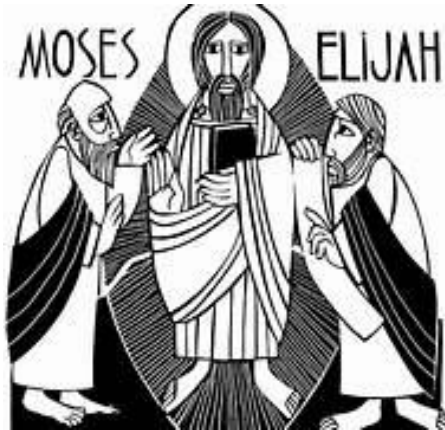




**THE CHURCH OF ST PETER AND ST SIMON-THE-APOSTLE**



Last Sunday after Epiphany - March 2, 2025  
Quinquagesima, being the 50<sup>th</sup> day before Easter



† **HOLY EUCHARIST at 9.00 am.** † Celebrated in the Chapel of the Holy Spirit.

Celebrant & Preacher     The Reverend Abraham Thomas  
Collect & Readings     See 10.30 am service.

† **SUNG EUCHARIST at 10.30 am.** †

Celebrant                     The Reverend Canon Geoffrey Sangwine  
Preacher                     The Reverend Abraham Thomas  
Assisting                     The Reverend Canon Michael Burgess  
Servers                        Betty Scantlebury, Gary Toneguzzo, Celine Wong, Vincent Wong  
Communion Ministers     Audrey Hughes, Fen Nanton  
Interim Music Director   Daniel Webb  
Mass Setting                 John Merbecke

The flowers today are given by Jane Rajantie to the glory of Almighty God  
and in loving memory of her beautiful niece, Lindsay Rachel Giacomelli.



## The Gathering of the Community

**Prelude** *In Festo Transfigurationis Domini nostri Jesu Christi*

FRANZ LISZT

**Hymn CP 594** *Judge Eternal, Throned in Splendour*

RHUDDLAN

### 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 with thy spirit.**

*Celebrant* Almighty God,

*All* **unto whom all hearts be open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of thy Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love thee, and worthily magnify thy holy name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

### Summary of the Law

*Celebrant* Our Lord Jesus Christ said: hear, O Israel, the Lord our God is one Lord;  
and thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul,  
and with all thy mind, and with all thy strength. This is the first and great  
commandment. And the second is like unto it: thou shalt love thy neighbour as  
thyself. On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets.

*All* **Lord have mercy upon us, and write both these thy laws in our hearts,  
we beseech thee.**

### Gloria - Hymn Book 679

MERBECKE

*Celebrant* Glory be to God on high,

*All* **and in earth peace, good will towards all. We praise thee, we bless thee, we  
worship thee, we glorify thee, we give thanks to thee for thy great glory, O  
Lord God, heavenly King, God the Father Almighty. O Lord, the only-  
begotten Son, Jesu Christ; O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,  
that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us. Thou that takest  
away the sin of the world, receive our prayer. Thou that sittest at the right  
hand of God the Father, have mercy upon us. For thou only art holy; thou  
only art the Lord; thou only, O Christ, with the Holy Ghost, art most high  
in the glory of God the Father. Amen.**

## Collect of the Day

*Celebrant* O GOD, who on the holy mount didst reveal to chosen witnesses thy well-beloved Son wonderfully transfigured: Mercifully grant unto us such a vision of his divine majesty, that we, being purified and strengthened by thy grace, may be transformed into his likeness from glory to glory; through the same thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.** *Collect for the Transfiguration*

## The Liturgy of the Word

**First Reading** Exodus 34.29-35

Read by Regi Khokher

*Reader* A reading from the Book of Exodus.

Moses came down from Mount Sinai. As he came down from the mountain with the two tablets of the covenant in his hand, Moses did not know that the skin of his face shone because he had been talking with God. When Aaron and all the Israelites saw Moses, the skin of his face was shining, and they were afraid to come near him. But Moses called to them; and Aaron and all the leaders of the congregation returned to him, and Moses spoke with them. Afterwards all the Israelites came near, and he gave them in commandment all that the Lord had spoken with him on Mount Sinai. When Moses had finished speaking with them, he put a veil on his face; but whenever Moses went in before the Lord to speak with him, he would take the veil off, until he came out; and when he came out, and told the Israelites what he had been commanded, the Israelites would see the face of Moses, that the skin of his face was shining; and Moses would put the veil on his face again, until he went in to speak with him.

*Reader* The word of the Lord.

*All* **Thanks be to God.**

## Psalm 99

E. J. Hopkins  
(1818-1901)



1. The LORD is King \* let the / peoples / tremble;  
God sitteth upon the cherubim \* / let the / earth be / moved.
2. The LORD is / great in / Sion;  
and / high a-bove / all the / peoples.
3. Let them give thanks un-/to thy / Name;  
which is great and / wonderful . for / God is / holy.
4. The King's power loveth judgement \* thou dost es-/tablish / equity:  
thou dost execute judgement and / righteous-/ness in / Jacob.
5. O magnify the / LORD our / God;  
and fall down before God's / footstool . for / he is / holy.
6. Moses and Aaron among God's priests \*  
and Samuel among such as call up-/on God's / Name:  
these called upon the / LORD, / and he / heard them.
7. God spake unto them out of the / cloudy / pillar;  
for they kept God's testimonies / and the / law that . he / gave them.
8. Thou heardest them, O / LORD our / God;  
thou forgavest them, O God, though thou didst / punish / their / doings.
9. O magnify the LORD our God \* and worship at his / holy / hill;  
for the / LORD our / God is / holy.

## Epistle 2 Corinthians 3.12-4.2

Read by Peggy Needham

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

Since, then, we have such a hope, we act with great boldness, not like Moses, who put a veil over his face to keep the people of Israel from gazing at the end of the glory that was being set aside. But their minds were hardened. Indeed, to this very day, when they hear the reading of the old covenant, that same veil is still there, since only in Christ is it set aside. Indeed, to this very day whenever Moses is read, a veil lies over their minds; but when one turns to the Lord, the veil is removed. Now the Lord is the Spirit, and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom. And all of us, with unveiled faces, seeing the glory of the Lord as though reflected in a mirror, are being transformed into the same

image from one degree of glory to another; for this comes from the Lord, the Spirit. Therefore, since it is by God's mercy that we are engaged in this ministry, we do not lose heart. We have renounced the shameful things that one hides; we refuse to practise cunning or to falsify God's word; but by the open statement of the truth we commend ourselves to the conscience of everyone in the sight of God.

*Reader* The word of the Lord.

*All* **Thanks be to God.**

**Gradual Hymn 167** *'Tis Good Lord to be Here (vv.1 – 3)*

CARLISLE

**The Holy Gospel** St. Luke 9.28-43

*Gospeller* The Lord be with you.

*All* **And with thy spirit.**

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

*All* **Glory be to thee, O Lord.**

Now about eight days after these sayings Jesus took with him Peter and John and James, and went up on the mountain to pray. And while he was praying, the appearance of his face changed, and his clothes became dazzling white. Suddenly they saw two men, Moses and Elijah, talking to him. They appeared in glory and were speaking of his departure, which he was about to accomplish at Jerusalem. Now Peter and his companions were weighed down with sleep; but since they had stayed awake, they saw his glory and the two men who stood with him. Just as they were leaving him, Peter said to Jesus, 'Master, it is good for us to be here; let us make three dwellings, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah'—not knowing what he said. While he was saying this, a cloud came and overshadowed them; and they were terrified as they entered the cloud. Then from the cloud came a voice that said, 'This is my Son, my Chosen; listen to him!' When the voice had spoken, Jesus was found alone. And they kept silent and in those days told no one any of the things they had seen. On the next day, when they had come down from the mountain, a great crowd met him. Just then a man from the crowd shouted, 'Teacher, I beg you to look at my son; he is my only child. Suddenly a spirit seizes him, and all at once he shrieks. It throws him into convulsions until he foams at the mouth; it mauls him and will scarcely leave him. I begged your disciples to cast it out, but they could not.' Jesus answered, 'You faithless and perverse generation, how much longer must I be with you and bear with you? Bring your son here.' While he was coming, the demon dashed him to the ground in convulsions. But Jesus rebuked the unclean spirit, healed the boy, and gave him back to his father. And all were astounded at the greatness of God.

*Gospeller* The Gospel of Christ.

*All* **Praise be to thee, O Christ.**

## Homily

**Nicene Creed** *Please stand.*

*Celebrant* I believe in one God,

*All* **the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth, and of all things visible and invisible; And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of the Father before all worlds, God, of God; Light, of Light; very God, of very God; begotten, not made; being of one substance with the Father; through whom all things were made: who for us and for our salvation came down from heaven, and was incarnate by the Holy Ghost of the Virgin Mary, and was made man, and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried, and the third day he rose again according to the scriptures, and ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of the Father. And he shall come again with glory to judge both the quick and the dead: whose kingdom shall have no end. And I believe in the Holy Ghost, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceedeth from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshipped and glorified, who spake by the prophets. And I believe one, holy, catholic, and apostolic Church. I acknowledge one baptism for the remission of sins. And I look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

**Prayers of the People** *Please kneel, sit or stand as comfortable.*

Led by Ian Corlett

## Confession and Absolution

*The Celebrant invites the congregation to join in the General Confession.*

*Silence is kept. Please kneel or be seated.*

*Celebrant* Almighty God,

*All* **Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, maker of all things and judge of all people: we acknowledge and confess our manifold sins and wickedness, which we from time to time most grievously have committed, by thought, word and deed, against thy divine majesty. We do earnestly repent, and are heartily sorry for these our misdoings. Have mercy upon us, most merciful Father; for thy Son our Lord Jesus Christ's sake, forgive us all that is past; and grant that we may ever hereafter serve and please thee in newness of life, to the honour and glory of thy name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

*Celebrant* Almighty God, our heavenly Father, who of his great mercy hath promised forgiveness of sins to all them that with hearty repentance and true faith turn unto him: have mercy upon you; pardon and deliver you from all your sins; confirm

and strengthen you in all goodness; and bring you to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

### **Offertory Sentence**

*Celebrant* Let your light so shine before others, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven. *St Matthew 5.16.*

## **The Celebration of the Eucharist**

**Offertory Hymn 533** *Jesu Lover of My Soul*

ABERYSTWYTH

### **Prayer over the Gifts**

*Celebrant* Blessed be thou, Lord God of Israel, for ever and ever. All that is in the heaven and in the earth is thine. All things come of thee, and of thine own have we given thee. *1 Chronicles 29. 10, 11, 14.*

**The Great Thanksgiving** – Hymn Book #682ff

MERBECKE

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.

*All* **And with thy spirit.**

*Celebrant* Lift up your hearts.

*All* **We lift them up unto the Lord.**

*Celebrant* Let us give thanks unto our Lord God.

*All* **It is meet and right so to do.**

*Celebrant,* It is very meet, right, and our bounden duty, that we should at all times, and in all places, give thanks unto thee, O Lord, holy Father, almighty, everlasting God, creator and preserver of all things. *The proper preface follows. Then all sing:*

*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.** *All kneel or sit.*

*Celebrant* Blessing and glory and thanksgiving be unto thee, almighty God, our heavenly Father, who of thy tender mercy didst give thine only Son Jesus Christ to take our nature upon him, and to suffer death upon the cross for our redemption; who 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 did institute, and in his holy Gospel command us to continue, a perpetual memorial of that his precious death, until his coming again. Hear us, O merciful Father, we most humbly beseech thee; and grant that we receiving these thy creatures of bread and wine, according to thy Son our Saviour Jesus Christ's holy institution,

in remembrance of his death and passion, may be partakers of his most blessed body and blood; who, in the same night that he was betrayed, took bread; and, when he had given thanks, he brake 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 he took the cup; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, saying, "Drink ye all, of this; for this is my blood of the new covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the remission of sins: Do this, as oft as ye shall drink it, in remembrance of me." Wherefore, O Father, Lord of heaven and earth, we thy humble servants, with all thy holy Church, remembering the precious death of thy beloved Son, his mighty resurrection, and glorious ascension, and looking for his coming again in glory, do make before thee, in this sacrament of the holy bread of eternal life and the cup of everlasting salvation, the memorial which he hath commanded: And we entirely desire thy fatherly goodness mercifully to accept this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving, most humbly beseeching thee to grant, that by the merits and death of thy Son Jesus Christ, and through faith in his blood, we and all thy whole Church may obtain remission of our sins, and all other benefits of his passion; and we pray that by the power of thy Holy Spirit, all we who are partakers of this holy communion may be fulfilled with thy grace and heavenly benediction; through Jesus Christ our Lord, by whom and with whom, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honour and glory be unto thee, O Father Almighty, world without end. **Amen.**

**Lord's Prayer** – Hymn Book 684 *sung by all*

*Celebrant* And now as our Saviour Christ has commanded and taught us, we are bold to pray: 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.  
For thine is the kingdom, The power, and the glory,  
For ever and ever. Amen.**

*Celebrant* The peace of the Lord be always with you.

*All* **And with thy spirit.**

*Celebrant* We do not presume

*All* **to come to this thy Table, O merciful Lord, Trusting in our own  
righteousness, But in thy manifold and great mercies. We are not worthy  
So much as to gather up the crumbs under thy Table. But thou art the**

**same Lord, Whose property is always to have mercy: Grant us therefore, gracious Lord, So to eat the Flesh of thy 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.**

*Celebrant* The gifts of God for the People of God.

*All* **Thanks be to God.**

**Agnus Dei** - Hymn Book 685

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

## **Holy Communion**

- Holy Communion will be administered at both the High Altar and at the St Peter's Altar (standing). If you are communicating at the High Altar, please return to your pew through the side Sacristy door.
- Communion is administered in both kinds, bread and wine. Please do not intinct (dip the wafer in the wine). The fullness of the sacrament is present in the bread only. If you are not receiving the chalice, you may touch the base while the words of administration are spoken.
- If you would like only a blessing, please cross your arms over your chest to indicate this to the priest.

## **During Communion**

**Hymn 64** *Author of Life Divine*

RHOSYMEDRE

**Motet** *O Nata Lux*

THOMAS TALLIS

## **Thanksgiving after Communion**

*Celebrant* Holy God, whose glory is revealed 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.**

*All* **Almighty God, we thank thee for feeding us with the body and blood of thy Son, Jesus Christ. Through him we offer unto thee ourselves our souls and bodies to be a living sacrifice. Send us out in the power of the Spirit to live and work for thy praise and glory. Amen.**

## Blessing & Announcements

**Recessional Hymn 345** *King of Glory, King of Peace*

GWALCHMAI

### Dismissal

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

*All* **Thanks be to God.**

**Postlude** *Processional*

WILLIAM MATHIAS

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### In Our Prayers This Week

Anglican Communion: The Anglican Church of Burundi.

Diocese Cycle of Prayer: Our Diocesan Bishop, the Right Reverend Andrew Asbil

Outreach and Advocacy Cycle of Prayer: The *Mission to Seafarers*, and its ministry of pastoral and practical care to seafarers from around the world. The *Church of the Nativity, Malvern*, its afterschool, summer camp and youth programs, Seniors' Community Lunch, and support for the local Indigenous community, Malvern Coalition and TAIBU Community Health Centre; The *Church of Our Saviour, Don Mills*, its ongoing support of the Flemingdon Park Ministry and partnership with the Common Table Farm, support, the Haven Toronto men's drop-in centre, Sistering Women's Services, its clothing drive for New Circles community services, and other local, national, and international outreach.

Parish Cycle: Vanessa Scott, Glenna Simms-Bonk, Isaac Bonk, Kevin Sinclair.

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

**Coffee Hour** |All are invited to join us for coffee hour which is in the Parish Hall immediately after the 10.30 am service.

### Hymn Notes: *King of Glory, King of Peace* (CP # 345)

George Herbert (1593-1633) was born at Montgomery Castle. After graduation from Trinity College, Cambridge, he served as the public orator of the university (1619-27). James I called him “the jewel of the university.” Ordained in 1626, Herbert served as a parish priest until his death from consumption. His most famous work is *The Temple* (published posthumously in 1633). It is a three-part work which denotes his relationship with God. Herbert asked that this work be published only if it would be of benefit to others. Herbert described his poems as “a picture of spiritual conflicts that have passed betwixt God and my soul.” His poems are meditative rather than hymnic in character and

were not intended for public worship. Quaint language and peculiar meter have made their adoption as hymns difficult. The Wesley's included more than 40 of his poems (much altered) in their 1739 hymnal and some poems (altered and revised) were included in the Leeds Hymn Book (1853). Ralph Vaughan Williams' *Five Mystical Songs* (1906-11) is a setting of four of Herbert's poems.

*Submitted by Diane Way*

## **PARISH DISCOVERY DAY**

**Saturday, March 29, 2025**

**9.00 am to 3.00 pm**

*We ask that you kindly register to attend so that we can plan catering. To register please contact Jessy in the Church Office by March 20<sup>th</sup> by e-mail: [office@stpeterstsimon.ca](mailto:office@stpeterstsimon.ca) or phone: 416.923.8714 ext.3.*

*A registration sheet is also posted in the lobby.*

A special SPSS Parish "*Discovery Day*" will take place on March 29<sup>th</sup> from 9 am to 3 pm. The day will be a time of prayer, listening, conversation and fellowship as we reflect on our past and look ahead to the future.

This process will help us develop a clear articulation of our parish priorities so that each of us, and all our guilds, groups and ministries will grow spiritually and work together in fulfilling the unique ministry we share at our beloved parish.

Our *Discovery Day* is being facilitated by Deb Whalen, Congregational Development Specialist at the Anglican Diocese of Toronto. Our parish Steering Committee members are Regi Khokher, Jane Rajantie, Ted Robinson, Abraham Thomas, Geoffrey Sangwine, Gary Toneguzzo and Stephanie Woodside. Please speak with one of the committee members if you have any questions.

The day is shaping up to be a wonderful occasion for us to come together to focus on the God of Mission whose Church is called to proclaim God's love, mercy and grace. There are so many opportunities for our parish to grow our mission and ministry. Please plan to join us and be part of this important conversation.

Lunch and refreshments throughout the day will be provided (*please advise us of any dietary restrictions*).

"The Lord is near to all who call on him,  
to all who call on him in truth".

*Psalms 145.18*



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**Church Office Hours**

**Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday 9:30 am to 5:30 pm.**

### SERVICES

#### Sundays

9.00am

Weekly Holy Eucharist (BCP) - In the Chapel of Holy Spirit)

10.30 am

1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Sundays Choral Eucharist – Traditional BCP Rite

2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday

Choral Matins (unless announced)

4<sup>th</sup> Sunday

Choral Eucharist – Contemporary BAS Rite

5<sup>th</sup> Sunday & Evensong

As Announced

#### Wednesdays

11.00 am

Weekly Eucharist – Contemporary BAS Rite

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*