



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



The Transfiguration of Christ, Albrecht Altdorfer

Last Sunday after Epiphany

Quinquagesima

February 11, 2024

The flowers in the sanctuary are given to the honour and glory of Almighty God and in thanksgiving for many blessings by The Reverend Canon Michael Burgess.

Holy Eucharist at 9.15 am

The service begins on page 67 of the *Book of Common Prayer*.
For the Readings, please see the 10.30 am. Service.

Collect – BCP page 136.

O LORD, who hast taught us that all our doings without charity are nothing worth:
Send thy Holy Spirit, and pour into our hearts that most excellent gift of charity,
the very bond of peace and of all virtues, without which whosoever liveth
is counted dead before thee. Grant this for thine only Son Jesus Christ's sake. Amen.

Celebrant & Preacher The Reverend Abraham Thomas

Choral Eucharist at 10.30 am

The service is from the *Book of Alternative Services*, beginning on page 185.

Celebrant	The Reverend Canon Geoffrey Sangwine	
Preacher	The Reverend Abraham Thomas	
Communion Ministers	Gerry Courage, Ted Robinson	
Organist	Alison Jane	
Mass Setting	<i>Missa de Sancta Maria Magdalena</i>	HEALEY WILLAN

Children going to Church School will gather at the font during the first hymn.



THE GATHERING OF THE COMMUNITY

Prelude *Sonata F-minor, K. 466*
Mekhriban Mamedova – Piano

DOMENICO SCARLATTI

Hymn 5 *Christ Whose Glory Fills the Skies*

RATISBON

Greeting

Celebrant The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God.
and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with you all.

All **And also with you.**

Collect for Purity

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.**

Gloria (CP 686)

HURD

Celebrant Glory to God in the highest,

All **and peace to his people on earth.
Lord God, heavenly king, almighty God and Father,
we worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory.
Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us;
you are seated at the right hand of the Father: receive our prayer.
For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord,
you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ with the Holy Spirit,
in the glory of God the Father. Amen.**

The Collect of the Day

Celebrant 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 for ever and ever. **Amen.**

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

First Reading 2 Kings 2.1-12

Read by John White

Reader A reading from the Second Book of Kings

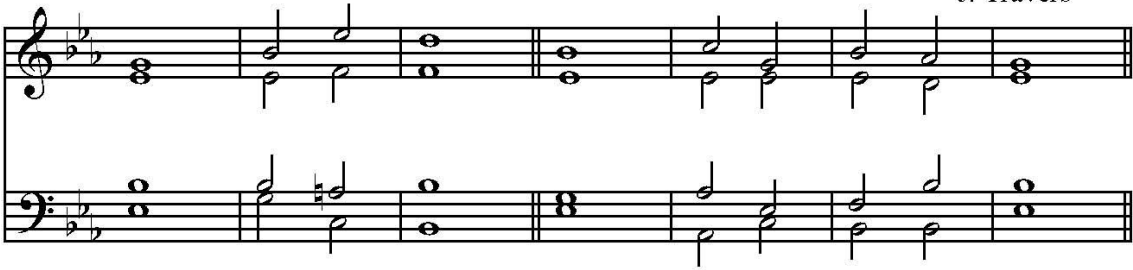
When the Lord was about to take Elijah up to heaven by a whirlwind, Elijah and Elisha were on their way from Gilgal. Elijah said to Elisha, "Stay here; for the Lord has sent me as

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.

Reader The word of the Lord.
All **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 50.1-6 *Deus deorum. All are invited to sing the Psalm.*

J. Travers



- ¹ The Lord, even the Most Mighty | God, hath | spoken,
* and called the world, from the rising of the sun unto the | going | down there | of.
- ² Out of Sion, the per | fection of | beauty,
* God | --hath | shin-ed | forth.
- ³ Our God cometh, and | keepeth not | silence;
* there goeth before him a consuming fire, and a mighty tempest is |
stirred up | round a | bout him.
- ⁴ He calleth to the | heavens · from a | bove,
* and to the earth, that | he may | judge his | people:
- ⁵ ‘Gather my saints to | gether | unto me:
* those that have made a | covenant with | me with | sacrifice.’
- ⁶ And the heavens de | clare his | righteousness;
* for | God is | judge him | self.

Epistle 2 Corinthians 4.3-6

Read by Marc Côté

Reader A reading from the Second Letter of Paul to the Corinthians

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.

Reader The word of the Lord.

All **Thanks be to God.**

The Holy Gospel Mark 9.2-9

Gospeller The Lord be with you.

All **And also with you.**

Gospeller The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to St. Mark.

All **Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

Gospeller 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.

Gospeller The Gospel of Christ.

All **Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

Homily

Nicene Creed

Celebrant Let us confess our faith, as we say,

All **We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.
We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only 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:
by the power of the Holy Spirit**

**he became incarnate from 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.
With the Father and the Son he is worshipped and glorified.
He 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.**

Prayers of the People

Led by Dr Ted Robinson

Celebrant Let us pray for the Church and the world.

The Celebrant concludes,

Grant these our prayers O Father, through your Son, Jesus Christ our Redeemer, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, now and forever.
Amen.

Confession and Absolution

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.

All **Amen.**

The Peace

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

All **And also with you.**

THE CELEBRATION OF THE EUCHARIST

Hymn at the Offertory 326 *Bright the Vision*

REDHEAD NO. 46 (LAUS DEO)

Prayer over the Gifts

Celebrant Holy God receive all we offer this day,
and bring us to that radiant glory
which we see in the transfigured face of Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The Great Thanksgiving

(Supplementary Eucharistic Prayer 3)

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

All **And also with you.**

Celebrant Lift up your hearts.

All **We lift them to the Lord.**

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

Celebrant It is indeed right to thank you and praise you, holy and gracious God, creator of all things, ruler of heaven and earth, sustainer of life, for you are the source of all goodness, rich in mercy and abounding in love; you are faithful to your people in every generation, and your word endures for ever. Therefore with angels and archangels, with the fellowship of saints and the company of heaven, we glorify your holy name, evermore praising you and singing:

All **Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of hosts,
heaven and earth are full of thy glory.
Glory be to thee O Lord, most High.
Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.**

We praise you, merciful Father, not as we ought, but as we are able,
because in your tender love you gave the world your only Son,
in order that the world might be saved through him.
He made you known by taking the form of a servant,
healing the sick, liberating the oppressed, reaching out to the lost.
Betrayed, reviled, and nailed to the cross,
he confronted the power of sin and disarmed it for ever.
In his offering of himself, he became the perfect and sufficient sacrifice
for the sins of the whole world.

Redeemed by Christ, we have been adopted as your children;
by your pardon you have made us worthy to praise you.
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.”
In obedience to him and with grateful hearts we approach your holy table,
remembering our Saviour’s sacrifice, and rejoicing in his victory.
Confident in his sovereign purpose, we declare our faith.

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

Send your Holy Spirit on us
that as we receive this bread and this cup
we may partake of the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ,
and feed on him in our hearts by faith with thanksgiving.
May we be renewed in his risen life, filled with love,
and strengthened in our will to serve others;
and make of our lives, we pray, a pure and holy sacrifice, acceptable to you,
knitting us together as one in your Son Jesus Christ,
to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit,
be all honour and glory, now and forever. **Amen.**

The Lord's Prayer – *said by 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 which has come down from heaven,” says the Lord.

All **Give us this bread for ever.**

Celebrant “I am the vine, you are the branches.”

All **May we dwell in him, as he lives in us.**

Celebrant The gifts of God for the people of God.

All **Thanks be to God.**

Agnus Dei

All **O Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us.
O Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us.
O Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, grant us peace.**

The Communion

- Please follow the directions given by the sides-people as you come forward for Holy Communion which is at a both standing station and at the high altar. If you do not wish to receive communion, you may come forward for a blessing. Fold your hands over your chest to indicate this to the administering priest.
- You may choose to receive the bread only where the fullness of the sacrament is present. If you do not wish to drink from the common cup, simply receive the bread and return to your seat. You may also touch the base of the chalice while the words of administration are said.
- Intinction (dipping the bread into the chalice of wine) is not permitted in the Anglican Diocese of Toronto.

Communion Hymn *Be Still, for the Presence of the Lord*

(HYMNS ANCIENT & MODERN 368)

Be still, for the presence of the Lord,
The holy One, is here;
Come bow before him now
With reverence and fear
In him no sin is found
We stand on holy ground.
Be still, for the presence of the Lord, still,
The holy One, is here.

Be still, for the glory of the Lord
Is shining all around;
He burns with holy fire,
With splendour he is crowned:
How awesome is the sight
Our radiant king of light!
Be still, for the glory of the Lord
Is shining all around.

Be still, for the power of the Lord
Is moving in this place:
He comes to cleanse and heal,
To minister his grace -
No work too hard for him.
In faith receive from him.
Be still, for the power of the Lord
Is moving in this place.

Motet *Steal away to Jesus*

ARR. BRIAN MOLES

Prayer after Communion

Celebrant All your works praise you, O Lord.

All **And your faithful servants bless you.**

**Gracious God we thank you for feeding
us with the body and blood of your Son Jesus Christ.
May we, who share his body, live his risen life;
we, who drink his cup, bring life to others;**

**we, whom the Spirit lights, give light to the world.
Keep us firm in the hope you have set before us,
so that we and all your children shall be free,
and the whole earth live to praise your name;
through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Blessing

Announcements

Recessional Hymn *Mine Eyes Have Seen the Glory* BATTLE HYMN OF THE REPUBLIC

Dismissal

Leader Followers of Jesus Christ, inspired by the Holy Spirit,
 serve the world God loves.

All **Thanks be to God.**

Postlude *Fantasia I, D-minor, K. 397*
 Mekhriban Mamedova – Piano

MOZART

In our Prayers this Week

The Anglican Communion: Province of the Episcopal Church of South Sudan

Diocesan Cycle of Prayer: York Mills Deanery

Outreach & Advocacy Cycle of Prayer: Pray for Holy Family, Heart Lake, its Food Bank, Mitten Tree, Spirit of Giving Christmas Outreach, and Santas for Seniors involvement. For Holy Trinity, Guildwood, its food pantry, parish nurse ministry, pastoral care to seniors' residences and local nursing homes, partnership with high school programs, and work with community partners on social justice issues; and for Holy Trinity, Thornhill, its support of food banks in Richmond Hill, All Saints Kitchen & Clothing Depot, and Eva's Place, refugee sponsorship, and its parish nurse ministry.

Parish Cycle: Dorothy Kamara, Takoda Kemp, Steven Ketola, Elaine Knee-Chong

Home Bound Parishioners: Marie Adams, Alice Fox, Dennis Gittens, Lawrine Griffith, Sabrina Hogan, Everton Morris, Denise Orioux, Lucy Simons, Vernita Theobalds, Barbara & Duncan Towe, Lila Vamosi, Daphne Webster, Vashti White.

A WORD FROM THE RECTOR

For the next five to six weeks there will be scaffolding in the sanctuary as the decorative work on the east and north walls is restored. This is made possible thanks to the generosity of a faithful parishioner who is offering this gift in loving memory of a dear loved one. We look forward to a service of dedication when the project is complete. During this time, we will celebrate from a nave altar at the crossing.

Ash Wednesday is this week. We will have services that include the Liturgy of the Ashes at 11 am and 7 pm. I encourage each of us to give thought about our Lenten observance and as noted in my sermon last week, I commend to you the Home Prayers on Pages of 728-733 of the Prayer Book and pages 686-697 of the BAS. I look forward to seeing many of you at the Pancake Supper. Geoffrey+

PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

Coffee Hour | We hope you will join us for coffee hour which is in the Parish Hall immediately after the service. If you would like to help with this important ministry of hospitality please speak with Fran Brown or Laurie Sanderson.

Pancake Supper | **Tuesday, February 13th**. Join us as we enjoy a delicious meal of pancakes and sausages, with special music by Isaak Bonk.

Ash Wednesday | **Wednesday, February 14th**. Sung Eucharist at 11 am; Choral Eucharist at 7 pm. The imposition of ashes will be offered at both services.

Lenten Study Series | Join us on Sundays after the 1030 am service for a light soup lunch and a discussion of the Sunday readings and sermon.

Dates: February 18, 25, March 3, March 17


We invite you to sign up to provide soup on one of the days.

Palm Crosses | Please remember to bring your crosses from last year to be burned in preparation for Ash Wednesday.

Vestry Meeting | Sunday, March 10th at 12.00 noon. Vestry Reports are due to the office.

World Day of Prayer | **Saturday March 2nd**. Is being held at St. Andrew's Church 117 Bloor Street. This year celebrates the women of Palestine who have written an historical and concerned service asking for prayers for their continued work in Health and Education

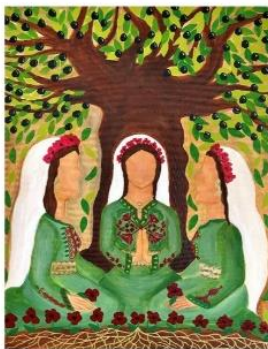
with the women and children of Palestine. All are invited to attend March 2 at 11 am. A light lunch will follow.

 **World Day of Prayer** **2024**
Journée mondiale de la prière

**“I Beg You...
Bear With One
Another in Love”**

Ephesians 4:1-3

Artwork by Halima Aziz



**« Je vous en
prisupportez-vous
les uns les autres
avec amour »**
Éphésiens 4, 1-3

œuvre par Halima Aziz

Ecumenical Worship Service Information/Renseignements sur la célébration œcuménique

Saturday March 2, 2024. 11:00 am

Day, Time/la date, l'heure

St. Andrew's United Church 117 Bloor Street

Location/l'endroit

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We acknowledge that in gathering to worship Almighty God,
we are in the traditional territory of many First Nations peoples
including the Mississaugas of the New Credit,
the Anishinaabe, the Haudenosaunees, and the Huron-Wendat.

*"The earth is the Lord's, and all that therein is, the world and all who dwell therein."
Psalm 24.1.*

