



VESPERS on the Transfiguration of Jesus

2026 August 6

As members of a parish in the Diocese of New Westminster, we acknowledge that we are gathered from a variety of locations within the traditional and unceded ancestral territory of the Coast Salish people, including but not limited to, the halq'-emylém speaking Kwantlen, Kwikwetlem, Musqueam, Tseil-watuth, and Tsawwassen nations.

The Preparation

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An account of Jesus' transfiguration on the mount is included in each of the first three Gospels, and in each one it serves as an epiphany, a manifestation of the truth that Jesus is not only the messenger of salvation but also the saving message itself. Jesus took Peter, James, and John up a mountain, where they beheld his figure clothed in dazzling glory and his conference with Moses and Elijah. Moses was the servant of God who received the divine covenant and delivered it to Israel; while the prophet Elijah was expected to come again and inaugurate the end of the ages, when Israel would be restored and vindicated in the sight of all the nations. The vision of Jesus conversing with these two figures revealed that he was the third founder of Israel and, as God's very Son, the fulfillment of all the promises made in the Law and the Prophets. The Transfiguration also foreshadowed the still greater event of resurrection, and it gave a foresight of what salvation and the life of glory would be like. The evangelists all began their accounts of the Transfiguration by focusing on Jesus' clothing. It was not stripped off him, as it would be at the crucifixion; instead it was almost unbearably enhanced. Saint Paul would pick up on this image in his Second Letter to the Corinthians, where he spoke of the Christian hope

The Preparation (Cont'd)

in these terms: “While we are in this earthly tent we sigh with anxiety; not that we would be unclothed, but that we would be further clothed, so that what is mortal may be swallowed up by life.” Elsewhere he would speak of “putting on Christ” and of “being clothed with Christ.” Salvation, then, will not be a stripping away of what makes us human, but a donning of the vesture of glory; and the vesture of the blessed will be nothing other than the life of the risen Christ himself.

From “***For All the Saints***”
Anglican Church of Canada

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O God, make speed to save us,
O Lord, make haste to help us.

From the rising of the Sun to its setting
your glory is proclaimed in all the world.

Glory to the holy and undivided Trinity, one God:
as it was in the beginning, is now and will be forever.
Amen.

Act of Praise

We Praise You, Father, for Your Gift
Common Praise #33

Cantor or Officiant

We praise you Father, for your gift of dusk and
nightfall over earth, foreshadowing the
mystery of death that leads to endless day.

Within your hands we rest secure, in quiet
sleep, our strength renew; yet give your people
hearts that wake in love to you, unsleeping Lord.

Your glory may we ever seek in rest, as
in activity, until its fullness
is revealed, O source of life, O Trinity.

The Psalm

Psalm 99

Psalmist

The Lord is king; let the people tremble; *
**he is enthroned upon the Cherubim;
let the earth shake.**

The Lord is great in Zion; *
he is high above all peoples.

Let them confess his name, which is great and awesome; *
he is the Holy One.

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

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

Moses and Aaron among his priests,
and Samuel among those who call upon his name, *
they called upon the Lord, and he answered them.

The Psalm (Cont'd)

He spoke to them out of the pillar of cloud; *
they kept his testimonies and the decree that he gave them.

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

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

The Psalm Prayer

Lord our God, ruler of the universe, you love what is right. Lead us in your righteousness, that we may live to praise you, through your Son Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

The Reading

Luke 9: 28 - 36

Reader

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.

Response

*After a brief period of reflection
the Reader says:*

Blessed are the meek for they shall
inherit the Earth.

Thanks be to God!

Affirmation of Faith

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Let us Affirm our Faith as we recite “Hear, O Israel”

**Hear, O Israel,
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.

Intercessions, Petitions & Thanksgivings

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Lord God, friend of those in need, your Son Jesus has untied our burdens and healed our spirits. We lift up the prayers of our hearts for those still burdened, those seeking healing, those in need within the church and the world, responding to the bidding “Gracious God” with “Hear our Prayers”.

In the Anglican Communion, we pray for The Diocese of Attooch – Province of the Episcopal Church of South Sudan, The Rt Revd Moses Anur, Bishop; and the members, companions and associates of the Society of Ordained Scientists as they seek to bring faith to the scientific community, science to the church, and both to the world at large. Gracious God, **Hear our Prayers.**

In the Anglican-Lutheran-Moravian cycle, we pray for The Rt. Rev. Lydia Mamakwa, The Rt. Rev. Larry Beardy, and the Rt. Rev. Morris Fidler, Bishops, and the clergy and people of the Spiritual Ministry of Mishamikoweesh; The dean, council, and congregations of the Southern Area of the Synod of Alberta and the

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territories; and the Canadian Moravian Historical Society. Gracious God, **Hear our Prayers.**

In our Diocesan cycle, we pray for the Mother's Union – Diocese of New Westminster Chapter ; and the clergy and people of Holy Trinity, Vancouver. Gracious God, **Hear our Prayers.**

In this Parish of Holy Trinity Cathedral, we pray for Shane, our Primate; Chris, the National Indigenous Archbishop; John, our Metropolitan; Stephanie, our Priest; Bishop Benny Langan and the People of Northern Philippines; our Sister Parish of St. Gabriel the Archangel in Lubon; all in need of Prayer; and any others you wish to name, either silently or aloud. Gracious God, **Hear our Prayers.**

God of Love, receive our prayers, that we may love you with our whole being and willingly share the concerns of our neighbours. **Amen.**

The Collect

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Almighty God,
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.

The Lord's Prayer

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Believing in the promises of God,
as our Saviour taught us, so we 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,
and 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.**

The Sending Forth

Deacon (or Officiant)

Let us bless the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

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May the peace of God, which passes all
understanding, keep our hearts and minds in
Christ Jesus.

Amen.