

TRANSFIGURATION



St. Matthews Church

WHERE COMMUNITY
GATHERS AND GROWS

February 27, 2022

Golden Hour 92nd anniversary/ Transfiguration of our Lord Sunday, February 27, 2022

(* indicates the assembly stands

** indicates singing is encouraged)

Gathering

Prelude *"Transfiguration Prelude"* J. Bender

Words of Welcome & Service Announcements

*Hymn 315** *"How Good, Lord, to be here"*

*Greeting

*Prayer of the Day

Anthem *"Come to the Mountain"* J. Bender

Word

First Reading Exodus 34:29-35

Psalm 99 *(see page 4, read responsively by full verse)*

Second Reading 2 Corinthians 3:12-4:2

Gospel Acclamation *"Alleluia"* p. 102

Gospel Reading Luke 9:28-36

Sermon

*Hymn of the Day WOV 653** *"Jesus on the Mountain Peak"*

*Prayers of Intercession **A: hear our prayer.**

*Peace

Meal

*Offering Hymn 885** *"Praise God, from whom all blessings flow"*

*Offering Prayer	
*Great Thanksgiving	p. 107
*Holy, Holy, Holy	p. 108
*Thanksgiving at the Table VII	p. 67
*Lord's Prayer ("Our Father in heaven...")	p. 112
Lamb of God	p. 112
Communion Hymns: "Lord, your glowing luminescence" (see pg. 5), 838	
Table Blessing	
Prayer after Communion	
Sending	
General Announcements	
*Blessing	
*Hymn 318**	<i>"Alleluia, Song of Gladness"</i>
Dismissal	A: Thanks be to God.
Postlude	<i>"Toccata"</i> T. Dubois

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Witnesses to the glory of God in the face of Jesus reflect that glory in the world. It was true for Moses. It was doubtless true for Peter, James, and John. We pray that it will be true of all of us who see God's glory in the word and in the supper and who are being "transformed into the same image" by God's Spirit.

Welcome to worship this morning, whether you are joining us in person or via the Golden Hour. In these pandemic times, worship will feel a lot different from normal, but it is still worship, and God is with us no matter what.

Psalm 99

¹The LORD is king; let the ^l people tremble.

The LORD is enthroned upon the cherubim; let ^l the earth shake.

²**The LORD, ^l great in Zion,
is high a- ^lbove all peoples.**

³Let them confess God's name, which is ^l great and awesome;
God is the ^l Holy One.

⁴**O mighty king, lover of justice, you have es- ^ltablished equity;
you have executed justice and righteous- ^lness in Jacob.**

⁵Proclaim the greatness of the LORD and fall down be- ^lfore God's footstool;
God is the ^l Holy One.

⁶**Moses and Aaron among your priests, and Samuel among those who call
upon your ^l name, O LORD;**

they called upon you, and you ^l answered them,

⁷you spoke to them out of the pil- ^llar of cloud;
they kept your testimonies and the decree ^l that you gave them.

⁸**O LORD our God, you answered ^l them indeed;
you were a God who forgave them, yet punished them for their ^l evil
deeds.**

⁹Proclaim the greatness of the LORD and worship upon God's ^l holy hill;
for the LORD our God is the ^l Holy One.

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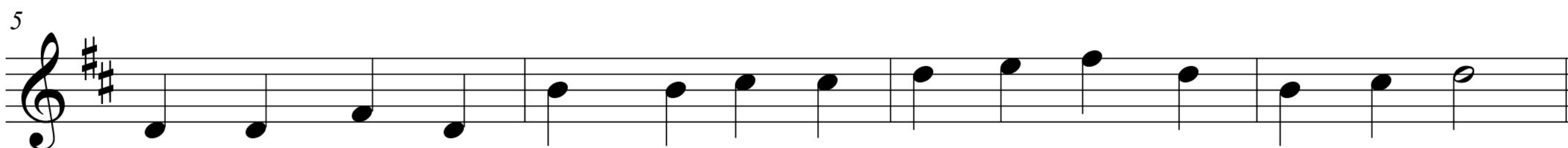
Church Fire Plan For everyone's awareness, a copy of the Church Fire Plan for safe exit from the Sanctuary appears in the back of the worship books. Please take a moment to review for your own safety.

Lord, your glowing luminescence

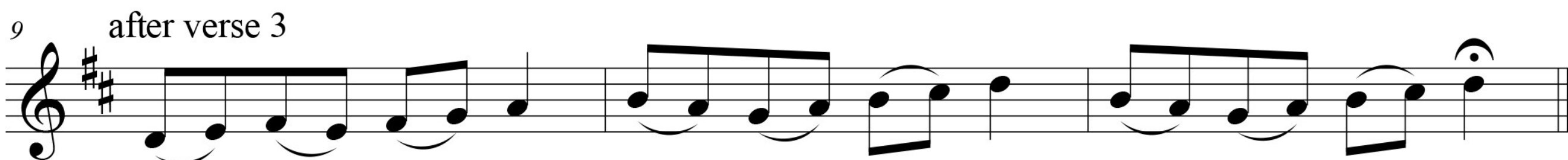
Joanne Bender



1. Lord, your glow-ing lu - mi - ne - scence shines with - in our world to - day.
2. So that love and peace and joy will trans - form wrong and make it right,
3. Glo - ry be to God, Cre - a - tor, and to Je - sus, God's own Son.



May Christ's moun - tain - top ex - per - ience speak to us and show the way.
And cre - a - tion, changed for bet - ter, ce - le - brates God's glor - ious light.
Glo - ry to the Ho - ly Spi - rit, Praise to God, the Three in One.



Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia!

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Leading Worship Today

Minister: Rev. Sebastian Meadows-Helmer

Preacher: The Rev. Adam Snook, Assistant to the Bishop, Eastern Synod of the ELCIC

Assisting Minister: Linda McLellan

Diaconal Minister of Music : Deacon Scott Knarr

Singers: Nicole Hamilton, Julia Crnko, Laura Moolenbeek, Dylan Siebert, Jacob Steinmann

Building Monitor: Dennis Diebolt (519-571-4525)

Radio Operator: Andrew Weber

Come to the Mountain (Anthem text)

Come to the mountain, come and pray. Jesus. Like lightning!

Your radiant face shines in glorious splendour. Divine light inspires fear, awe and wonder.

Transfigured, illumined by heavenly light, brilliant, dazzling, miraculous sight.

And through the clouds a voice from above says "This is my Son, the one whom I love. Listen to Him."

Come holy Jesus, shine in our hearts and minds, be light in our darkness, enlighten our lives. Break through our night with powerful light: transfigure, transform, and change with your might. Be our lightning, our fire, a flash from above; for creation, your people, the ones whom you love. Transfigure us.

Spirit, Lord in your likeness we're formed. And through Christ we are now transformed. For Christ uncovers our radiant faces, unveiling our glory through unfailing grace, reflecting God's glory, God's increasing glory. Glory to God.

Worship Notes

In our prayers John, Susan, Marie, Grace, Maureen, Ruth-Marie, Frank and

Important Information for today's worship

- **Masks:** According to the Waterloo Region Bylaw, wearing a mask indoors is mandatory.
- **Personal belongings:** You may use the basement coat racks, but please use the Church Street side staircase to descend back down (follow the arrows). Please still exit via the left (Charles St.) staircase and doors.

- **Offering:** Please place your offering in one of the offering plates upon leaving.
- **The Peace** will be shared without physical contact
- **Guides to Worship:** Please place these in the recycling bins in the Narthex upon leaving, or take them home.
- **Exiting:** At the end of the service, all will remain in place until the end of the postlude. Then, following the ushers' guidance, those in the back pews will exit first, going directly out the only official exit: the Benton parking lot doors. Please do not mingle inside, and maintain distancing until you are in the parking lot. We encourage you to mingle outside while maintaining physical distancing.
- **Washrooms:** Are not sanitized after each usage. Please only use the ones in the Sanctuary basement, follow all signage and maintain physical distancing.
- **Coffee Hour** is cancelled until further notice.
- **Mingling:** Please do not mingle while indoors and respect 2 metre physical distancing at all times. Please refrain from shaking hands or other physical contact with people outside your social bubble.
- **Pastors** will not be greeting at the door or mingling indoors, but will make an effort to come outside asap after the service. If you wish to talk to them, best to call or email at another time. An in-person meeting may be scheduled.
- **Water Coolers** are not to be used.
- **Access** to the rest of the building (e.g. Office, Fellowship Hall, Scout Hall) is not permitted.
- **Property Cleaning and Sanitizing:** Will be increased throughout this time
- **Thank you for helping to keep all of us as safe as possible during this pandemic, by following these directions!**

General Announcements

Music note: Waterloo pianist and composer Joanne Bender was commissioned to write the "Cantata for the Sunday of the Transfiguration" for Mount Zion, Waterloo in celebration of the 10th anniversary of the installation of the Guilbault-Thérien organ.

Join St. Matthews, and the Women's Inter-Church Council of Canada, in celebrating the 96th Annual World Day of Prayer, on Friday, March 4th, 2022. This year's service, prepared by the women of England, Wales & Northern Ireland, is themed "I Know The Plans I Have For You". A video presentation of the service is available for viewing at any time at www.wicc.org, and will be broadcast locally on Rogers Cable Television Channel 20 at 8:30am & 5pm, March 4th. St. Matthews will be hosting our own special World Day of Prayer service & prayer session next Friday at 11am. Please visit the St. Matthews website, or contact the church office, for details on how to attend.

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