

THE FEAST OF THE TRANSFIGURATION

August 6, 2017

*The Lord has manifested His Glory;
O come let us worship!*

8:30 a.m. – Morning Prayer:

✠ Psalms 96 & 97 | Exodus 34:29-end | 2 Corinthians 3

9:00 a.m. – The Holy Eucharist

Introit: Psalm 84:1-7:	page 437
The Gloria:	page 86
The Collect:	page 289
The Old Testament Reading:	Ecclesiasticus 48:1–16
Psalm 96:7-9:	page 454
The Epistle:	page 290
Gradual Psalm: 84:8-13:	page 438
The Holy Gospel:	page 290
The Creed:	page 71
The Homily	
The Prayers of the People:	L: Lord, in thy mercy; C: Hear our prayer
The Consecration:	page 82
Post-Communion Prayer:	page 85

9:45 a.m. – Time with Fr. Stockall

10:30 a.m. – The Holy Eucharist

♪♪ Processional Hymn:	460 (St. Finbar)
The Gloria:	page 86
The Collect:	page 289
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♪♪ Gradual Hymn:	378 (Dix 184)
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♪♪ Offertory Hymn:	374 (Darwall)
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♪♪ Recessional Hymn:	371 (Leoni)

*Please join us in the Parish Hall
following the 10:30 Celebration for
Coffee & Conversation.*

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From the Rector _____

The story of Christ's Transfiguration is pivotal in all three synoptic Gospels, Matthew, Mark and Luke. It's a vital turning point in the story, the point when Jesus is revealed for who He really is. For a moment, the mists dissolve and the secret is laid bare: He is revealed to us as the anointed one, the one who has come in fulfilment of all that the Law, in Moses, and the Prophets, in Elijah, longed for. In his flesh and blood we see nothing less than Israel's God, the very same God who had once disclosed Himself in another transfiguration at a burning bush and, in that moment had spoken his sacred name. All that has taken place thus far in the unfolding of Christ's ministry has been leading to this point; and from this point onwards the narrative darkens as it descends towards the Cross; but, like Peter and James and John, the reader has been reminded of what is critical to the story: that the man destined to die is none other than God's own Son.

The story of Christ's Transfiguration is framed in the Gospels by two predictions of how He must suffer and die. The Christ whom Peter has only recently recognised in his confession will not go up to glory before He suffers pain; or, to put it another way, the glory of the Transfiguration will turn out to be the glory of His self-emptying love for each one of us: that is, the glory of the cross. The marvellous paradox of the passion narrative is that we see in the darkness of Good Friday something hidden from those who crucified Jesus until it was too late; St. Mark, for example, records the remarkable words of the Roman centurion, whose confession of faith at Golgotha mirrors Peter's at Caesarea: 'Truly this man was the Son of God!'

And this speaks not only of what happened then in that place, but of what can happen now for all of us. The crucifixion has many layers of meaning; but one of them is that God knows the pain of this world. 'My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?' Jesus cries, echoing words which men and women have cried throughout the millennia. Dietrich Bonhoeffer said that in our distress, 'only the suffering God can help'. The point is that God knows and cares, because He has walked that way Himself. And if you were to ask me what our faith is all about, I might say that it is a new way of interpreting suffering; a new way of coping with struggle and fear, entering into the world's pain as God Himself does.

Now I can't pretend that this is easy. Like Peter, I blunder about in the presence of glory. I miss the point. But the voice from the cloud tells us what we must do: "This is my beloved Son; listen to him." If we can discern Christ's voice amid the clamour and chatter that bid for our attention; if we will listen and obey and follow, then we can be transfigured, we will glimpse a little glory in our ordinary days. And maybe, just maybe, our experience of celebrating the Holy Eucharist each week can be that mountain top, that burning bush, that place where we see the glory of the crucified and risen Lord, and know and love Him once again.



SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

AUGUST 9: ST. LAURENCE, Archdeacon of Rome

6:30 p.m. – Evening Prayer

7:00 p.m. – Holy Eucharist

AUGUST 12: THE NINTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

4:30 p.m. – Evening Prayer

5:00 p.m. – Holy Eucharist

AUGUST 13: THE NINTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

8:30 a.m. – Morning Prayer

9:00 a.m. – Holy Eucharist

10:30 a.m. – Holy Eucharist

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THE PARISH OF ST. MARY, YORK



Christ did not enchant men; He demanded that they believe in Him: except on one occasion, the Transfiguration. For a brief while, Peter, James, and John were permitted to see Him in His glory. For that brief while they had no need of faith. The vision vanished, and the memory of it did not prevent them from all forsaking Him when He was arrested, or Peter from denying that he had ever known Him.

W. H. Auden (1907-1973), *A Certain World* [1971]

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THE RESIDENTS AT FARRALINE PLACE ARE VERY PLEASED to invite you to their annual **Garden Party** on Thursday, August 10th, starting at 2:00 p.m. They plan to celebrate Canada's 150th anniversary and they invite guests to don their proudest red and white. To help with planning they ask those hoping to attend to RSVP by calling them at 455-6443 and asking for Jenelle or Hielke.

THE ST. MICHAEL'S YOUTH CONFERENCE is scheduled for August 21st to 26th at Camp Wildwood near Bouctouche, and application forms are now available. This is an excellent programme for young people between ages of 13 and 19, combining solid and helpful Christian Education, worship, recreation and fellowship. If you know of someone who would benefit from this amazing programme, please to Janice Stockall or the Rector.

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