

**St Stephen the Martyr Anglican Church, Burnaby**

**Holy Eucharist with Zoom Option  
Transfiguration Sunday**

**Sunday, March 2, 2025  
10:00 AM**



First half of 16<sup>th</sup> century. Ethiopia.  
Monastery at Gunda Gunde, northeastern Ethiopia; Church of Mädhane Aläm at Mäjate, Ethiopia, <sup>i</sup>

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# The Gathering of the Community

## Words of Welcome & a Territorial Acknowledgement

🎵 **Opening Hymn:** *“Dear Shepherd of Your People, Hear”* CP-521

Celebrant O Lord, open our lips  
**All and our mouth shall proclaim your praise.**

Celebrant Send your Holy Spirit upon us,  
**All and clothe us with power from on high. Alleluia<sup>ii</sup>.**

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 Father of all.**

🎵 **Hymn of Praise:** *“Holy, Holy, Holy”* SANC-74 (music on handout)

Holy, holy, holy, my heart, my heart adores you!  
My heart is glad to say the words: you are holy, Lord.

Santo, santo, santo, mi corazón te adora!  
Mi corazón te sabe decir: santo eres Señor.

## Collect of the Day

Celebrant Let us pray:  
**All God of transfiguration, transform our hearts and minds so that we may hear your message, and fill the world with your glory; through Jesus Christ, the chosen one. Amen.<sup>iii</sup>**

## The Proclamation of the Word

### A reading from the Book of Exodus

(Exodus 34:29-35)

read by Sandra

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. When Aaron and all the Israelites saw Moses, the skin of his face was shining, and they were afraid to come near him. But Moses called to them, and Aaron and all the leaders of the congregation returned to him, and Moses spoke with them. Afterward all the Israelites came near, and he gave them in commandment all that the Lord had spoken with him on Mount Sinai. When Moses had finished speaking with them, he put a veil on his face, but whenever Moses went in before the Lord to speak with

After the destruction of the first tablets on which the Ten Commandments were written, God has invited Moses to return to Mount Sinai to receive replacements. While there, he has conversed with God. His face radiates and reflects God’s splendour and power, so much so that he wears a veil to avoid overwhelming the Israelites.

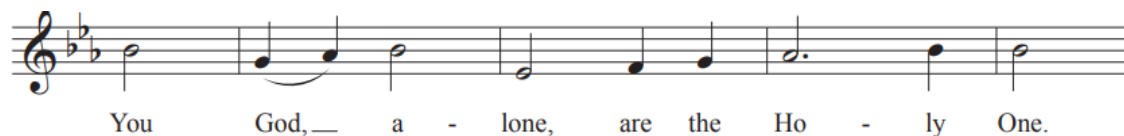
him, he would take the veil off until he came out, and when he came out and told the Israelites what he had been commanded, the Israelites would see the face of Moses, that the skin of his face was shining, and Moses would put the veil on his face again until he went in to speak with him.

**All** Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's People.  
**Thanks be to God!**

 **Psalm 99** <sup>iv</sup>

Cantor: Pauline

*The cantor sings the refrain first, then everyone repeats it the second time. The cantor sings the verses.*



**[Refrain]: "You God, alone, are the Holy One."**

God is enthroned upon the cherubim; let the earth shake and its people tremble.  
Our God is great in Zion; and high above all peoples.

Let them confess the Name which is great and awesome, Our God is the Holy One.

**[Refrain]: "You God, alone, are the Holy One."**

"O Mighty Sovereign, lover of justice, you have established equity;  
you have executed justice and righteousness in Jacob."

Proclaim the greatness of our God, bow down in worship: You, God, are the Holy One.

**[Refrain]: "You God, alone, are the Holy One."**

Moses and Aaron among your priests and Samuel among those who call upon your name,  
they called upon you and you answered them. You spoke to them out of the pillar of cloud,  
they kept your testimonies and the decrees that you gave them.

**[Refrain]: "You God, alone, are the Holy One."**

"O God, you answered them indeed;  
you were a God who forgave them, yet punished them for their evil deeds."

Proclaim God's greatness; worship upon the holy hill; for God is the Holy One.

**[Refrain]: "You God, alone, are the Holy One."**

## **A reading from Paul's second letter to the Corinthians**

(2 Corinthians 3:12-4:2)

read by Theresa

Since, then, we have such a hope, we act with complete frankness, not like Moses, who put a veil over his face to keep the people of Israel from gazing at the end of the glory that was being set aside. But their minds were hardened. Indeed, to this very day, when they hear the reading of the old covenant, the same veil is still there; it is not unveiled since in Christ it is set aside. Indeed, to this very day whenever Moses is read, a veil lies over their minds, but when one turns to the Lord, the veil is removed. Now the Lord is the Spirit, and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is

Paul contrasts his ministry with that of Moses. He and we are able, thanks to Christ, to see God's plan fully. The dead letter of the Law has been replaced by the living letter of the Spirit.

freedom. And all of us, with unveiled faces, seeing the glory of the Lord as though reflected in a mirror, are being transformed into the same image from one degree of glory to another, for this comes from the Lord, the Spirit.

Therefore, since it is by God's mercy that we are engaged in this ministry, we do not lose heart. We have renounced the shameful, underhanded ways; we refuse to practice cunning or to falsify God's word, but by the open statement of the truth we commend ourselves to the conscience of everyone in the sight of God.

**All** Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's People.  
**Thanks be to God!**

🎵 **Gradual Hymn: "We Have Come at Christ's Own Bidding"**

CP-166

## **A reading from the Gospel According to Luke**

(Luke 9:28-43)

read by the Rev. Deacon Trudi Shaw

Reader: The Lord be with you.  
**All And also with you.**

Reader: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.  
**All Glory to you Lord Jesus Christ.**

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 as bright as a flash of lightning. Suddenly they saw two men, Moses and Elijah, talking to him. They appeared in glory and were speaking about his exodus, which he was about to fulfill in Jerusalem. Now Peter and his companions were weighed down with sleep, but as they awoke 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 set up three tents: one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah," not realizing what he was saying. 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.

While we do not know the exact nature of Jesus' transfiguration, we do recognize that it began with prayer and grew into a profound religious experience. Jesus discusses his departure with Moses and Elijah. He is embarking on the path of doing God's will, as Moses the lawgiver and Elijah the prophet had done before him.

On the next day, when they had come down from the mountain, a great crowd met him. Just then a man from the crowd shouted, "Teacher, I beg you to look at my son; he is my only child. Suddenly a spirit seizes him, and all at once he shrieks. It convulses him until he foams at the mouth; it mauls him and will scarcely leave him. I begged your disciples to cast it out, but they could not."

Jesus answered, "You faithless and perverse generation, how much longer must I be with you and put up with you? Bring your son here." While he was being brought forward, the demon dashed him to the ground in convulsions. But Jesus rebuked the unclean spirit,

healed the boy, and gave him back to his father. And all were astounded at the greatness of God.

**All** The Gospel of Christ  
**Praise to You, Lord Jesus Christ.**

## **Sermon**

The Most Reverend John Stephens

# **The Celebration of Baptism**

## **Presentation and Examination of the Candidates**

Celebrant The candidate for Holy Baptism will now be presented.  
Sponsors We present **Mojgan Kazemi** to receive the sacrament of baptism.

Celebrant Do you desire to be baptized?  
Candidate **I do.**

Celebrant Do you renounce Satan and all the spiritual forces of wickedness that rebel against God?  
Candidate **I renounce them.**

Celebrant Do you renounce the evil powers of this world which corrupt and destroy the creatures of God?  
Candidate **I renounce them.**

Celebrant Do you renounce all sinful desires that draw you from the love of God?  
Candidate **I renounce them.**

Celebrant Do you turn to Jesus Christ and accept him as your Saviour?  
Candidate **I do.**

Celebrant Do you put your whole trust in his grace and love?  
Candidate **I do.**

Celebrant Do you promise to obey him as your Lord?  
Candidate **I do.**

Celebrant Will you who witness these vows do all in your power to support these persons in their life in Christ?  
**All We will.**

## **Prayers for the Candidate**

Celebrant Let us now pray for **Mojgan Kazemi** who is to receive the sacrament of new birth.

Leader Deliver her, O Lord, from the way of sin and death.  
**All Lord, hear our prayer.**

Leader Open her hearts to your grace and truth.  
**All Lord, hear our prayer.**

Leader Fill her with your holy and life-giving Spirit.  
**All Lord, hear our prayer.**

Leader Teach her to love others in the power of the Spirit.

**All Lord, hear our prayer.**

Leader Send her into the world in witness to your love.

**All Lord, hear our prayer.**

Leader Bring her to the fullness of your peace and glory.

**All Lord, hear our prayer.**

Leader Grant, O Lord, that all who are baptized into the death of Jesus Christ your Son may live in the power of his resurrection and look for him to come again in glory; who lives and reigns now and for ever.

**All Amen.**

## **Thanksgiving over the Water**

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

**All And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our 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, Father, 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 fellowship 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 those who are committing themselves to Christ and renew our own baptismal covenant.

## **The Baptismal Covenant**

Celebrant 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.**

## **The Baptism**

*The celebrant will pour water upon the candidate, naming them and saying:*

Celebrant **Mojgan Kazemi**, I baptize you in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**All Amen.**

*Then the celebrant will use blessed oils to make the sign of the cross on the candidate's forehead and say:*

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

Celebrant Heavenly Father, we thank you that by water and the Holy Spirit you have bestowed upon these your servants the forgiveness of sin, and have raised them to the new life of grace. Sustain them, O Lord, in your Holy Spirit. Give them 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. **Amen.**

## **The Giving of the Light**

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 your Father in heaven.

Celebrant Let us welcome the newly baptized.

**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.**

♪ **Baptismal Hymn** “*I Have Called You by Your Name*”

SANC-24  
(see page 12)

## The Peace

Celebrant The peace of Christ be always with you.

**All** **And also with you.**

*The Peace is an invitation for us to extend the blessing of God’s absolution of our sins to our neighbours. You are invited to greet those sitting nearest to you with a wave, handshake, fist bump or other greeting.*

♪ **Offertory Hymn** “*What Wonderful Love is This*”

CP-400

*During the singing of the Offertory Hymn, the greeters will bring the offering plates through the congregation. Financial offerings may be placed in the plates at the entrances to the worship space or made online at [www.ststephenburnaby.ca/pages/donate](http://www.ststephenburnaby.ca/pages/donate). St Stephen’s depends on the generosity of our members and visitors to continue to offer Christ’s light to our neighbours.*

## The Holy Communion

### Preparation and Prayer over the Gifts

Celebrant God of mercy and grace, the eyes of all wait upon you, and you open your hand in blessing. Fill us with good things at your table, so that we may come to the help of all in need, through Jesus Christ, our redeemer and Lord.

**All** **Amen.**<sup>v</sup>

### The Great Thanksgiving

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

**All** **And also with you.**

Celebrant Lift up your hearts.

**All** **We lift them to the Lord.**

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**All** **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 and Father of all.



In fulfilment 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.

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

♪ **Sanctus** “*Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord*”

CP-735

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, Father and Son, with the Holy Spirit in the holy Church, now and for ever.

**All** **Amen.**<sup>vi</sup>

Celebrant As our Saviour taught us, let us pray:

♪ **The Lord’s Prayer** “*Our Father*”

Gordon Light  
*See handout for music*

**Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name;  
your kingdom come, your will be done on earth, as in heav’n.  
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.**

### **The Breaking the Bread**

Celebrant We break the bread of life, and that life is the light of the world.

**All** **God here among us, light in the midst of us, bring us to light and life.**

Celebrant We are here because Jesus has called us – strangers and friends, regulars and visitors, believers and doubters, the certain and the curious. It is always a mixed company that Jesus gathers and invites to his table where, in bread and wine, he meets us and through him we, who are different, are joined to each other.

So come, not because you understand, but because you are understood.  
Come, not because of how you feel, but because God has food for you.  
Come, not because you deserve a place,  
but because Jesus invites you, just as you are.vii

Celebrant The gifts of God for the people of God.  
All **Thanks be to God.**

## The Communion

### **To Receive Communion:**

*Please come forward to the step before the Altar to receive. We begin with the choir, the tech team, and the pews behind them and then move to the other side. Be attentive to physical distancing as you move within the space. To receive, extend both hands, one on top of the other so that the wafer may be placed on your palm. For the wine, you may take a sip from the chalice. We do not dip the wafer into the wine.*

*If you are not receiving wine, you may stay until the chalice is offered to you or return to your seat immediately.*

*If you would prefer a blessing instead, please ask for one.*

*If you need Communion brought to you, please alert a greeter or wave at the priest when everyone else has received.*

### **Those on Zoom will say this prayer together.**

*If you are attending in-person, but are not receiving communion at this time, you may also wish to say the following prayer.*

In union, O God, with all your faithful people gathered wherever the eucharist is celebrated this day, we offer you praise and thanksgiving for creation and all the blessings of this life, for the redemption given to us through the life, death and resurrection of Christ, and for the means of grace and the hope of glory.

We pray that we may know you in heart, and soul and mind. Let nothing separate us from you. May we serve you in this life until, by your grace, we come to your promised reign of justice and peace; through Christ and in the unity of the Spirit. Amen.

## Communion Hymns

*“Alleluia! Glory to God”*

CP-457

*“Confitemini Domino”*

CP-402

## The Sending Forth of the Community

### Prayer after Communion

Celebrant All your works praise you, O Lord.  
All **And your faithful servants bless you.**

All **Gracious God we thank you for feeding us with the body and blood of your Son Jesus Christ. May we, who share his body, live his risen life; we, who drink his cup, bring life to others; we, whom the Spirit lights, give light to the world. Keep us firm in the hope you have set before us,**

so that we and all your children shall be free, and the whole earth live to praise your name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

## Announcements

### + Episcopal Blessing

♪ Closing Hymn "*Praise, My Soul*"

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## Dismissal

Leader Let us bless the Lord.

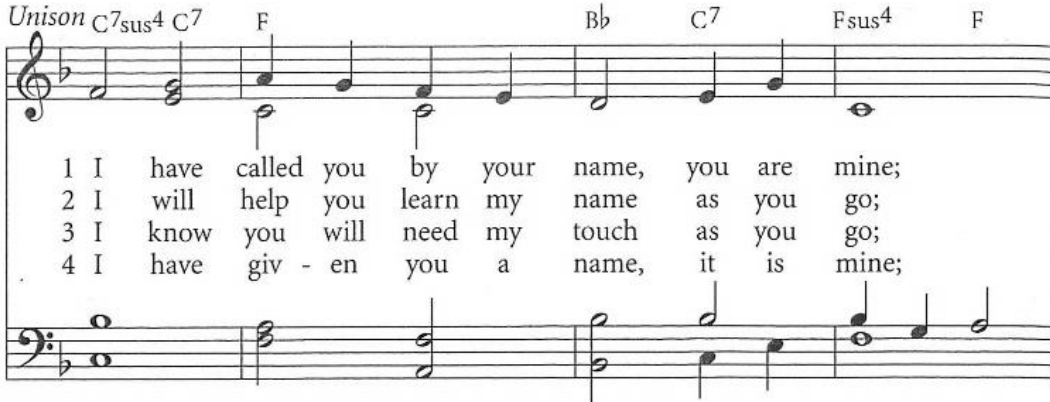
All **Thanks be to God.**



A time of celebration and fellowship follows in the Parish Hall.


## 24 I Have Called You By Your Name

Unison C7sus4 C7 F Bb C7 Fsus4 F




1 I have called you by your name, you are mine;  
 2 I will help you learn my name as you go;  
 3 I know you will need my touch as you go;  
 4 I have given you a name, it is mine;

C7sus4 C7 F Bb/F Csus4 C



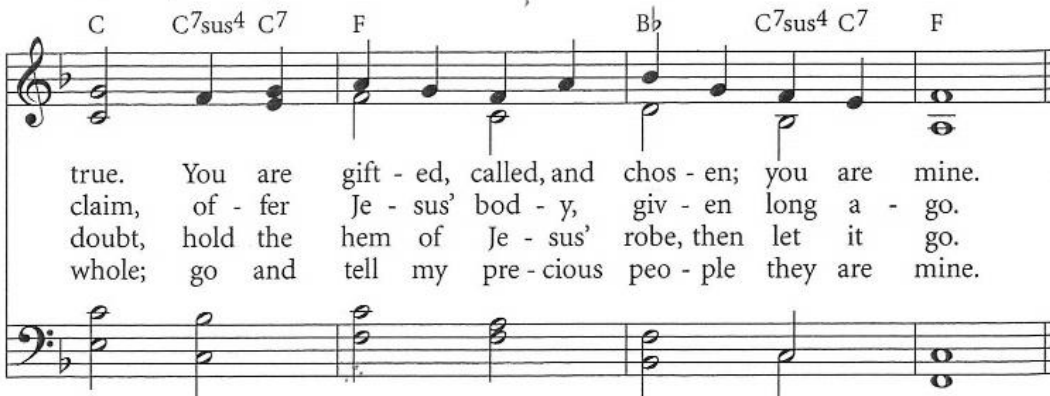
I have gift-ed you and ask you now to shine.  
 read it writ-ten in my peo-ple, help them grow.  
 feel it puls-ing in cre-a-tion's ebb and flow.  
 I have giv-en you my Spir-it as a sign.

C7 Am Dm Gm



I will not a-ban-don you; all my prom-is-es are  
 Pour the wa-ter in my name, speak the word your soul can  
 Like the wom-an reach-ing out, choos-ing faith in spite of  
 With my won-der in your soul, make my wound-ed chil-dren

C C7sus4 C7 F Bb C7sus4 C7 F



true. You are gift-ed, called, and chos-en; you are mine.  
 claim, of-fer Je-sus' bod-y, giv-en long a-go.  
 doubt, hold the hem of Je-sus' robe, then let it go.  
 whole; go and tell my pre-cious peo-ple they are mine.

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### Liturgical Note:

In the context of Christian worship, Israel does not refer to the current political state but either to the historic Hebrews of the ancient Near East, or in Christian theology, to all people who put their faith and trust in Jesus Christ. We continue to pray for peace among all peoples and the victims of war, remembering especially the government of Israel, the leaders of Hamas, and the people of Israel and Palestine.

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<sup>v</sup> The Prayer Over the Gifts is from Evangelical Lutheran Worship (2006) alt.

<sup>vi</sup> Eucharistic Prayer 2 from BAS.

<sup>vii</sup> The Breaking of the Bread is from the Iona Community.