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**Welcome! We're so glad you're here.**



**“We, who are many, are one body, for we all share in the one bread”. 1 Corinthians 10:17**

***All are welcome to receive communion with us.***

- ❖ To receive the bread, hold your hands in front of you, palms up.
- ❖ To receive the wine from the cup, take the bottom of the cup and the base and guide it to your mouth. (Dipping bread into wine is not permitted for health reasons.)
- ❖ If you prefer to take only the bread, you may indicate this to the cup bearer by crossing your arms over your chest, or simply walking past them.
- ❖ If you prefer simply to receive a blessing, as you reach the priest with the bread, cross your arms over your chest. Return to your seat after receiving the blessing.
- ❖ The response to receiving bread, wine, or a blessing is “Amen.”

*(please note all hymn numbers are from Common Praise, the blue hymnal)*

**Prelude** *Allein Gott in der Höh sei Ehr*, BWV 662 (“All Glory Be to God on High”) J.S. Bach

**Welcome** To those in person and joining online

## The Gathering of the Community

*(please stand as you are able)*

**Opening Hymn** – We Have Come at Christ’s Own Bidding

HYFRYDOL

1. We have come at Christ’s own bidding  
to this high and holy place,  
where we wait with hope and longing  
for some token of God’s grace.  
Here we pray for new assurance  
that our faith is not in vain,  
searching like those first disciples  
for a sign both clear and plain.

2. Light breaks through our clouds and shadows;  
splendour bathes the flesh-joined Word;  
Moses and Elijah marvel  
as the heavenly voice is heard.  
Eyes and hearts behold with wonder  
how the law and prophets meet:  
Christ, with garments drenched in brightness,  
stands transfigured and complete.

3. Strengthened by this glimpse of glory,  
fearful lest our faith decline,  
we like Peter find it tempting  
to remain and build a shrine.  
But true worship gives us courage  
to proclaim what we profess,  
that our daily lives may prove us  
people of the God we bless.

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**Gathering** *(please remain standing)*

Presider 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.**

## Gloria – New Plainsong Mass

David Hurd

Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and peace to his people on earth. Lord God, heav-en - ly, King, Al-might-y, God and Fa - ther, we wor-ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry. 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 prayer. 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 Spir - it, in the glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men.

## The Collect of the Day

Presider Almighty God, who before the suffering of your only-begotten Son revealed his glory upon the holy mountain: grant that we, beholding by faith the light of his countenance, may be strengthened to bear our cross, and be changed 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.**

Presider Let us prepare ourselves for the Word of God  
as it comes to us in the reading of Holy Scripture.

All **Our hearts and minds are open.**

## The Proclamation of the Word

*(please be seated)*

### First Reading

Reader A reading from the Book of Exodus The Lord said to Moses, "Come up to me on the Then Moses went up on the mountain, and the cloud covered the mountain. The glory of the Lord settled on Mount Sinai, and the cloud covered it for six days; on the seventh day he called to Moses out of the cloud. Now the appearance of the glory of the Lord was like a devouring fire on the top of the mountain in the sight of the people of Israel. Moses entered the cloud, and went up on the mountain. Moses was on the mountain for forty days and forty nights.

*Exodus 24:12-18 (NRSVA)*

Reader Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.

All **Thanks be to God.**

### Psalm 99 - Based on Old 124th

*The refrain is first sung by the cantor, then repeated by all.*



Pro-claim the great-ness of the Lord our God, who is the Ho - ly One.

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

"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. **Refrain**

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. **Refrain**

"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. **Refrain**

## Second Reading

Reader A reading from the second letter of Peter, chapter one beginning at verse sixteen.

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,[a] 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. First of all you must understand this, that no prophecy of scripture is a matter of one's own interpretation, because no prophecy ever came by human will, but men and women moved by the Holy Spirit spoke from God.

*2 Peter 1: 16-21 NRSVA*

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**Gospel Acclamation** – Alleluia – CP #711

Gregory Murray

Cantor Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia

All **Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia**

Cantor This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased; listen to him. *Matthew 17.5*

All **Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia**

**The Gospel**

*(please stand as you are able)*

Gospeller The Lord be with you.

All **And also with you.**

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

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

Gospeller Six days later, Jesus took with him Peter and James and his brother John and led them up a high mountain, by themselves. And he was transfigured before them, and his face shone like the sun, and his clothes became dazzling white. Suddenly there appeared to them Moses and Elijah, talking with him. Then Peter said to Jesus, 'Lord, it is good for us to be here; if you wish, I will make three dwellings here, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah.' While he was still speaking, suddenly a bright cloud overshadowed them, and from the cloud a voice said, 'This is my Son, the Beloved; with him I am well pleased; listen to him!' When the disciples heard this, they fell to the ground and were overcome by fear. But Jesus came and touched them, saying, 'Get up and do not be afraid.' And when they looked up, they saw no one except Jesus himself alone. As they were coming down the mountain, Jesus ordered them, 'Tell no one about the vision until after the Son of Man has been raised from the dead.'

*Matthew 17: 1-9 (NRSVA)*

Gospeller The Gospel of Christ.

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

**Homily**

*(please stand as you are able)*

### **Alleluia, Song of Gladness**

*A hymn for the final Sunday before Lent bidding farewell to the Alleluia.*



Al - le - lu - ia, song of glad-ness, voice of joy that can - not die;

Al - le - lu - ia thou re-sound-est, true Je - ru - sa - lem and free;

Al - le - lu - ia though we cher - ish and would chant for ev - er - more

There - fore in our hymns we pray thee, grant us, bless - ed Trin - i - ty,



al - le - lu - ia is the an - them ev - er raised by choirs on high;

al - le - lu - ia, joy - ful mo - ther, all thy chil dren sing with thee;

al - le - lu - ia in our sing - ing, let us for a while give o'er,

at the last to keep thine Eas - ter with thy faith ful saints on high;



in the house of God a - bid - ing thus they sing e - ter - nal - ly.

but by Bab - y - lon's sad wa - ters mourn ing ex - iles now are we.

as our Sa - viour in his fast - ing plea sures of the world for - bore.

there to thee for ev - er sing - ing al le lu - ia joy - ful - ly.

## The Apostles' Creed

Presider Let us confess the faith of our baptism, as we say,  
**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.**

## Prayers of the People

*(please assume a position of prayer that is comfortable to you)*

## Confession and Absolution

Presider 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.

Presider 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.**

Presider 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

*(please remain standing)*

Presider The peace of the Lord be always with you.

All **And also with you.**

*The congregation is invited to remain standing for the offertory.*

## Offertory Hymn –We Are Marching in the Light of God

SIYAHAMBA

Soloist: We are marching in the light of God, we are marching in the light of God.

All:

We are marching in the light of God,  
we are marching in the light of God.  
We are marching,  
Oo we are marching in the light of God.

We are marching,  
O we are marching in the light of God.

## 2. We are singing in the light of God...

### 3. We are praying in the light of God...

*Text: Zulu traditional, tr. Anders Nyberg Music: South African traditional*

## Prayer over the Gifts

Presider God of compassion and forgiveness, receive our offering this day, and make us one with him who is our peace, Jesus Christ our Saviour. **Amen.**

## The Celebration of the Eucharist

## **Eucharistic Prayer 3**

*(please remain standing)*

Presider Blessed are you, gracious God, creator of heaven and earth; you have revealed your eternal plan of salvation, and have shown your Son Jesus Christ to be the light of all peoples. Therefore with angels and archangels we raise our voices in joyful praise to proclaim the glory of your name.

## **Sanctus & Benedictus – New Plainsong Mass**

David Hurd

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might,

heaven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho-san-na in the high - est.

Bless-ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san-na in the high - est.

Presider 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,

All **we remember his death,  
we proclaim his resurrection,  
we await his coming in glory;**

Presider 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 children; 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 – CP #684

John Merbecke

Presider As our Saviour taught us, let us pray:



Our Fa-ther, who art in heav-en, hal-low-ed be thy name, thy king-dom come,  
thy will be done, on earth as it is in heav-en. Give us this day our dai-ly bread.  
And for-give us our tres-pass-es, as we for-give them that tres-pass a-against us.  
And lead us not in-to temp-ta-tion, but de-liv-er us from e-vil. For thine is the king-dom,  
the pow-er, and the glo-ry, for - ev - er and ev - er. A - men.

## Breaking of the Bread

Presider We break the bread of life, and that life is the light of the world.

**All** **God here among us, light in the midst of us, bring us to light and life.**

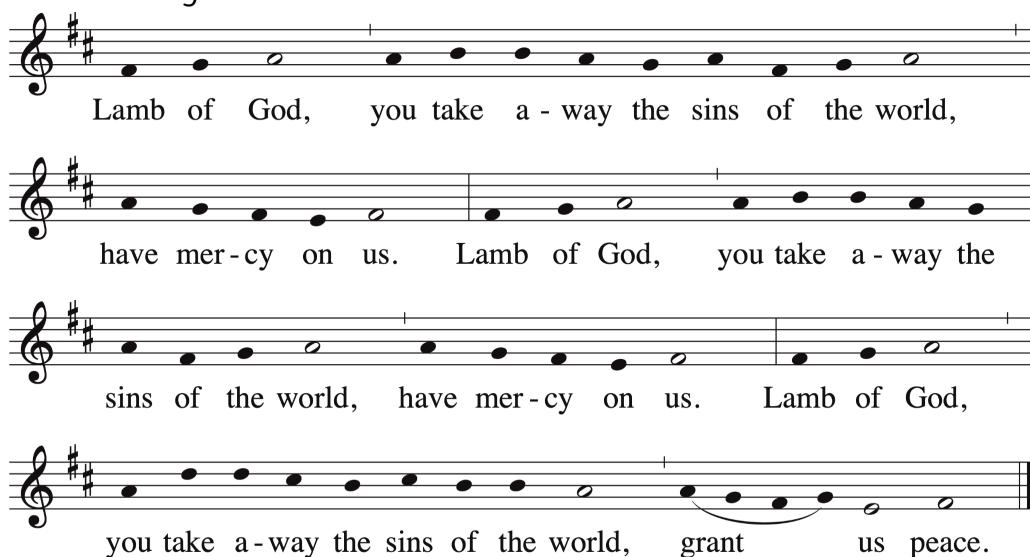
Presider The gifts of God, for the people of God.

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

*(please be seated)*

David Hurd

## Agnus Dei – New Plainsong Mass



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

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## Choral Anthem – Prayer for Transfiguration Day

John Weaver

O God, in the glorious transfiguration of Christ, your Son, you have confirmed the mystery of the faith by the testimony of the apostles. In the voice that came from the bright cloud you proclaimed him to be your Son and told us to heed his teachings. O God, make us heirs with Christ, in his glory forevermore, alleluia. **Amen.**

Text: Traditional collect, adapt. John Weaver Music: John Weaver

## Communion Hymn – O Light of Life

JESU DULCIS

1 O Light of Light, Love giv en birth;  
2 Two pro phets, who seek faith to see,  
3 May all who seek praise a right  
Je sus, Re deem er of the earth:  
with your lect lives found com pa ny;  
through pur er show forth your light.  
more bright than day your face did show,  
the heavens a bove your glo ry named,  
To you, the King of glo ry, now  
your rai ment whit er than the snow.  
your Fa ther's voice his Son the pro claimed.  
all faith ful hearts a dor - ing bow.

Text: Latin, 10th century; translated Laurence Housman

Music: *Jesu, Dulcis Memoria*, Plainsong

## Prayer after Communion

(please stand as you are able)

Presider Eternal God, in you we find peace beyond all telling. May we who share in this heavenly banquet be instruments of your peace on earth, in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord. **Amen.**

Presider      Glory to God,  
All            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.

## Blessing

Presider May the God of righteousness bless you with a holy remembrance of past inequities, restless compassion for justice, and a faith that refuses silence in the face of inequality. Go in peace to honour the past, live the truth, and build a future of freedom for all of God's children. **Amen.**

**Announcements** You are invited to gather outdoors on the front steps for the burning of the palms.

**Closing Hymn** – Jesus on the Mountain Peak

ST. ALBINUS

Jesus on the mountain peak  
stands alone in glory blazing.  
Let us, if we dare to speak,  
join the saints and angels praising:  
alleluja!

Trembling at his feet we saw  
Moses and Elijah speaking.  
All the prophets and the law  
shout through them their joyful greeting:  
alleluia!

Swift the cloud of glory came,  
God, proclaiming in its thunder,  
Jesus as the Son by name!  
Nations, cry aloud in wonder:  
alleluia!

This is God's beloved Son!  
Law and prophets sing before him,  
first and last and only One.  
All creation shall adore him!  
Alleluia!

Text: Brian Wren Music: Henry J. Gauntlett

## Dismissal

Clergy      Go forth in the peace of Christ.

*(please stand as you are able)*

All Thanks be to God. Amen.

## Postlude      Masque

Denis Bédard

*Thank you for worshipping with us this morning.  
Please join us for refreshments in Elliott Hall.*

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### **Musical notes**

This week's music brings together several themes. As the last Sunday of the Epiphany season, our hymns focus on light, and God's self-revelation in Christ, particularly as reflected in Christ's transfiguration, which we hear about in the Gospel reading. The choral anthem, *Prayer for Transfiguration Day* by the American composer John Weaver (1937-2021) is based on a traditional collect. Its luminous harmonies capture the wonder the disciples must have felt beholding Christ's radiance.

This week's Black History month feature is "We are Marching in the Light of God." The tune, known as "Siyahamba," is thought to be based on a traditional Zulu chorus. Although its exact origins are unknown, it was likely passed down orally, before it was written down sometime in the 1950s. It gained fame in the 1980s, became associated with the anti-apartheid movement, and is now a symbol of efforts to end racial discrimination internationally.

As this is also the final Sunday before Lent, it's the last time till Easter, when we may sing our "Alleluias." To mark this occasion, we will sing a traditional hymn of farewell to the Alleluia: "*Alleluia, Dulce Carmen*" (Alleluia, Song of Gladness), which invites us to reflect on the significance of this word in the Christian story. The text originates from an eleventh-century manuscript found in Durham, England; the translation we will sing is by the Anglican priest John Mason Neale.

As a nod to carnival season, this week's postlude is "Masque," by Vancouver-based composer Denis Bédard.

### ***Assisting with the Liturgy***

Presiding Celebrant & Homilist: Rev'd Alison Falby

Director of Music & Organist: Stefani Bedin

Choir Section Leads: Emily Ding, Julia Barber, Martin So, Peter Warren

Subdeacon: Elsa Jones

Crucifer: Sunkanmi Kazeem

Reader: Daphne Harris

Prayers of the People: Ruwani de Fonseka

Warden on Duty: Katherine MacDonald

Sidesperson: Andrew Harding

Livestream Technician: Zongfan Li

Verger: Rikk Scapillato

**Next Week's Worship Preview:**

**Ash Wednesday**

**11a.m. Spoken BCP Service**

**7p.m. BAS service, bringing together musicians from the 9:15am contemporary and 10:30am traditional services**

**Choral music:** Plainsong- The Lent Prose & Tallis- Purge Me, O Lord

**First Sunday of Lent- February 22, 2026**

**Readings:**

**Presider & Homilist:** Alison Falby

**Hymns (10:30am):** The Glory of These Forty Days | Tree of Life | Let Us Break Bread Together | Forty Days and Forty Nights

**Choral Introit:** Elam (arr. Dett)- O Holy Saviour

**Choral Anthem:** Farrant- Call to Remembrance

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## Participating in the Offertory

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## Offerings and Donations

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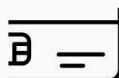
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