



Church of St. Bartholomew
Last Sunday of Epiphany
Transfiguration Sunday
Sunday, February 14 2021

The Reverend Canon David Clunie

Prelude *Adoration in G major* Flor Peeters

Grace and Welcome

Opening Hymn: 167 *'Tis Good, Lord, To Be Here*

'Tis good, Lord, to be here! Thy glory fills the night;
Thy face and garments, like the sun, shine with unborrowed light.

'Tis good, Lord, to be here, thy beauty to behold,
Where Moses and Elijah stand, thy messengers of old.

Tis good, Lord, to be here! Yet we may not remain;
But, since thou bidst us leave the mount, come with us to the plain.

Collect

Almighty God, on the holy mount you revealed to chosen witnesses you 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, on God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Reading: 2 Kings 2:1-12 *read by Jim Bradford*

A Reading from the Second Book of Kings

Now when the Lord was about to take Elijah up to heaven by a whirlwind, Elijah and Elisha were on their way from Gilgal. 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. 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.' 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. 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.' 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. Fifty men of the company of prophets also went, and stood at some distance from them, as they both were standing by the Jordan. 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. 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.' 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.' 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. 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.

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the church. **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 50:1-6

The Lord, the God of gods, has spoken; he has called the earth from the rising of the sun to its setting. Out of Zion, perfect in its beauty, God reveals himself in glory.

Refrain: Out of Zion, perfect in its beauty, God reveals himself in glory.

Our God will come and will not keep silence; before him there is a consuming flame, and round about him a raging storm. He calls the heavens and the earth from above to witness the judgement of his people.

Refrain: Out of Zion, perfect in its beauty, God reveals himself in glory.

"Gather before me my loyal followers, those who have made a covenant with me and sealed it with sacrifice." Let the heavens declare the rightness of his cause; for God himself is judge.

Refrain: Out of Zion, perfect in its beauty, God reveals himself in glory.

Gospel: Mark 9:2-9

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, and his clothes became dazzling white, such as no one on earth could bleach them. And there appeared to them Elijah with Moses, who were talking with Jesus. 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.' He did not know what to say, for they were terrified. Then a cloud overshadowed them, and from the cloud there came a voice, 'This is my Son, the Beloved; listen to him!' Suddenly when they looked around, they saw no one with them any more, but only Jesus. 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. The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark.

The Gospel of Christ.

Sermon *The Reverend Canon David Clunie*

Prayers of the People

Leader I ask your prayers for God's people throughout the world;

Diocese of Agra - The (united) Church of North India

In our own Diocese for the Director of Community Ministries - The Reverend Canon Dr. Peter John Hobbs and members of the Community Ministries Committee.

Resurrection Lutheran Church and their pastor Mei Sum Lai.

All called to vocations in the priesthood and religious life.

Pray for the Church.

God of Love. **Hear our prayer.**

Leader I ask your prayers for peace; for goodwill among nations; and for the well-being of all people. I ask your prayers for our nation, for healing and unity.

Pray for peace and justice,

God of Love. **Hear our prayer.**

Leader I ask your prayers for those on the front lines of our Covid response including the vaccination effort, Canadian Forces remembering especially members of the Governor General's Foot Guards and those in diplomatic missions and NGOs, for our schools, and long term care facilities especially the Garry Armstrong Home.

Pray for strength and perseverance for those challenged in these times.

God of Love. **Hear our prayer.**

Leader I ask your prayers for the poor, the sick, the hungry, the oppressed, and those in prison. I ask your prayers especially for *Harry, Grace, Karen, Michael S, Andrej, Al, Colt, Elizabeth, Sue, Margaret, Marissa, Mary, Don, Christina, Hana and family, Harriet and family, Michael, Kathleen, Rabbi Bulka*, and for those known only to ourselves (*silence*); and for all those affected by the Coronavirus. For prisoners and captives, and especially for *Michael Kovrig and Michael Spavor* in China, we pray for their release and for their safety, health, and salvation.

Pray for those in any need or trouble.

God of Love. **Hear our prayer.**

Leader I ask your prayers for all who seek God, or a deeper knowledge of him especially as we approach Lent.

Pray that they may find and be found by him.

God of Love. **Hear our prayer.**

Leader I ask your prayers for the departed.

God of Love. **Hear our prayer.**

Leader Praise God for those in every generation in whom Christ has been honored.

Pray that we may have grace to glorify Christ in our own day.

God of Love. **Hear our prayer.**

The Lord's Prayer

Hymn: 460 *Shine, Jesus, Shine*

Lord, the light of your love is shining, in the midst of the darkness shining;
Jesus, Light of the world, shine upon us; set us free by the truth you now bring us,
shine on me, shine on me.

Shine, Jesus, shine; fill this land with the Father's glory; blaze, Spirit, blaze: set our hearts on fire.
Flow, river, flow: flood the nations with grace and mercy;
send forth your word, Lord, and let there be light.

As we gaze on your kingly brightness, so our faces display your likeness;
Ever-changing from glory to glory, mirrored here may our lives tell your story,
Shine on me, shine on me.

Shine, Jesus, shine; fill this land with the Father's glory; blaze, Spirit, blaze: set our hearts on fire.
Flow, river, flow: flood the nations with grace and mercy;
send forth your word, Lord, and let there be light.

Offertory: *Blessed be thou, Lord God of Israel for ever and ever. All that is in the heaven and in the earth is thine. All things come of thee, and of thine own have we given thee.*

Blessing and Dismissal

Postlude: *My Funny Valentine* Richard Rodgers
Chorale in Eb major Flor Peeters

Mini Concert with Téa Mamaladze
Souvenir
Anton Rubenstein

Art Work

1. Marianne Feaver, *Winter Lace*
2. Alexander Andreyevich Ivanov, (1806 – 1858), *The Transfiguration, 1824*. Private Collection
3. Gerard David, (c. 1460 – 1523), *The Transfiguration, 1520* Private Collection
4. Andrea di Bonaiuto da Firenze, (1343 – 1377), *Prophet Elijah (detail) the Madonna and Child with Saints*, c. 1360. Santa Maria del Carmine, Tuscany, Italy.
5. Santa Maria del Giuseppe Angeli, (1712 - 1798), *Elijah Taken Up in a Chariot of Fire* c. 1750.
6. National Gallery of Art, Washington, D.C.
7. Paul Nash, *Solstice of the Sunflower*, 1946. National Gallery of Canada
8. Mary Fleeson, *St Cuthbert's Island, Lindisfarn.e* c 2015
9. David Clendenning, *Photograph of Minto Bridge in Winter*. 2015
10. Albert Sisley, (1839-1899), *L'île de la Grande Jatt*, 1873. Musee D'Orsay, Paris
11. James Wilson Morrice, (1865-1942), *Britanny Coast*, 1900-05. National Gallery of Canada
12. Marianne Feaver, *Early Morning Light in the Park*

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