

**The Transfiguration  
Holy Eucharist  
Sunday February 20, at 10:00 am  
St. Mary's la Prairie  
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*We acknowledge that we meet on Treaty 1 Land, the traditional land of the Anishinaabe, Cree and Dakota people and the homeland of the Metis Nation. We are grateful for their stewardship of this land and their hospitality which allows us to live, work and serve God the Creator here*

*The community is called to attend to the presence of God by a tone from the sounding bowl.*

**The Gathering of the Community. (BAS p.185)**

**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 Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen**

Gloria: #366 (Common Praise) “Glory, in the Highest Glory”



1. Glo-ry, in the high - est glo - ry, peace to all, in all their days.  
2. Je - sus Christ, the world's Re-deem-er, Lamb of God, for sin-ners given,



Wor-ship, thanks, and praise un-ceas-ing to the Source of all we raise:  
Word e - ter - nal, born of Ma-ry, Word made flesh, the face of heaven:



reign - ing in the sap - phire height, hid - den from our mor - tal sight,  
ho - ly one, to you we pray, hear us in the realms of day,



now re-ceive our a - dor-a-tion, as we make our sup-pli-ca-tion.  
with the Spir - it there u-nit-ed, and the God-head high ex-alt - ed.

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### The Collect

Lord of the mountain peak,  
whose light reveals the earth  
to be a dwelling place for love;  
Lord of the overshadowing,  
whose darkness confounds  
the lie that we can possess you:  
transform our hearts and minds,  
so that we may listen to him  
who bears the weight of glory  
in the lightness of our flesh,  
Jesus Christ, your Chosen One.  
Amen.

### **Reading Exodus 34:29-35**

**29** 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. **30** When Aaron and all the Israelites saw Moses, the skin of his face was shining, and they were afraid to come near him. **31** But Moses called to them; and Aaron and all the leaders of the congregation returned to him, and Moses spoke with them. **32** Afterward all the Israelites came near, and he gave them in commandment all that the Lord had spoken with him on Mount Sinai. **33** When Moses had finished speaking with them, he put a veil on his face; **34** 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, **35** 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.

**Reader** The Word of the Lord.

**People.** Thanks be to God.

### **Psalm 99 (BAS p. 837)**

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

### **Hymn 60 I Come With Joy**

1 I come with joy, a child of God,  
forgiven, loved and free,  
the life of Jesus to recall,  
in love laid down for me.

2 I come with Christians far and near  
to find, as all are fed,  
the new community of love  
in Christ's communion bread.

3 As Christ breaks bread, and bids us share,  
each proud division ends.  
The love that made us, makes us one,  
and strangers now are friends.

4 The Spirit of the risen Christ,  
unseen, but ever near,  
is in such friendship better known,  
alive among us here.

5 Together met, together bound  
by all that God has done,  
we'll go with joy, to give the world  
the love that makes us one.

### **The Proclamation of the Gospel**

**Reader** The Lord be with you.

**People** **And also with you.**

### **Hallelujah (Sung)**

**Reader** The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus  
Christ according to Luke

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

### **Luke 9:28-36**

**28** Now about eight days after these sayings Jesus took with him Peter and John and James, and went up on the mountain to pray. **29** And while he was praying, the appearance of his face changed, and his clothes became dazzling white. **30** Suddenly they saw two men, Moses and Elijah, talking to him. **31** They appeared in glory and were speaking of his departure, which he was about to accomplish at Jerusalem. **32** 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. **33** 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. **34** While he was saying this, a cloud came and overshadowed them; and they were terrified as they entered the cloud. **35** Then from the cloud came a voice that said, “This is my Son, my Chosen; listen to him!” **36** 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.

**Reader:** The Gospel of Christ.

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

### **Hallelujah (Sung)**

### **Message**

## **Prayers of the People**

Proclaim the greatness of the Lord our God, for the Lord our God, is the Holy One. Placing our hope in God, offering ourselves to God, let us pray, "Shine in our hearts, Lord Jesus, **and transform our lives.**"

Almighty God, as we turn our gaze towards our Lenten journey, strengthen us to bear our cross and to follow faithfully in the way of your Son, Jesus. Shine in our hearts, Lord Jesus,  
**And transform our lives.**

O mighty King, lover of justice, establish equity, that the dignity of every human being may be preserved and respected. But also show us mercy and forgive us for our failures. Shine in our hearts, Lord Jesus,  
**And transform our lives.**

Your glory outshines the brightness of the sun; the earth shakes in your presence and yet, it pleases you, O God, to reveal yourself to us through your creation. Give us hearts to love what you call good. Shine in our hearts, Lord Jesus,  
**And transform our lives.**

We pray for all those in need of your liberating salvation, O God, may the glory we encounter here shine on our faces and in our lives. Strengthen us to embody the Good News of your love. Shine in our hearts, Lord Jesus,  
**And transform our lives.**

Lord Jesus, free the suffering from their afflictions. We remember all on our prayers list a selection of whom we name now Bev Braden, Brad, Bob Calder, Erik and Bev Towle in hospital. Restore the broken to wholeness. Unveil the faces of those who dwell in great darkness. Shine in our hearts, Lord Jesus,  
**And transform our lives.**

May we be changed into the likeness of your Son, O God, from glory to glory. Bring us at last into that place with all your saints, where we might no longer see in the mirror dimly, but see you face to face. Shine in our hearts, Lord Jesus,  
**And transform our lives.**

## Hymn 397 Praise the One Who Breaks the Darkness

1 Praise the one who break the darkness  
with a liberating light.  
Praise the one who frees the prisoners,  
turning blindness into sight.  
Praise the one who preached the gospel,  
healing every dread disease,  
calming storms and feeding thousands  
with the very bread of peace.

2 Praise the one who blessed the children  
with a strong yet gentle word.  
Praise the one who drove out demons  
with a piercing two-edged sword.  
Praise the one who brings cool water  
to the desert's burning sand.  
From this well comes living water  
quenching thirst in every land.

3 Praise the one true love incarnate:  
Christ who suffered in our place.  
Jesus died and rose for many  
that we may know God by grace.  
Let us sing for joy and gladness,  
seeing what our God has done.  
Praise the one redeeming glory;  
praise the One who makes us one.

*The offerings of the congregation may be placed in the alms basin as they enter the Church. At the conclusion of the offertory the sidespeople place the alms basin on the stand at the front of the church.  
The celebrant will pray the prayer over the gifts appointed for the day.*

## Prayer over the Gifts

**Celebrant** Let us pray:

God of freedom,  
accept all we offer you this day.  
May we embrace the law of your service  
and know the glorious liberty  
of the children of God.  
We ask this in the name  
of Jesus Christ the Lord. Amen.

## Eucharistic Prayer (BAS p.196)

**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** We give you thanks and praise,  
almighty God,  
through your beloved Son, Jesus Christ,  
our Saviour and Redeemer.  
He is your living Word, through whom  
you have created all things  
By the power of the Holy Spirit  
he took flesh of the Virgin Mary  
and shared our human nature.  
He lived and died as one of us,  
to reconcile us to you,  
the God of all.

In fulfillment of your will  
he stretched out his hands in suffering,  
to bring release to those who place their  
hope in you;  
and so he won for you a holy people.

He chose to bear our griefs and sorrows,  
and to give up his life on the cross,  
that he might shatter the chains of evil  
and death, and banish the darkness  
of sin and despair.  
By his resurrection he brings us into  
the light of your presence.

Now with all creation we raise our voices  
to proclaim the glory of your name.

(Sung)  
**All**

**Holy, Holy, Holy Lord,  
God of power and might,  
heaven and earth are full of your glory.  
Hosanna in the highest.  
Hosanna in the highest.**

**Blessed is he who comes  
in the name of the Lord.  
Hosanna in the highest.  
Hosanna in the highest.**

**Celebrant** Holy and gracious God,  
accept our praise,  
through your Son  
our Saviour Jesus Christ;  
who on the night he was handed over  
to suffering and death,  
took bread and gave you thanks,  
saying, “Take, and eat:  
this is my body which is broken for you.”

In the same way he took the cup,  
saying, “This is my blood  
which is shed for you.  
When you do this,  
you do it in memory of me.”

Remembering, therefore, his death  
and resurrection,  
we offer you this bread and this cup,  
giving thanks that you have made us  
worthy to stand in your presence  
and serve you.

We ask you to send your Holy Spirit  
upon the offering of your holy Church.  
Gather into one  
all who share in these sacred mysteries,  
filling them with the Holy Spirit  
and confirming their faith in the truth,  
that together we may praise you  
and give you glory  
through your Servant, Jesus Christ.

All glory and honour are yours,  
Creator and Redeemer,  
with the Holy Spirit  
in the holy Church,  
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 (#2 BAS p. 212)

**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.**

*The congregation comes forward to retrieve a host, when all who wish have a host, masks are removed*

*The Celebrant says:*

**All** The Body of Christ, the bread of heaven.  
**Thanks be to God**

*Then all consume their host. Once you have consumed the host please replace your mask.*

*The teaching of the Church is that the fullness of Christ is present in only one of the elements.*

## **Prayer after Communion**

**Celebrant** Heavenly Father,  
bring to perfection within us  
the communion we share in this sacrament.  
May the unity we know this day  
live in our community and family.  
This we pray in the name  
of Jesus Christ the Lord. Amen.

## **The Doxology (BAS p. 214)**

**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.**

## **Blessing**

**Celebrant** May the love of Jesus  
draw us to himself;  
May the power of Jesus  
strengthen us in his service;  
May the joy of Jesus  
fill our souls.  
May the blessing of God,  
Source of all being,  
eternal Word and Holy Spirit  
be amongst you and  
remain with you and those you love  
now and always. Amen

### **Closing Hymn 576 For the Healing of the Nations**

For the healing of the nations,

God, we pray with one accord;  
for a just and equal sharing  
of the things that earth affords.

To a life of love in action  
help us rise and pledge our word.

Lead us, Father, into freedom;  
from despair your world release,  
that, redeemed from war and hatred,  
all may come and go in peace.

Show us how through care and goodness  
fear will die and hope increase.

All that kills abundant living,  
let it from the earth be banned:  
pride of status, race, or schooling,  
dogmas that obscure your plan.  
In our common quest for justice,  
may we hallow life's brief span.

You, Creator God, have written  
your great name on human kind;  
for our growing in your likeness,  
bring the life of Christ to mind;  
that by our response and service  
earth its destiny may find.

### **Dismissal**

**Celebrant** Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

**All** Thanks be to God.

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## Announcements

### **A note on the prayer list**

We will once more be including our prayer list. If there is someone on the list who should be removed please let me know. Likewise if you would like to add a name to the list please let me know. We will include five names from the list in our intercession each Sunday.

### **Prayer List**

Bev Braden, Brad, Bob Calder, Erik, Jan and family, Anne Clairmont, Mason Clairmont, Vickie Donald, Linda Downing, Elaine, Gerald, Glenn, George, Bill Human, Jane Human, Rod Knott, Jackson, Jason, Jane, Jess, Julia, Jocelyn, Joe, Kelsey, Kirby, Myrtle Kenny, Fran Laakso, Malcolm, Maureen, Mavis, Michael Logan, Ivy Muirhead, Misty Potts, Phyllis Moar, Clive Morgan, Nori, Donna Pacholuk, Colten Pratt, Marcel Ricard, Rick, Marilyn Roteliuk, Jamie and Tryli Shorting, Scott, Eva Shewchuk, Sharon Skoropata, John Stairs, Bev Towle, Tammy and David and family, Mary Wildfang, Vicki

**The Thrift Shop will be open Tuesday to Thursday from 10:30 am until 4 pm**

**Next Sunday's readings** Deuteronomy 26:1-11, Psalm 91:1-2, 9-16 2  
Romans 10:8-13 Luke 4:1-13

**Shrove Tuesday March 1** The Holy Spirit took the form of a parishioner who suggested we have a **Pancakeless Pancake Supper**. If you would like to participate just make a donation to the Church marked for this event. If you have pancakes for Shrove Tuesday and send in a picture we will put together a pictorial record of what we hope is our final physically distanced event.

**Wednesday March 2 at 7pm Ash Wednesday service in Church or via Zoom.**

### **Walk for St. Mary's Update**

To date we have received lump sum donations of \$440.00, and pledges of \$1500 for a grand total of \$1940.00. We are still accepting pledge forms or donations.