

# TRANSFIGURATION



## St. Matthews Church

WHERE COMMUNITY GATHERS AND GROWS

February 19, 2023

**Transfiguration of Our Lord**  
**Sunday, February 19, 2023**  
(\* indicates the assembly stands)

**Gathering**

Prelude "Elizabethan Serenade" R. Binge  
Words of Welcome & Service Announcements  
\*Hymn 523 "Let Us Go Now to the Banquet"  
\*Greeting  
\*Glory to God p. 167  
\*Prayer of the Day  
Anthem "What does God demand?" S. Knarr  
Children's Message

**Word**

First Reading Leviticus 19:1-2, 9-18  
Psalm 99 (see page 4)  
Second Reading Romans 12:1-13  
\*Gospel Acclamation "Alleluia" p. 171  
\*Gospel Reading Matthew 17:1-9  
Sermon  
\*Hymn of the Day 546 "To Be Your Presence"  
\*Nicene Creed p. 104  
\*Prayers of Intercession **A: receive our prayer.**  
\*Peace

**Meal**

\*Offering Hymn 712 v.1 "Lord, Whose Love in Humble Service"  
\*Offering Prayer  
\*Great Thanksgiving p. 172

*Holy, Holy, Holy		p. 173
*Thanksgiving at the Table VI		p. 66
*Lord's Prayer ("Our Father, who art in heaven...")		p. 173
Lamb of God		p. 174
Communion Hymns 838, 867		
*Table Blessing		
*Prayer after Communion		
<b>Sending</b>		
General Announcements		
*Blessing		
*Hymn 315	<i>"How Good, Lord, to Be Here"</i>	
*Dismissal	<b>A: Thanks be to God.</b>	
Postlude	<i>"Voluntary in D, Op. 5"</i>	J. Stanley

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*\*\* Biblical Texts taken from "A Women's Lectionary for the Whole Church" (W. Gafney, 2021)*

**Today's festival is a bridge between the Advent-Christmas-Epiphany cycle that comes to a close today and the Lent-Easter cycle that begins in several days. On a high mountain Jesus is revealed as God's beloved Son, echoing the words at his baptism. This vision of glory sustains us as Jesus faces his impending death in Jerusalem. We turn this week to Ash Wednesday and our yearly baptismal journey from Lent to Easter. Some churches put aside the alleluia at the conclusion of today's liturgy. This word of joy will be omitted during the penitential season of Lent and will be sung again at Easter.**

A F#m E D E A

1 The LORD is king en-throned in might on wings of cher-u-bim;  
 2 Of old to priests and proph-ets known with trem-bling, fear and awe,  
 3 O mag-ni - fy the God of grace who hears his peo-ple's cry,

F#m E D Esus E A

he reigns in hol - i - ness and light, bow down to wor-ship him!  
 he gave his peo-ple, set in stone, his stat-utes and his law.  
 and come with songs be-fore his face, ex - alt his name on high!

A E A E

Be - yond all maj - es - ty and praise his ho - ly name con-fess.  
 By those who called up - on his name the voice of God was heard.  
 To see at last, by grace re - stored from sin and all its stains.

A F#m E D Esus E A

the king of ev - er - last - ing days, who rules in right-eous-ness  
 his pres-ence shown in cloud and flame when they o-beyed his word  
 the ho - ly moun-tain of the Lord where God in glo - ry reigns

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## Leading Worship Today

**Minister & violinist:** Rev. Sebastian Meadows-Helmer

**Diaconal Minister of Music:** Deacon Scott Knarr

**Assisting Minister:** Linda McLellan

**Choral Scholars:** Nicole Hamilton, Laura Moolenbeek, Dylan Siebert, Jacob Steinmann

**Broadcast:** Andrew Weber

**Building Monitor:** Steve Dickin (519-580-8407)

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## Worship Notes

**In our prayers** John, Marie, Grace, Maureen, Bernice, John and Nancy.

**All are welcome at the meal** where Jesus is present loving you and forgiving you. The pastor will distribute communion wafers using tongs. Gluten-free wafers are also available; please indicate this request to the Pastor. You may then take a pre-poured wine cup from the larger tray or a juice cup from the smaller tray. If you would (also) like to receive a blessing, please approach the Pastor with your arms crossed over your chest. If you'd like to receive Communion in your pew, the pastor will come to you. Please let an usher or the pastor know before worship if possible.

## General Announcements

**Deacon Scott will play** a noon hour organ recital at St. John the Evangelist Anglican Church, 23 Water Street North, Kitchener on Thursday, February 23, 2023 at 12:15pm. Admission is free and all are welcome.

**West Tower Door for Emergency Only.** Due to the ongoing construction planning, when going in to the church house or washrooms, use the west stair tower door and stay on that floor. Use the hallway by the office to the stairway to the floor below. The stairs in the west tower are closed to the lower level sanctuary and should only be used in case of an emergency to exit the building.



### **Important Information for today's worship**

- **Self-Screening:** Members are reminded to continue to perform self-assessments if they have COVID symptoms.
- **Masks:** We support people's choice to wear a mask, and we strongly encourage the following of current guidelines.
- **Physical distancing:** Members are encouraged to continue physical distancing where possible indoors.
- **Offering:** Please place your offering in one of the offering plates in the Narthex (entranceway) upon entering. The offering plates will be presented to the High Altar during the service.



- **The Peace:** We support people's choices for passing of the peace.
- **Exiting:** At the end of the service, please remain in place until the end of the postlude.
- **Ministers** will be greeting worshippers after the postlude in the Narthex, without handshakes.
- **Thank you for helping to keep all of us as safe as possible during this pandemic, by following these directions!**

**Fire Exits:** All Sanctuary fire exits remain operational during lower-level demolition and renovations. This includes the three Narthex (Entrance) doors, the mid-tower door (half-way up the right side), and the staircase at the front left, piano side.

**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.

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