



Transfiguration Sunday

February 14, 2021 - 10am

The Gathering of the Community

OPENING SONG

Dust We Are And Shall Return

From dust we've come
And dust we are
And shall return
Be still my soul
And let it go
Just let it go

Refrain

Glory to God
Glory to God
In the highest (x2)

Naked we came

And shall return
Into the grave
Be still my soul
And let it go
Just let it go *Refrain*

Be still my soul
Lord make me whole
Lord make me whole
(x3)

Glory to God (x4)

GATHERING

GATHERING HYMN

We'll Sing in the Morning, CP 37

We'll sing in the morning a
song of creation,
Of your breath that stirs up
the waters to birth;
And here at the fount of
Christ's mercy we join you,
Coheirs of heaven and
stewards of your gracious earth.

We'll sing in the noontime a
song of redemption;
How Naaman was cleansed
in the flow of your grace;

How when we were sick,
in our sin you released us
To laugh in health and
dance in love before your face.

We'll sing in the evening
a song of your pastures,
Of rivers that gladden the city of God;
And when we arrive on
the bank of our Jordan,
You'll help us through its cold
by fords your saints have trod

COLLECT

Almighty God, whose Son fasted forty days in the wilderness, and was tempted as we are but did not sin, give us grace to discipline ourselves in submission to your Spirit, that as you know our weakness, so we may know your power to save; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

The Proclamation of the Word of God

THE FIRST READING

Genesis 9: 8-17

Then God said to Noah and to his sons with him: 'I now establish my covenant with you and with your descendants after you and with every living creature that was with you – the birds, the livestock and all the wild animals, all those that came out of the ark with you – every living creature on earth. I establish my covenant with you: never again will all life be destroyed by the waters of a flood; never again will there be a flood to destroy the earth.' And God said, 'This is the sign of the covenant I am making between me and you and every living creature with you, a covenant for all generations to come: I have set my rainbow in the clouds, and it will be the sign of the covenant between me and the earth. Whenever I bring clouds over the earth and the rainbow appears in the clouds, I will remember my covenant between me and you and all living creatures of every kind. Never again will the waters become a flood to destroy all life. Whenever the rainbow appears in the clouds, I will see it and remember the everlasting covenant between God and all living creatures of every kind on the earth.' So God said to Noah, 'This is the sign of the covenant I have established between me and all life on the earth.'

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

THE PSALM

Psalm 25: 1-9

1 In you, Lord my God,

I put my trust.

2 I trust in you;

do not let me be put to shame,

nor let my enemies triumph over me.

- 3 No one who hopes in you
will ever be put to shame,
but shame will come on those
who are treacherous without cause.
- 4 Show me your ways, Lord,
teach me your paths.
- 5 Guide me in your truth and teach me,
for you are God my Saviour,
and my hope is in you all day long.
- 6 Remember, Lord, your great mercy and love,
for they are from of old.
- 7 Do not remember the sins of my youth
and my rebellious ways;
according to your love remember me,
for you, Lord, are good.
- 8 Good and upright is the Lord;
therefore he instructs sinners in his ways.
- 9 He guides the humble in what is right
and teaches them his way.

Together we pray...

God of compassion and love, forgive our sins, relieve our misery, satisfy our longing, and fulfil all our hopes for peace; through your Son Jesus Christ our Redeemer. Amen.

THE SECOND READING

1 Peter 3: 18-22

For Christ also suffered once for sins, the righteous for the unrighteous, to bring you to God. He was put to death in the body but made alive in the Spirit. After being made alive, he went and made proclamation to the imprisoned spirits – to those who were disobedient long ago when God waited patiently in the days of Noah while the ark was being built. In it only a few people, eight in all, were saved through water, and this water symbolises baptism that now saves you also – not the removal of dirt from the body but the pledge of a clear conscience towards God. It saves you by the resurrection of Jesus Christ, who has gone into heaven and is at God's right hand – with angels, authorities and powers in submission to him.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

GRADUAL HYMN

Living Hope

How great the chasm that lay between us
How high the mountain I could not climb
In desperation I turned to heaven
And spoke Your name into the night
Then through the darkness Your loving-kindness
Tore through the shadows of my soul
The work is finished the end is written
Jesus Christ my living hope

Who could imagine so great a mercy
What heart could fathom such boundless grace
The God of ages stepped down from glory
To wear my sin and bear my shame
The cross has spoken I am forgiven
The King of kings calls me His own
Beautiful Savior I'm Yours forever
Jesus Christ my living hope

Refrain

Hallelujah praise the One who set me free
Hallelujah death has lost its grip on me
You have broken every chain
There's salvation in Your name
Jesus Christ my living hope

Then came the morning that sealed the promise
Your buried body began to breathe
Out of the silence the Roaring Lion
Declared the grave has no claim on me
Jesus Yours is the victory whoa

Refrain

THE HOLY GOSPEL

Mark 1:9-15

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

Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

At that time Jesus came from Nazareth in Galilee and was baptised by John in the Jordan. Just as Jesus was coming up out of the water, he saw heaven being torn open

and the Spirit descending on him like a dove. And a voice came from heaven: 'You are my Son, whom I love; with you I am well pleased.'

At once the Spirit sent him out into the wilderness, and he was in the wilderness for forty days, being tempted by Satan. He was with the wild animals, and angels attended him.

After John was put in prison, Jesus went into Galilee, proclaiming the good news of God. 'The time has come,' he said. 'The kingdom of God has come near. Repent and believe the good news!'

The Gospel of Christ.

Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.

CHILDREN'S TALK

Brit, Seth, & Eve

THE SERMON

Reverend Howard Thornton

THE APOSTLES CREED

**I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.
I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary.
He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried.
He descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again.
He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again to judge the living and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

With our God: **all things are possible.**

CONFESSION

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.

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

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

OFFERTORY HYMN

There Is A Redeemer

There is a Redeemer Jesus God's own Son
Precious Lamb of God Messiah Holy One

Jesus my Redeemer name above all names
Precious Lamb of God Messiah
O for sinners slain

Refrain

Thank You O my Father
For giving us Your Son
And leaving Your Spirit
Till the work on earth is done

When I stand in glory I will see His face
There I'll serve my King forever
In that holy place *Refrain*

THE EUCHARIST

God our refuge and our strength, receive all we offer you this day, and through the death and resurrection of your Son transform us to his likeness. We ask this in his name.

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.
We lift them to the Lord

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

... Therefore with angels and archangels, we raise our voices in joyful praise to proclaim the glory of your name.

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

... Awaiting his coming in glory, let us pray with confidence as our Saviour has taught us;

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.

We break the bread of life, and that life is the light of the world.
God here among us, light in the midst of us, bring us to light and life.

The gifts of God for the People of God.
Thanks be to God.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Faithful God, in this holy bread you increase our faith and hope and love. Lead us in the path of Christ who is your Word of life. We ask this in his name.

Glory to God,

whose power, working in us, can do infinitely more than we can ask or imagine. Glory to God from generation to generation, in the Church and in Christ Jesus, for ever and ever. Amen.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

SENDING HYMN

As a Fire is Meant for Burning

As a fire is meant for burning with a bright and warming flame,
so the church is meant for mission, giving glory to God's name.
Not to preach our creeds or customs, but to build a bridge of care,
we join hands across the nations, finding neighbours everywhere.

We are learners, we are teachers, we are pilgrims on the way.
We are seekers, we are givers, we are vessels made of clay.
By our gentle, loving actions we would show that Christ is light.
In a humble, listening Spirit, we would live to God's delight.

As a green bud in the springtime is a sign of life renewed,
so may we be signs of oneness mid earth's peoples, many hued.
As a rainbow lights the heavens when a storm is past and gone,
may our lives reflect the radiance of God's new and glorious dawn.

THE DISMISSAL

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

Join us for our virtual Church ZOOM Coffee hour.