lend us.

We are also seeking any extra gardening tools that you might have around home that you are not likely to use this upcoming summer. Please let us know.

The time is almost approaching to start our seedlings, and cuttings. We are looking for some sunny interior window sills and volunteers who can nurture a pot or two in preparation for outdoor spring planting. Can you help?

If so, please contact Carol Peck ctpeck35hotmailcom@yahoo.ca, Nancy Nourse noursewind@sympatico.ca or any other Garden Guild member. Our next meeting is Feb 21 at 1 pm after coffee hour on Zoom; please feel free to join us.

Flower Donations: If you would like to make an offering of flowers as a thanksgiving or memorial, please contact Sheila Thomas, Flower Co-ordinator, or the Church office. At this time, we are looking ahead to planning flowers for Eastertide.

World Day of Prayer: Learn about Vanuatu in the warm South Pacific. Celebrate on March 5th by video. Watch for the link on your email updates to join the World Day of Prayer service.



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