

Transfiguration of Our Lord

Sunday, February 11th, 2024

LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

Celebrant: Dear friends, we gather on the ancestral territory of the Anishnaabeg Algonquin, the traditional stewards of the lands and waters on which we meet.

All: May we walk gently together on this land, seeking renewed relationship based on honour, respect, and peace.

PROCESSIONAL HYMN Love Divine, All Loves Excelling

ELW 631

Love divine, all loves excelling,
Joy of heav'n, to earth come down!
Fix in us thy humble dwelling,
all thy faithful mercies crown.
Jesus, thou art all compassion,
pure, unbounded love thou art;
visit us with thy salvation,
enter ev'ry trembling heart.

Breathe, oh, breathe thy loving Spirit
into ev'ry troubled breast;
let us all in thee inherit;
let us find thy promised rest.
Take away the love of sinning;
Alpha and Omega be;
end of faith, as its beginning,
set our hearts at liberty.

Come, Almighty, to deliver;
let us all thy life receive;
suddenly return, and never,
nevermore thy temples leave.
Thee we would be always blessing,
serve thee as thy hosts above,
pray, and praise thee without ceasing,
glory in thy perfect love.

Finish then thy new creation,

pure and spotless let us be;
let us see thy great salvation
perfectly restored in thee!
Changed from glory into glory,
till in heav'n we take our place,
till we cast our crowns before thee,
lost in wonder, love, and praise!

CHILDREN'S TALK

Celebrant: 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.

Celebrant: There is one body and one Spirit

All: There is one hope in God's call to us;

Celebrant: One Lord, one faith, one baptism,

All: One God and Creator of all.

COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant: Let us pray.

Almighty God, the resplendent light of your truth shines
from the mountaintop into our hearts. Transfigure us by
your beloved Son, and illumine the world with your image,
through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and
reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and
forever.

All: Amen.

The First Reading is from 2 Kings 2:1-12.

¹Now when the LORD was about to take Elijah up to heaven by a whirlwind, Elijah and Elisha were on their way from Gilgal. ²Elijah 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. ³The 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."

⁴Elijah 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. ⁵The 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.”

⁶Then 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. ⁷Fifty men of the company of prophets also went, and stood at some distance from them, as they both were standing by the Jordan. ⁸Then 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.

⁹When 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.” ¹⁰He 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.” ¹¹As 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. ¹²Elisha 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.

Reader: Hear what the Spirit is saying to the church.

All: Thanks be to God.

PSALM: Psalm 50:1-6

¹The mighty one, God the LORD, has spoken;
calling the earth from the rising of the sun to its setting.

²**Out of Zion, perfect in its beauty,
God shines forth in glory.**

³Our God will come and will not keep silence;
with a consuming flame before, and round about a raging storm.

⁴**God calls the heavens and the earth from above
to witness the judgment of the people.**

⁵Gather before me my loyal followers,
those who have made a covenant with me and sealed it with

sacrifice.”

**⁶The heavens declare the rightness of God’s cause,
for it is God who is judge.**

The Second Reading is from 2 Corinthians 4:3-6.

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

⁴In 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. ⁵For we do not proclaim ourselves; we proclaim Jesus Christ as Lord and ourselves as your slaves for Jesus’ sake. ⁶For 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.

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GRADUAL HYMN

BEAUTIFUL SAVIOR

ELW 838

Beautiful Saviour,
King of creation,
Son of God and Son of Man!
Truly I'd love thee,
truly I'd serve thee,
light of my soul, my joy, my crown.

Fair are the meadows,
fair are the woodlands,
robed in flow'rs of blooming spring;
Jesus is fairer,
Jesus is purer,
he makes our sorrowing spirit sing.

Fair is the sunshine,
fair is the moonlight,
bright the sparkling stars on high;
Jesus shines brighter,
Jesus shines purer
than all the angels in the sky.

Beautiful Savior,
Lord of the nations,
Son of God and Son of Man!

Glory and honour,
praise, adoration,
now and forevermore be thine!

Reader: **The holy gospel of our lord Jesus Christ according
to Mark 9:2-9.**

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

²Six 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, ³and his clothes became dazzling white, such as no one on earth could bleach them. ⁴And there appeared to them Elijah with Moses, who were talking with Jesus. ⁵Then 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." ⁶He did not know what to say, for they were terrified. ⁷Then a cloud overshadowed them, and from the cloud there came a voice, "This is my Son, the Beloved; listen to him!" ⁸Suddenly when they looked around, they saw no one with them any more, but only Jesus. ⁹As 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.

Reader: The Gospel of Christ.

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

HOMILY

Celebrant: The candidate for Holy Baptism will now be presented.

Parents and Sponsors:

**We present Henry Alexander Cormier-Roberts to
receive the sacrament of baptism.**

Celebrant: Will you be responsible for seeing that Henry is nurtured
in the faith and life of the Christian community?

Answer: **We will, with God's help.**

Officiant: Will you by your prayers and witness help Henry to grow
into the full stature of Christ?

Answer: **We will, with God's help.**

Officiant: Do you renounce Satan and all the spiritual forces of
wickedness that rebel against God?

Answer: **We renounce them.**

Officiant: Do you renounce the evil powers of this world which corrupt and destroy the creatures of God?

Answer: **We renounce them.**

Officiant: Do you renounce all sinful desires that draw you from the love of God?

Answer: **We renounce them.**

Officiant: Do you turn to Jesus Christ and accept him as your Saviour?

Answer: **We do.**

Officiant: Do you put your whole trust in Jesus' grace and love?

Answer: **We do.**

Officiant: Do you promise to obey him as your Lord?

Answer: **We do.**

Officiant: Will you who witness these vows do all in your power to support Henry in his life in Christ?

All: **We will.**

One: Creator God, let us pray for Henry Alexander Cormier-Roberts who is to receive the sacrament of baptism, and we pray for his parents and Godparents that they may be guided by your hand as they raise this wonderful boy.
God of wonder,

All: **Hear our prayer.**

One: We pray for our world and for all hope for a better tomorrow; for those working for peace, for all who fight for climate justice, and for those seeking a more equitable distribution of the world's resources. God of mercy,

All: **Hear our prayer.**

One: We pray for our church and for all people of faith. In our Anglican communion we pray for Linda, our Primate; Anne, our Metropolitan; Christopher, our National Indigenous Archbishop; Shane, our Bishop; our clergy, Kathryn and Chung Yan and Brian, pastor of First

United. May they continue to foster a diverse Christian faith where Henry can grow, flourish, and find strength. God of glory,

All: Hear our prayer.

One: We pray for all who need your healing touch and for all who care for them. We lift up to you those in our community who have asked for our prayers:

All: Linda T.; Alana A.; Kevin A.; Emily S.; Shari R.; Peter F.; Michael F.; Brian O.; Michael L.; Cinde C.; Mary H.; Véronique S.; Sylvia K.; Charlotte M.; Sonia A.; Cedetia P.; Brad K.; Beryl N.

One: ...and those we name silently or aloud, God of love,

All: Hear our prayer.

One: We pray for all those who have died, and for those who mourn their passing. On February 9th, we remembered a Canadian saint, Hannah Grier Coome, who founded the Anglican Sisterhood of St. John the Divine, and was its first mother superior. God of compassion,

All: Hear our prayer.

One: Creator God, you revealed your glory and presence in Jesus. In receiving our prayers, reveal the glory and presence of your Spirit alive in the world today, free us from doubts, and empower us to act as a transfigured people.

All: Amen.

Celebrant: May God be with you.

All: And also with you.

Celebrant: Let us give thanks to God.

All: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Celebrant: We thank you, Almighty God, for the gift of water. Over water, the Holy Spirit moved in the beginning of creation. Through water, you led the children of Israel out of their bondage in Egypt into the land of promise. In water your Son Jesus received the baptism of John and was anointed by the Holy Spirit as the Messiah, the

Christ, to lead us, through his death and resurrection, from the bondage of sin into everlasting life.

We thank you, Gracious God, for the water of baptism. In it we are buried with Christ in his death. By it we share in his resurrection. Through it we are reborn by the Holy Spirit. Therefore in joyful obedience to your Son, we bring into his family those who come to him in faith, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Now sanctify this water by the power of your Holy Spirit, that those who are here cleansed from sin and born again, may continue for ever in the risen life of Jesus Christ our Saviour.

To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be all honour and glory, now and for ever.

All: Amen.

Celebrant: Let us join with Henry and his family, committing themselves to Christ, and renew our own baptismal covenant.

Do you believe in God the Father?

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

Celebrant: Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

All: 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.

Celebrant: Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

All: I believe in God the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.

Celebrant: Will you continue in the apostles' teaching and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in the prayers?

All: I will, with God's help.

Celebrant: Will you persevere in resisting evil and, whenever you fall into sin, repent and return to the Lord?

All: I will, with God's help.

Celebrant: Will you proclaim by word and example the good news of God in Christ?

All: I will, with God's help.

Celebrant: Will you seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving your neighbour as yourself?

All: I will, with God's help.

Celebrant: Will you strive for justice and peace among all people, and respect the dignity of every human being?

All: I will, with God's help.

Celebrant: Will you strive to safeguard the integrity of God's creation and respect, sustain and renew the life of the earth?

All: I will, with God's help.

Candidate:	Henry Alexander Cormier-Roberts
Pronouns:	He/his
Godparents:	Gwen Cormier, Harriet Roberts, Chris Rowley and Katy Burnett
Parents:	Meredith Cormier and Alex Roberts

Celebrant: Henry Alexander Cormier-Roberts, I baptize you in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Celebrant: I sign you with the cross and mark you as Christ's own for ever.

Celebrant: Heavenly Creator, we thank you that by water and the Holy Spirit you have bestowed upon this your servant, Henry, the forgiveness of sin and have raised him to the new life of grace. Sustain him, O Lord, in your Holy

Spirit. Give him an inquiring and discerning heart, the courage to will and to persevere, a spirit to know and to love you, and the gift of joy and wonder in all your works.

All: Amen.

Celebrant: Receive the light of Christ, to show that you have passed from darkness to light.

All: Let your light so shine before others that they may see your good works and glorify God in heaven.

Celebrant: Let us welcome Henry into our community.

All: We receive you into the household of God. Confess the faith of Christ crucified, proclaim his resurrection, and share with us in his eternal priesthood.

Celebrant: The peace of the Lord be always with you.

All: And also with you.

PEACE

Celebrant: The peace of the Lord be always with you.

All: And also with you.

OFFERTORY HYMN Wash O God, our Sons and Daughters

CP 35

Wash, O God, our sons and daughters
where your cleansing waters flow.
Number them among your people,
bless as Christ blessed long ago.
Weave them garments bright and sparkling;
compass them with love and light.
Fill, anoint them; send your Spirit,
holy dove and heart's delight.

We who bring them long for nurture;
by your milk may we be fed.

Let us join your feast, partaking
cup of blessing, living bread.

God, renew us; guide our footsteps;
free from sin and all its snares,

one with Christ in living, dying,
by your Spirit, children, heirs.

O how deep your holy wisdom!
Unimagined, all your ways!
To your name be glory, honour!
With our lives, we worship, praise!
We your people stand before you,
water-washed and Spirit-born.
By your grace, our lives we offer.
Re-create us; God, transform!

OFFERTORY PRAYER

Celebrant: Let us pray
God of glory, immerse us in your grace, mark us with
your image, and raise us to live our baptismal
promises, so that, empowered by the Holy Spirit, we
may follow the example of Christ your beloved in
whose name we pray.

All: Amen.

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

Celebrant: God be with you.

All: And also with you.

Celebrant: Lift up your hearts.

All: We lift them up to God.

Celebrant: Let us give thanks to our God.

All: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Celebrant: Eternal God, Source of all being, we give you thanks
and praise for your faithful love. You call us into
friendship with you and one another to be your holy
people, a sign of your presence in the world. When
those we trust betray us, unfailingly you remain with
us. When we injure others, you confront us in your
love and call us to the paths of righteousness. You
stand with the weak, and those, broken and alone,
whom you have always welcomed home, making the
first last, and the last first. Therefore we raise our

voices with angels and archangels, forever praising you and singing:

All: Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

Celebrant: Blessed are you, O Holy One: when Hagar was driven into the wilderness you followed her and gave her hope. When Joseph was sold into bondage, you turned malice to your people's good. When you called Israel out of slavery, you brought them through the wilderness into the promised land. When your people were taken into exile you wept with them by the river of Babylon and carried them home.

All: Restore us, O God, let your face shine!

Celebrant: At the right time you sent your Anointed One to stand with the poor, the outcast, and the oppressed. Jesus touched lepers, and the sick, and healed them. He accepted water from a woman of Samaria and offered her the water of new life. Christ knew the desolation of the cross and opened the way for all humanity into the redemption of your reconciling love.

On the night he was betrayed, Jesus, at supper with his friends, took bread, gave you thanks, broke the bread, gave it to them, and said,
"Take and 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."

Loving and Holy One, recalling Christ's death and resurrection, we offer you these gifts, longing for the

bread of tomorrow and the wine of the age to come.
Therefore we proclaim our hope.

All: Dying you destroyed our death, rising you restored our life. Lord Jesus, come in glory.

Celebrant: Pour out your Spirit on these gifts that through them you may sustain us in our hunger for your peace. We hold before you all whose lives are marked by suffering. When we are broken and cast aside, embrace us in your love.

All: Restore us, O God, let your face shine!

Celebrant: Through Christ, with Christ, and in Christ in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honour and glory are yours, O Source of all life, now and for ever.

All: Amen.

Celebrant: And now, as our Saviour Christ has taught us, let us pray

**Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come, your will be done,
on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread.**

**Forgive us our sins as we forgive those
who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial
and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the
power,
and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.**

BREAKING OF THE BREAD

Celebrant: We break this bread to share in the body of Christ.

All: We, being many, are one body, for we all share in the one bread.

Celebrant: The gifts of God for the people of God.

All: Thanks be to God.

PRAYER FOR SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

Celebrant: With those joining us from home, I will lead the Prayer for Spiritual Communion:

In union, O Lord, with your faithful people at every altar of your Church, where the Holy Eucharist is now being celebrated, I desire to offer to you praise and thanksgiving. I remember your death, O Christ; I proclaim your resurrection; I await your coming in glory. Since I cannot receive you today in the Sacrament of your Body and Blood, I beseech you to come spiritually into my heart. Cleanse and strengthen me with your grace and let me never be separated from you. May I live in you, and you in me, in this life and in the life to come.

All: Amen.

**COMMUNION HYMNS You, Lord, are both Lamb and Shepherd
ACS 954**

You, Lord, are both Lamb and Shepherd.
You, Lord, are both prince and slave.
You, peacemaker and sword-bringer
of the way you took and gave.
You, the everlasting instant;
you, whom we both scorn and crave.

Clothed in light upon the mountain,
stripped of might upon the cross,
shining in eternal glory,
beggared by a soldier's toss,
you, the everlasting instant;
you, who are both gift and cost.

You, who walk each day beside us,
sit in power at God's side.
You, who preach a way that's narrow,
have a love that reaches wide.
You, the everlasting instant;
you, who are our pilgrim guide.

Worthy is our earthly Jesus!
Worthy is our cosmic Christ!
Worthy your defeat and vict'ry;
worthy still your peace and strife.
You, the everlasting instant;
you, who are our death and life.

Christ, Be Our Light ELW 715

Longing for light, we wait in darkness.
Longing for truth, we turn to you.
Make us your own, your holy people,
light for the world to see.

Refrain

Christ, be our light!
Shine in our hearts.
Shine through the darkness.
Christ, be our light!
Shine in your church gathered today.

Longing for peace, our world is troubled.
Longing for hope, many despair.
Your word alone has pow'r to save us.
Make us your living voice. *Refrain*

Longing for food, many are hungry.
Longing for water, many still thirst.
Make us your bread, broken for others,
shared until all are fed. *Refrain*

Longing for shelter, many are homeless.
Longing for warmth, many are cold.
Make us your building, sheltering others,
walls made of living stone. *Refrain*

Many the gifts, many the people,
many the hearts that yearn to belong.
Let us be servants to one another,
signs of your kingdom come. *Refrain*

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Celebrant: We give you thanks, almighty God, that you have refreshed us through the healing power of this gift of life. In your mercy, strengthen us through this gift, in faith toward you and in fervent love toward one another; for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord.

All: Amen.

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.**

Celebrant: *and the blessing...*

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Blessing Song:

**May the Lord rejoice with you,
may the Lord bless you,
and make his face to shine upon you,
the God of Heaven loves you.**

SENDING HYMN We Are Marching in the Light/ Siyahamba

ELW 866

We are marching in the light of God,
we are marching in the light of God.
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—oo—
we are marching in the light of God.

Siyahamb' ekukhanyen' kwenkhos',
siyahamb' ekukhanyen' kwenkhos'.
Siyahamb' ekukhanyen' kwenkhos',
siyahamb' ekukhanyen' kwenkhos'.
Siyahamba—oo—
siyahamb' ekukhanyen' kwenkhos'.
Siyahamba—oo—
siyahamb' ekukhanyen' kwenkhos'.
Additional stanzas ad lib:
We are dancing...
We are praying...
We are singing...

DISMISSAL

LM: Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God.**