

## THE CHAPEL OF THE TRANSFIGURATION

3rd Sunday after Epiphany, 26<sup>th</sup> January 2025

Theme: *“Proclaiming the Good News”*

### THE GATHERING & THE PREPARATION

Processional Hymn      370      Praise to the Holiest in the height.

#### Welcome & Call to Worship

The disciples determined that according to their ability, each would send relief to the believers living in Judea *Acts 11.29*

Blessed be God.

**Blessed be God’s reign for ever. Amen.**

#### Prayer of Preparation    *Page 1 of the Liturgy Books*

**Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom 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.**

#### Call to Penitence

Human sin disfigures the whole creation, which groans with eager longing for God's redemption. We confess our sin in penitence and faith.

*SILENCE as we recollect our sins of omission and commission*

#### Confession

**Lord our God, in our sin we have avoided your call. Our love for you is like a morning cloud, like the dew that goes away early. Have mercy on us; deliver us from judgement; bind up our wounds and revive us; in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen**

#### The Kyries

#### The Absolution

The Lord enrich you with his grace, and nourish you with his blessing; the Lord defend you in trouble and keep you from all evil; the Lord accept your prayers, and absolve you from your offences, for the sake of Jesus Christ, our Saviour. **Amen.**

The Gloria

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**Glory be to God on high, and in earth peace, good will towards men, 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, Jesus 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 Spirit,**

**Art most high in the glory of God the Father. Amen.**

**COLLECT** *for the day*

Gracious God, you sent your Son our Lord Jesus Christ to include all people in the proclamation of the good news. By our thoughts, words and actions give us grace to witness for Christ, love you with all our hearts and to love all people as you love them; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

**THE LITURGY OF THE WORD**

Old Testament Reading

*Nehemiah 8:1-3, 5-6, 8-10*

All the people gathered together into the square before the Water Gate. They told the scribe Ezra to bring the book of the law of Moses, which the Lord had given to Israel. Accordingly, the priest Ezra brought the law before the assembly, both men and women and all who could hear with understanding. This was on the first day of the seventh month. He read from it facing the square before the Water Gate from early morning until midday, in the presence of the men and the women and those who could understand; and the ears of all the people were attentive to the book of the law. And Ezra opened the book in the sight of all the people, for he was standing above all the people; and when he opened it, all the people stood up. Then Ezra blessed the Lord, the great God, and all the people answered, 'Amen, Amen', lifting up their hands. Then they bowed their heads and worshipped the Lord with their faces to the ground. So they read from the book, from the law of God, with interpretation. They gave the sense, so that the people understood the reading. And Nehemiah, who was the governor, and Ezra the priest and scribe, and the Levites who taught the people said to all the people, 'This day is holy to the Lord your God; do not mourn or weep.' For all the people wept when they heard the words of the law. Then he said to them, 'Go your way, eat the fat and drink sweet wine and send portions of them to those for whom nothing is

prepared, for this day is holy to our Lord; and do not be grieved, for the joy of the Lord is your strength.’

Responsorial Psalm

*Psalm 19*

1. The heavens are telling the glory of God and the firmament proclaims his handiwork.
  - 2. One day pours out its song to another and one night unfolds knowledge to another.**
  3. They have neither speech nor language and their voices are not heard,
  - 4. Yet their sound has gone out into all lands and their words to the ends of the world.**
  5. In them has he set a tabernacle for the sun, that comes forth as a bridegroom out of his chamber and rejoices as a champion to run his course.
  - 6. It goes forth from the end of the heavens and runs to the very end again, and there is nothing hidden from its heat.**
  7. The law of the Lord is perfect, reviving the soul; the testimony of the Lord is sure and gives wisdom to the simple.
  - 8. The statutes of the Lord are right and rejoice the heart; the commandment of the Lord is pure and gives light to the eyes.**
  9. The fear of the Lord is clean and endures for ever; the judgements of the Lord are true and righteous altogether.
  - 10. More to be desired are they than gold, more than much fine gold, sweeter also than honey, dripping from the honeycomb.**
  11. By them also is your servant taught and in keeping them there is great reward.
  - 12. Who can tell how often they offend? O cleanse me from my secret faults!**
  13. Keep your servant also from presumptuous sins lest they get dominion over me; so shall I be undefiled, and innocent of great offence.
  - 14. Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable in your sight, O Lord, my strength and my redeemer.**
- Glory to the Father, and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit.  
As it was in the beginning is now and shall be forever. Amen.**

Epistle Reading

*Corinthians 12: 12 - 31*

For just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ. For in the one Spirit we were all baptized into one body—Jews or Greeks, slaves or free—and we were all made to drink of one Spirit. Indeed, the body does not consist of one member but of many. If the foot were to say, ‘Because I am not a hand, I do not belong to the body’, that would not make it any less a part of the body.

And if the ear were to say, 'Because I am not an eye, I do not belong to the body', that would not make it any less a part of the body. If the whole body were an eye, where would the hearing be? If the whole body were hearing, where would the sense of smell be? But as it is, God arranged the members in the body, each one of them, as he chose. If all were a single member, where would the body be? As it is, there are many members, yet one body. The eye cannot say to the hand, 'I have no need of you', nor again the head to the feet, 'I have no need of you.' On the contrary, the members of the body that seem to be weaker are indispensable, and those members of the body that we think less honourable we clothe with greater honour, and our less respectable members are treated with greater respect; whereas our more respectable members do not need this. But God has so arranged the body, giving the greater honour to the inferior member, that there may be no dissension within the body, but the members may have the same care for one another. If one member suffers, all suffer together with it; if one member is honoured, all rejoice together with it. Now you are the body of Christ and individually members of it. And God has appointed in the church first apostles, second prophets, third teachers; then deeds of power, then gifts of healing, forms of assistance, forms of leadership, various kinds of tongues. Are all apostles? Are all prophets? Are all teachers? Do all work miracles? Do all possess gifts of healing? Do all speak in tongues? Do all interpret? But strive for the greater gifts. And I will show you a still more excellent way.

### Gradual Hymn

**373 Pray that Jerusalem may have peace**

### Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, **Alleluia.** The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to bring good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim release to the captives and recovery of sight to the blind, to let the oppressed go free.

**Alleluia.**

### Gospel

*St. Luke 4:14-21*

Then Jesus, filled with the power of the Spirit, returned to Galilee, and a report about him spread through all the surrounding country. He began to teach in their synagogues and was praised by everyone. When he came to Nazareth, where he had been brought up, he went to the synagogue on the sabbath day, as was his custom. He stood up to read, and the scroll of the prophet Isaiah was given to him. He unrolled the scroll and found the place where it was written: 'The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to bring good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim release to the captives and recovery of sight to the blind, to let the oppressed go free, to

proclaim the year of the Lord's favour.' And he rolled up the scroll, gave it back to the attendant, and sat down. The eyes of all in the synagogue were fixed on him. Then he began to say to them, 'Today this scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing.'

Sermon

*Assistant Chaplain - Rev'd Suren Watson*

Affirmation of Faith     *Page 5 of the Liturgy Books*

**We Believe in one God, 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 his 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 men, and for our salvation came down from heaven, and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit 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 we believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, Who proceedeth from the Father, who with the Father and the Son together is worshipped and glorified, who spake by the Prophets.**

**And we believe in One Holy Catholic and Apostolic Church. We acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins. And we look for the Resurrection of the dead, And the life of the world to come. Amen**

Prayers of the People

Lord, in your mercy.

**Hear our prayer.**

The Peace

God has entrusted to us the message of reconciliation. First be reconciled to one another.

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

**And also with you.**

Offertory Hymn

**383**

**Son of God, eternal Saviour**

**LITURGY OF THE SACRAMENT**

*(From page 8 of Liturgy Books)*

Proper Preface

And now we give thee thanks because, in the mystery of the Word made flesh, thou hast caused a new light to shine in our hearts to give the knowledge of thy glory in the face of Jesus Christ our Lord. Therefore ...

Communion Hymn      **174**      **Author of life divine**

**AFTER COMMUNION & DISMISSAL**

The Thanksgiving for Communion

Give thanks to the Lord for God is gracious:

**God's mercy endures for ever.**

Sentence

‘But the Lord stood by me and gave me strength, so that through me the message might be fully proclaimed and all the Gentiles might hear it. So I was rescued from the lion’s mouth.’  
*2 Timothy 4.17*

After Communion Prayer

**Generous Lord, in word and eucharist we have proclaimed the mystery of your love: help us so to live out our days that we may be signs of your wonders in the world; through Jesus Christ our Saviour. Amen.**

The Blessing

Go forth into the world in peace; be of good courage; hold fast that which is good; render to no one evil for evil; strengthen the fainthearted; support the weak; help the afflicted; honour everyone; love and serve the Lord, rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit; and the blessing...

Notice

1. The Corporate Communion of the Servers and Choristers and the guild meeting will be held next Sunday the 26<sup>th</sup> of January 2025.

The Dismissal

One in heart and one in mind, and empowered by the Spirit, go in peace to love and serve the Lord. **In the name of Christ. Amen**

Recessional Hymn      **414**      **We have a Gospel to proclaim**

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