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**Sunday, February 14, 2021**  
**Transfiguration Sunday**  
Online Service of the Word Bulletin



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## THE GATHERING OF THE COMMUNITY

### Opening Hymn We Have Come At Christ's Own Bidding

CP#166

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 in upon our darkness,  
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.

## THE GREETING

*Presider:* 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.**

*Presider:* Almighty God,

**People: 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 COLLECT OF THE DAY

*Presider:* O God, who before the passion of your only-begotten Son revealed his glory upon the holy mountain: Grant to us 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.*

## PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

First Reading: **2 Kings 2:1-12**

**2** Now when the LORD was about to take Elijah up to heaven by a whirlwind, Elijah and Elisha were on their way from Gilgal. <sup>2</sup>Elijah said to Elisha, "Stay here; for the LORD has sent me as far as Bethel." But Elisha said, "As the LORD lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you." So they went down to Bethel. <sup>3</sup>The company of prophets who were in Bethel came out to Elisha, and said to him, "Do you know that today the LORD will take your master away from you?" And he said, "Yes, I know; keep silent." <sup>4</sup>Elijah said to him, "Elisha, stay here; for the LORD has sent me to Jericho." But he said, "As the LORD lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you." So they came to Jericho. <sup>5</sup>The company of prophets who were at Jericho drew near to Elisha, and said to him, "Do you know that today the LORD will take your master away from you?" And he answered, "Yes, I know; be silent." <sup>6</sup>Then Elijah said to him, "Stay here; for the LORD has sent me to the Jordan." But he said, "As the LORD lives, and as you yourself

live, I will not leave you." So the two of them went on. <sup>7</sup>Fifty men of the company of prophets also went, and stood at some distance from them, as they both were standing by the Jordan. <sup>8</sup>Then Elijah took his mantle and rolled it up, and struck the water; the water was parted to the one side and to the other, until the two of them crossed on dry ground.

<sup>9</sup>When they had crossed, Elijah said to Elisha, "Tell me what I may do for you, before I am taken from you." Elisha said, "Please let me inherit a double share of your spirit." <sup>10</sup>He responded, "You have asked a hard thing; yet, if you see me as I am being taken from you, it will be granted you; if not, it will not." <sup>11</sup>As they continued walking and talking, a chariot of fire and horses of fire separated the two of them, and Elijah ascended in a whirlwind into heaven. <sup>12</sup>Elisha kept watching and crying out, "Father, father! The chariots of Israel and its horsemen!" But when he could no longer see him, he grasped his own clothes and tore them in two pieces.

## Psalm 50:1-6

<sup>1</sup>The mighty one, God the Lord, speaks and summons the earth from the rising of the sun to its setting.

<sup>2</sup>Out of Zion, the perfection of beauty, God shines forth.

<sup>3</sup>Our God comes and does not keep silence, before him is a devouring fire, and a mighty tempest all around him.

<sup>4</sup>He calls to the heavens above and to the earth, that he may judge his people:

<sup>5</sup>"Gather to me my faithful ones, who made a covenant with me by sacrifice!"

<sup>6</sup>The heavens declare his righteousness, for God himself is judge. Selah

## Second Reading: 2 Corinthians 4:3-6

3 And even if our gospel is veiled, it is veiled to those who are perishing.

4 In their case the god of this world has blinded the minds of the unbelievers, to keep them from seeing the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God. 5 For

we do not proclaim ourselves; we proclaim Jesus Christ as Lord and ourselves as your slaves for Jesus' sake. 6 For it is the God who said, "Let light shine out of darkness," who has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.

## Gradual Hymn How Clear Is Our Vocation, Lord (vs1,2) CP#466

How clear is our vocation, Lord  
When once we heed your call:  
To live according to your word,  
And daily learn, refreshed, restored,  
That you are Lord of all,  
And will not let us fall.

But if, forgetful, we should find  
Your yoke is hard to bear;  
If worldly pressures fray the mind,  
And love itself can not unwind  
Its tangled skein of care:  
Our inward life repair.

## Mark 9:2-9

<sup>2</sup>Six days later, Jesus took with him Peter and James and John, and led them up a high mountain apart, by themselves. And he was transfigured before them, <sup>3</sup>and his clothes became dazzling white, such as no one on

earth could bleach them. <sup>4</sup>And there appeared to them Elijah with Moses, who were talking with Jesus. <sup>5</sup>Then Peter said to Jesus, "Rabbi, it is good for us to be here; let us make three dwellings, one for you, one for Moses,

and one for Elijah.” <sup>6</sup>He did not know what to say, for they were terrified. <sup>7</sup>Then a cloud overshadowed them, and from the cloud there came a voice, “This is my Son, the Beloved; listen to him!” <sup>8</sup>Suddenly when they looked around, they saw no one with them any more, but only Jesus.

<sup>9</sup>As they were coming down the mountain, he ordered them to tell no one about what they had seen, until after the Son of Man had risen from the dead.

**Gradual: How Clear Is Our Vocation, Lord (vs3-4) CP#466**

We mark your saints, how they became  
In hindrances more sure,  
Whose joyful virtues put to shame  
the casual way we wear your name,  
and by our faults obscure  
your power to cleanse and cure.

In what you give us, Lord, to do,  
together or alone,  
in old routines or ventures new,  
may we not cease to look to you,  
the cross you hung upon,  
all you endeavoured done.

**Homily:**

Francis Richardson

**The Apostles’ Creed**

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

**All: I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.**

**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 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**

**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:**

Intercessions

## **The Lord's Prayer**

*Presider:* And now, as our Saviour Christ has taught us, we pray,

**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 Doxology**

*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**

## **The Sending Out**

### **The Blessing**

## **Closing Hymn: Here in This Place New Light Is Streaming**

**CP#465**

Here in this place new light is streaming  
now is the darkness vanished away.  
See in this space our fears and our  
dreamings,  
Brought here to you in the light of this  
day.  
Gather us in the lost and forsaken;  
Gather us in the blind and the lame;  
Call to us now, and we shall awaken;  
We shall arise at the sound of our name.

2. We are the young—our lives are a  
mystery;  
We are the old—who yearn for your face.  
We have been sung throughout all of  
history  
Called to be light to the whole human  
race.  
Gather us in the rich and the haughty;  
Gather us in the proud and the strong;  
Give us a heart so meek and so lowly;  
Give us the courage to enter the song.

3. Here we will take the wine and the water;  
Here we will take the bread of new birth.  
Here you shall call your sons and your daughters,  
Call us anew to be salt for the earth.  
Give us to drink the wine of compassion;  
Give us to eat the bread that is you;  
Nourish us well, and teach us to fashion  
Lives that are holy and hearts that are true.

4. Not in the dark of buildings confining,  
Not in some heaven, light years away,  
But here in this place the new light is shining,  
Now is the kingdom, now is the day.  
Gather us in and hold us forever;  
Gather us in and make us your own;  
Gather us in all peoples together,  
Fire of love in our flesh and our bone.

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### **THIS WEEK'S PRAYER LIST**

*(We invite you to hold all on our list in your prayers for the coming week.)*

**The Diocese:** We hold in our prayers the people and clergy of; St. George's Church, Owen Sound; Parish of the Bruce Peninsula Trinity Church, Wiarton; Christ Church, Lion's Head.

**The Parish:** We hold in our prayers: Shelly Hurst, Geoffrey Hutchinson, Doreen Isaac and their families; and all those serving in the Canadian Armed Forces at home and overseas.

**Intercessions:** For healing and hope we hold up to God: Bill, Charlie, Howie, Jason, John, Mike, Paul, Patsy, Ruth, Sandra, Simon, Steve, Theresa, Tyler, Vicki, Wayne, Wayne P., Wilma and any others who are in need of our prayers.



### **February 17, 2021, Ash Wednesday 10:00am Online Service of the Word (Google Meets)**

Presider & Homilist: John Howard; Lay Reader: Francis Richardson,  
Reader: Norma McCauley, Chorister: Victoria Alcock  
Readings: Isaiah 58:1-12, Psalm 103:8-14  
2 Corinthians 5:20b-6:10, Matthew 6:1-6, 16-21

### **Next Sunday: February 21<sup>st</sup>, 2021; First Sunday in Lent 10:30am Online Service of the Word (by Google Meets)**

Presider & Homilist: Postulant Gilles Haché; Lay Reader/John Howard;  
Reader: Katharine Peat; Chorister: Victoria Alcock  
Readings: Genesis 9:8-17, Psalm 25:1-10, 1 Peter 3:18-22  
Mark 1:9-15