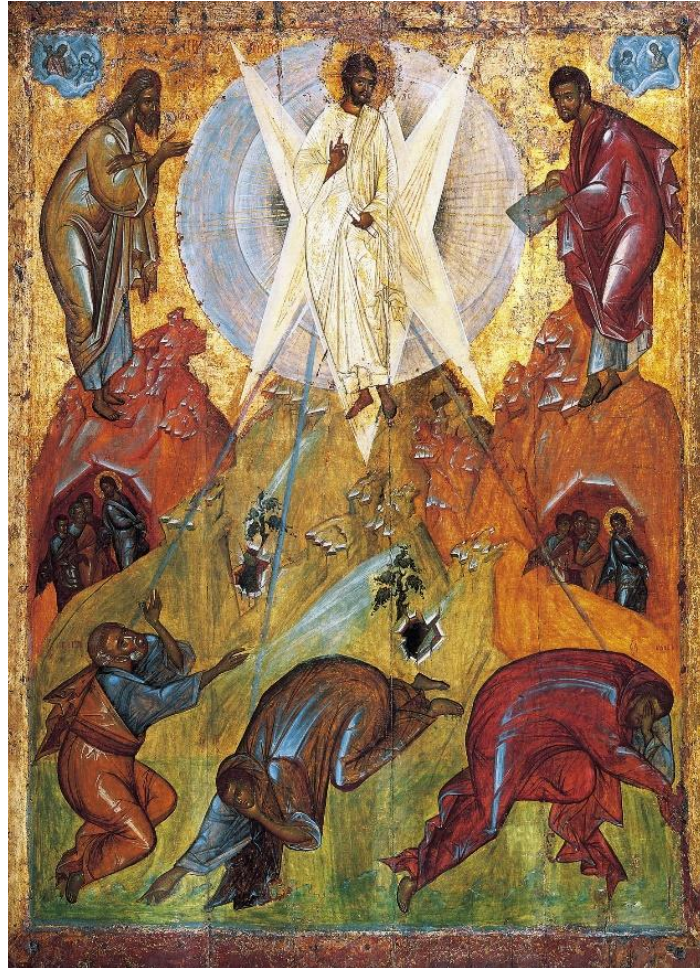


**The Transfiguration of Our Lord
Sunday, August 7, 2022**

Sung Mass at 9:30 am



The Transfiguration, Icon by Theophanes the Greek, c. 1405
Tretyakov Gallery, Moscow

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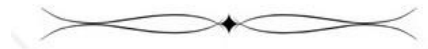
On behalf of everyone who claims St. Thomas's as their spiritual home, we are happy you are with us, whether in person or via our livestream. If you are a visitor or newcomer, or even a longtime parishioner, but find it awkward or difficult to stand or kneel at the places indicated, remaining seated is perfectly acceptable. Please assume the posture most conducive to prayer throughout this service, or simply observe.

St. Thomas's has many peculiar ways that we cherish and are happy to share. If there seems to be no rhyme or reason for something, there might not be! But feel free to ask anyone after the service; it usually makes for entertaining conversation.

You are not obliged to engage any of us in conversation, though you should know that pretty much everyone here is happy to do so when we gather. You can always slip away without any judgement. We seem to have a lot of introverts here, so we understand the energy it takes to put yourself out there. Even if you're a raging extrovert, the experience of church can be disorienting. Relax and be yourself. Believe it or not, whether from near or far, God has led you here today. We want to honour what God is up to in your life, and we are here for you as you (re-) discover the joy and the challenge of the saving Gospel of Jesus Christ.

Fr. Nathan Humphrey, Rector

Low gluten communion hosts are available upon request. Please inform the greeters prior to the start of the service if you require one. When you approach for communion indicate to the priest that you require a low gluten host.



The Altar flowers are given to the honour and glory of Almighty God:

Those at the High Altar are in loving memory of Teresa Tiew-Mei Nee, by the Nee Family.

Celebrant & Homilist: Fr. Bartley
Reader: Hugh Anson-Cartwright
Organist: Elizabeth Anderson

GREEN STAGE PROVISOS FOR IN-PERSON ATTENDANCE

The Diocese of Toronto has now entered the Green Stage, leaving all policies to the parishes. Masks, preferably N95 or KN95, are encouraged. Please join in heartily in our congregational singing, following suit with the choir in their masking practices.

Though distancing is no longer a requirement, please inquire of your nearest neighbours to ensure that all are comfortable and accommodated.

MUSIC OF THE MASS

Community Mass, *Richard Proulx*

PRELUDE: 'All Glory be to God on High', *Georg Böhm*

GREETING

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

And also with you.

COLLECT FOR PURITY

Almighty God, **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.**

The choir and people sing:

GLORIA IN EXCELSIS DEO

Community Mass, Richard Proulx

Organ



f Congregation



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

p



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



pray'r,_____ re - ceive,_____ re - ceive_ our pray'r.

organ *f* All



For you a-lone are the Ho-ly One, you a- lone_____ are the



Lord, you a - lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ with the Ho - ly



Spi - rit in the glo-ry of God the Fa-ther. A -



men. A - men._____

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Let us pray.

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.**

FIRST READING: Daniel 7.9-14

A reading from the book of Daniel.

As I watched, thrones were set in place, and an Ancient One took his throne; his clothing was white as snow, and the hair of his head like pure wool; his throne was fiery flames, and its wheels were burning fire. A stream of fire issued and flowed out from his presence. A thousand thousand served him, and ten thousand times ten thousand stood attending him. The court sat in judgement, and the books were opened. I watched then because of the noise of the arrogant words that the horn was speaking. And as I watched, the beast was put to death, and its body destroyed and given over to be burned with fire. As for the rest of the beasts, their dominion was taken away, but their lives were prolonged for a season and a time. As I watched in the night visions, I saw one like a human being coming with the clouds of heaven. And he came to the Ancient One and was presented before him. To him was given dominion and glory and kingship, that all peoples, nations, and languages should serve him. His dominion is an everlasting dominion that shall not pass away, and his kingship is one that shall never be destroyed.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

The Choir and People sing the response:

RESPONSORIAL PSALM 99



Response: **The Lord our God is the Holy one.**

The Lord is king; let the people tremble; he is enthroned upon the Cherubim; let the earth shake. The Lord is great in Zion; he is high above all peoples. **R/.**

Let them confess his name, which is great and awesome; he is the Holy One.

“O mighty King, lover of justice, you have established equity; you have executed justice and righteousness in Jacob.” Proclaim the greatness of the Lord our God and fall down before his footstool; he is the Holy One. **R/.**

Moses and Aaron among his priests, and Samuel among those who call upon his name, they called upon the Lord, and he answered them. He spoke to them out of the pillar of cloud; they kept his testimonies and the decree that he gave them. **R/.**

“O Lord our God, you answered them indeed; you were a God who forgave them, yet punished them for their evil deeds.” Proclaim the greatness of the Lord our God and worship him upon his holy hill; for the Lord our God is the Holy One. **R/.**

SECOND READING: 2 Peter 1.16-19

A reading from second Epistle of St Peter.

For we did not follow cleverly devised myths when we made known to you the power and coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, but we had been eyewitnesses of his majesty. For he received honour and glory from God the Father when that voice was conveyed to him by the Majestic Glory, saying, 'This is my Son, my Beloved, with whom I am well pleased.' We ourselves heard this voice come from heaven, while we were with him on the holy mountain.

So we have the prophetic message more fully confirmed. You will do well to be attentive to this as to a lamp shining in a dark place, until the day dawns and the morning star rises in your hearts.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Please stand. The choir will sing the first three Alleluias, followed by the people; a cantor will sing the verse and then all sing the final three Alleluias.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, Alleluia. Alleluia. This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased; listen to him.
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.

THE HOLY GOSPEL: Luke 9.28-36

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Saint Luke.

Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

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.

The Gospel of Christ.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

The People sit.

SERMON

After the Sermon, the People remain seated for a period of silent reflection, standing when the Celebrant stands.

THE NICENE CREED

Let us confess our faith, as we say,

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: *(Bow.)* by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary, and was made man. *(Rise.)*

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.

The People remain standing.

INTERCESSIONS

Celebrant: Dear friends in Christ, let us pray for the church and for the world.

Intercessor: I ask your prayers for the church universal throughout the world; for Andrew our bishop, for _____ according to the Anglican cycle of prayer, for _____ according to the Diocesan prayer cycle, and for all who serve and minister to God's people. *(Silence.)*

Lord, in your mercy
Hear our prayer.

I ask your prayers for the Queen and for all in authority in our country, province, and city. May God guide us in the ways of justice and peace; that we may honour one another and serve the common good. *(Silence.)*

Lord, in your mercy
Hear our prayer.

I ask your prayers for God's blessings upon all people, and we give thanks to God for the people, neighbours, and friends of this parish, and especially for all those present with us in person or via livestream; our newcomers and visitors this morning, both near and far; and for all other thanksgivings we now name, silently or aloud _____, We give thanks especially for _____. May God's abiding presence be with us always, that we may be a blessing to all people. *(Silence.)*

Lord, in your mercy
Hear our prayer.

I ask your prayers for all those in need, for the sick_____, and all those suffering in mind, body, or estate due to the ongoing pandemic; for victims of warfare and violence; for elders in isolation, for prisoners, for refugees and migrants, for the oppressed, for those who mourn, and for all others for whom our prayers are asked_____. May God grant that they will be comforted by the ever-present love of our Lord. *(Silence.)*

Lord, in your mercy
Hear our prayer.

I ask your prayers for the souls of the departed, especially_____ who have died in recent days, and on their year's mind for_____, that they may share with the Blessed Virgin Mary, Blessed Thomas, and all the saints in God's eternal kingdom. May God grant that their souls, and the souls of all the faithful departed, may rest in peace and rise in glory. *(Silence.)*

Lord, in your mercy
Hear our prayer.

Celebrant: You revealed your glory and presence in your beloved Son, Jesus the Christ. In receiving our prayers, reveal the glory and presence of your Spirit alive in the world today, free us from all doubts and empower us to act as a transfigured people. All this we pray through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

INVITATION, CONFESSION, & ABSOLUTION

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.

The People bow or kneel. Silence is kept.

Most merciful God, **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.

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. **Amen.**

THE PEACE

All standing, the Celebrant bids the Peace.

The peace of the Lord be always with you.
And also with you.

The People remain standing for the hymn during the Offertory.

OFFERTORY HYMN – `Tis good, Lord, to be here!

- 1 `Tis good, Lord, to be here!
Thy glory fills the night;
Thy face and garments, like the sun,
Shine with unborrowed light.
- 2 `Tis good, Lord, to be here,
Thy beauty to behold,
Where Moses and Elijah stand,
Your messengers of old.
- 3 Fulfiller of the past!
Promise of things to be!
We hail thy body glorified,
And our redemption see.
- 4 Before we taste of death,
We see thy kingdom come;
We long to hold the vision bright,
And make this hill our home.
- 5 `Tis good, Lord, to be here!
Yet we may not remain;
But since thou bidst us leave the mount,
Come with us to the plain.

PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS

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.**

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

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.

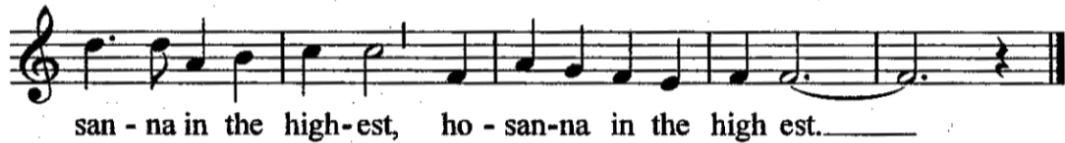
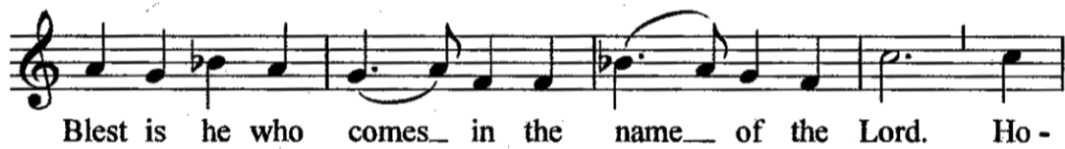
Blessed are you, gracious God, creator of heaven and earth, because in the mystery of the Word made flesh you have caused a new light to shine in our hearts, to give knowledge of salvation in the face of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. Now with angels and archangels and the whole company of heaven, we lift our voices to proclaim the glory of your name.

The People and Choir sing,

SANCTUS & BENEDICTUS

Organ *mf* *Congregation*

Ho-ly, ho-ly, ho-ly Lord, God of power and
might. Heav'n and earth are full of your glo-ry. Ho-
san-na in the high-est, ho-san-na in the high-est.



The People remain standing.

We give thanks to you, Lord our God, for the goodness and love you have made known to us in creation; in calling Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Saviour and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, a death he freely accepted, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, 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."

Therefore, Father, according to his command:

**We remember his death,
we proclaim his resurrection,
we await his coming in glory.**

and we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine. We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts, that they may be the sacrament of the body of Christ and his blood of the new covenant.

Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we, made acceptable in him, may be sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, reconcile all things in Christ, and make them new, and bring us to that city of light where you dwell with all your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation; by whom, and with whom, and in whom, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honour and glory are yours, almighty Father, now and for ever. **Amen.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER



Celebrant As our Sa-viour taught us, let us pray,

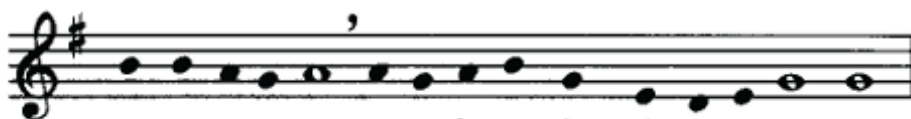
Music by McNeil Robinson



All Our Fa-ther in heav-en, hal-lowed be 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 a-against us.



Save us from the time of trial, and de-liv-er us from e - vil. For the king-dom,



the pow-er, and the glo-ry are yours, now and for ev - er. A - men.

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

We break this bread to share in the body of Christ.

We, being many, are one body, for we all share in the one bread.

HOLY COMMUNION

The gifts of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God.

The Choir alone sings,

AGNUS DEI



mp

Lamb of God, you take a-way the
sins of the world: have mer - cy on us.
Lamb of God, you take a-way the sins of the world:
grant us _____ peace.

COMMUNION INSTRUCTIONS

All baptized Christians are warmly invited to receive Communion as directed by the Sidespeople. Please receive the host (bread) on the right palm of the hand (supported underneath by the left palm). To receive the cup, gently guide with your hand the base of the chalice. Please refrain from intinction (dipping the host into the cup), as diocesan policy does not allow us to do so.

If you have not been baptized or are not receiving communion, please cross your arms over your chest in the shape of an X to receive a blessing. If you are not receiving from the cup, please pause to reverence it with a bow before returning to your pew.

If you wish to inquire about baptism for yourself or your child, we would love to speak with you!

MOTET

'O nata lux de lumine,' Thomas Tallis

O Light of light, by love inclined, Jesu, redeemer of mankind, With loving-kindness deign to hear From suppliant voices praise and prayer. Thou who to raise our souls from hell Didst deign in fleshly form to dwell, Vouchsafe us, when our race is run, In thy fair Body to be one.

(Office Hymn for Lauds on the Feast of the Transfiguration)

COMMUNION DEVOTIONS

An Act of Spiritual Communion, which may be prayed silently by those not receiving:

My Jesus, I believe that you are truly present in the Holy Sacrament. And since I cannot now receive you sacramentally, I humbly ask you to come spiritually into my heart. I unite myself to you, and embrace you with all the affections of my soul. Let me never be separated from you. Let me live and die in your love. Amen.

ANIMA CHRISTI

The following devotion may be prayed silently by communicants and non-communicants.

Soul of Christ, sanctify me.
Body of Christ, save me.
Blood of Christ, inebriate me.
Water from the side of Christ, wash me.
Passion of Christ, strengthen me.
O good Jesu, hear me.
Within thy wounds hide me.
Suffer me not to be separated from thee.
From the malicious enemy defend me.
In the hour of my death call me.
And bid me come to thee,
That with thy saints I may praise thee,
For ever and ever. Amen.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Let us pray.
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.**

BLESSING

The peace of God which passes all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord; and the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

DISMISSAL

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

CONCLUDING HYMN - From glory to glory advancing

- 1 From glory to glory advancing,
We praise thee, O Lord;
Thy name with the Father and Spirit
Be ever adored.
From strength unto strength
We go forward on Sion's highway,
To appear before God
In the city of infinite day.

- 2 Thanksgiving and glory
And worship and blessing and love,
One heart and one song
Have the saints upon earth and above.
O Lord, evermore to thy servants
Thy presence be nigh.
Ever fit us by service on earth
For thy service on high.

SHEEN
Gustav Holst (1874-1934)

Liturgy of St James
Tr. Charles Humphreys (1840-1921)

POSTLUDE: Hymne au Soleil, Louis Vierne

The People may be seated for the Postlude. Please maintain an atmosphere of reverent silence in the church during and after the Postlude.