

Welcome to St. John's! ~ We're So Glad You're Here!

The Last Sunday after Epiphany

The flowers on the altar are to The Glory of God by Linda Daniels-Smith in loving memory of her aunt Margaret Aldgate.

The Gathering of the Community

Celebrant This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased; listen to him.
Matthew 17: 5

Please stand as you are able.

Opening Hymn

Hymn #224 Awake, Arise, Lift Up Your Voice *Richmond*

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

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Almighty God,
All **to you all hearts are open, all desires are 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 Collect of the Day

Celebrant Let us pray.

Silence is kept.

Celebrant Almighty God,
All **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.

Please be seated.

Children's Focus ~ Led by Donna Ellis

The Proclamation of the Word

Reader **A reading from 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.

Exodus 34: 29-35

Reader The word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 99 The psalm is prayed responsively:

Reader The Lord reigns; let the people tremble; the Lord is enthroned upon the Cherubim; let the earth shake.

People **The Lord is great in Zion and is high above all peoples.**

Reader Let them confess your name, which is great and awesome; you are the Holy One.

People **“O mighty Sovereign, lover of justice, you have established equity; you have executed justice and righteousness in Jacob.”**

Reader Proclaim the greatness of the Lord our God and fall down before the footstool of God; the Lord is the Holy One.

People **Moses and Aaron among your priests, and Samuel among those who call upon your name, they called upon you, O Lord; and you answered them.**

Reader You spoke to them out of the pillar of cloud; they kept your testimonies and the decree that you gave them.

People **“O Lord our God, you answered them indeed; you were a God who forgave them, yet punished them for their evil deeds.”**

Reader Proclaim the greatness of the Lord our God and worship upon the holy hill of God; for the Lord our God is the Holy One.

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.

2 Corinthians 3: 12--4: 2

Reader The word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Please stand as you are able.

Gospeller The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

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

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

Gospeller 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.

Luke 9: 28 - 36

Gospeller The Gospel of Christ.
People **Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

Homily The Reverend Canon Joseph Asselin

An Affirmation of Faith ~ The Shema

Please stand as you are able.

Celebrant Hear, O Israel,
All **the Lord our God, the Lord is one.**

**Love the Lord your God
with all your heart, with all your soul,
with all your mind,
and with all your strength.**

**This is the first and the great commandment.
The second is like it:
Love your neighbour as yourself.**

There is no commandment greater than these.

Prayers of the People

Intercessor Let us pray.

*Please kneel, bow, or sit.
Silence is kept.*

Intercessor *God's glory makes Moses' face radiant, and it transfigures Jesus as he prays on the mountain. Our lives, too, can become increasingly radiant as the Spirit transforms us.*

Intercessor As God's people, let us pray to God now.

Intercessor God of light, we long to shine with your light. Set our hearts on fire with love for you and for one another.

Silence

Intercessor May our lives proclaim:
All **that the Lord our God is holy.**

Celebrant God of peace, cleanse your Church of all hypocrisy, and focus our attention on you, so that divisions and barriers crumble to dust.

Silence

Intercessor May our lives proclaim:
All **that the Lord our God is holy.**

Intercessor God of justice, send lives of light among the darkness of injustice, corruption and despair, and strengthen those who are already shining in dark places all over the world.

Silence

Intercessor May our lives proclaim:
All **that the Lord our God is holy.**

Intercessor God of love, come into our homes and make them places of welcome where you love is woven into all our relationships.

Silence

Intercessor May our lives proclaim:
All **that the Lord our God is holy.**

Intercessor God of healing, give courage to those who have to suffer physical pain or mental and emotional anguish. Enable them to draw on your resources and transform all our pain and sorrow.

Silence

Intercessor May our lives proclaim:
All **that the Lord our God is holy.**

Intercessor God of hope, welcome into your kingdom of everlasting light all who have come to the point of death. Comfort those who miss their physical presence, and bring us all to spend eternity in the radiance of your presence.

Intercessor May our lives proclaim:
All **that the Lord our God is holy.**

Intercessor Gracious God, we thank you for the lives of those who have directed us to you, and for the way you never give up on us.

Intercessor Merciful God,
All **accept these prayers for the sake of your Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.**

Confession and Absolution

Celebrant Dear friends in Christ, God is steadfast in love and infinite in mercy; God welcomes sinners and invites them to his table. Let us confess our sins confident in God's forgiveness.

Silence is kept.

Celebrant 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.

Celebrant 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 *Please stand as you are able.*

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

Offertory Hymn

Hymn # 584 The Church of Christ in Every Age

Herongate

The Celebration of the Holy Eucharist

The Prayer over the Gifts

Celebrant Let us pray. *Silence is kept.*

Celebrant Holy God,
All 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

Prayer 3 – Canada

*Please feel free to remain standing, as you are able,
throughout the Eucharistic Prayer.*

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.**

Celebrant 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. ♪♪♪

All **Holy, holy, holy Lord,** *CP 732*
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.

Celebrant On the night Jesus 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." ♪

All Therefore, Father, according to his command,
we remember his death,
we proclaim his resurrection,

we await his coming in glory;

Celebrant 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.

People **Amen.**

The Lord's Prayer

Celebrant And now, as our Saviour Christ has taught us, we are bold to say:

All **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.

The Breaking of the Bread

Celebrant 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.

Celebrant The gifts of God for the people of God.
People: Thanks be to God

Agnus Dei

CP 745

All Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world:
have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world:
have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world:
grant us peace, grant us peace.

Invitation to Spiritual Communion

Celebrant I invite you now, wherever you may be, and in the silence of your own
hearts, to make you own act of communion with Christ.

Prayers of Reception

People Jesus, I believe that you are present with us in the sacrament
of bread and wine. I love you and I desire your presence afresh
in my life. Since I cannot now receive the bread and wine of

the altar, come spiritually into my heart. I embrace you and unite myself to you; never let me be separated from you. Amen.

A Children's Prayer of Reception

People Jesus, you remind us in bread and wine that you are near to us. Bring me nearer to you every day, and let me carry you in my heart, to share your love with the world you made. Amen.

The Prayer after Communion

Celebrant Let us pray.

Silence is kept.

Celebrant Holy God,
All 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.

The Doxology

Please stand as you are able.

Celebrant 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.

A Blessing

Celebrant May Christ, the Son of God, be manifest in you, that your lives may be a light to the world; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always.

People Amen.

Closing Hymn

Hymn # 446 Word of God, Come Down on Earth

Liebster Jesu

Dismissal

Leader Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

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