

Hymn During Communion *The Lord is My Light*

Sending Hymn # 460 *Lord, the Light of Your Love is Shining (Shine, Jesus, Shine!)*

Piano Postlude: *Liebestraum no. 3* - Franz Liszt (1811–1886)

Did you know?

In October 2024, Africville in Halifax, Nova Scotia, was designated as Canada's first **UNESCO Place of History and Memory** linked to Enslavement and the Slave Trade.



This designation recognizes the site's significance as a former sanctuary for Black settlers, its destruction due to systemic racism, and its enduring, resilient, and cultural legacy.

Key details about the UNESCO designation:

- **Significance:** It is the only site in Canada to hold this specific international designation, which connects it to a global network of locations highlighting the legacy of the transatlantic slave trade.
- **History:** Founded in 1749 by African-Canadian settlers, many with roots in slavery, the community was destroyed by the city of Halifax in the 1960s, a move widely recognized as an act of systemic racism.
- **Purpose:** The designation helps to right historical wrongs, combat anti-Black racism, and preserve the stories of the community's resilience.
- **Location:** The recognition centers on the Africville Museum (a replica of the original Seaview United Baptist Church) and the surrounding park, which serves as a place of memory for former residents and their descendants.

This designation followed years of advocacy by the Africville Genealogy Society and the Africville Heritage Trust to ensure the history of this proud community is officially remembered.

The Last Sunday After Epiphany

African Heritage Month



'Transfiguration Sunday'

February 15, 2026

Piano Prelude: *Changes* - Alexina Louie

Welcome and Territorial Acknowledgement

Opening Hymn: # 167 *'Tis Good Lord to be Here*

Children's Chapel ~ This Sunday
children will gather with Rev. Kate in St. Stephen's Chapel.



Collect

Compassionate God,
you transfigured your Son, Jesus Christ,
before the eyes of your chosen witnesses
and they were overcome by fear.
Transfigure us so that we may turn from fear to love
and reveal your compassion for all humanity;
through Jesus Christ, the beloved. Amen.

Propers Working Group 2016

The Proclamation of the Word

Reader: Let us prepare ourselves for the Word of God as it comes to us in the reading of Holy Scripture.

All: **Our hearts and minds are open.**

Reader A reading from the second letter of Peter (1:16-21)

For we did not follow cleverly devised myths when we made known to you the power and coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, but we had been eyewitnesses of his majesty. For he received honour and glory from God the Father when that voice was conveyed to him by the Majestic Glory, saying, 'This is my Son, my Beloved, with whom I am well pleased.' We ourselves heard this voice come from heaven, while we were with him on the holy mountain.

So we have the prophetic message more fully confirmed. You will do well to be attentive to this as to a lamp shining in a dark place, until the day dawns and the morning star rises in your hearts. First of all, you must understand this, that no prophecy of scripture is a matter of one's own interpretation, because no prophecy ever came by human will, but men and women moved by the Holy Spirit spoke from God.

Reader Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church
People Thanks be to God.

Psalm 99



The Lord is king; let the / people tremble.*
He is enthroned upon the cherubim; let / the earth shake.

**The Lord is / great in Zion,*
he is high a-/bove all peoples.**

Let them confess his name, which is / great and awesome;*
he is the / Holy One.
**"O mighty King, lover of justice,
you have es-/tab-lished equity;*
you have executed justice and righteous-/ness in
Jacob."**

Proclaim the greatness of the Lord our God and fall down be-/fore his footstool;*
he is the / Holy One.
**Moses and Aaron among his priests,
and Samuel among those who call up-/on his name,*
they called upon the Lord, and he / answered them.**

He spoke to them out of the pil-/lar of cloud;*
they kept his testimonies and the decree / that he gave them.
O Lord our God, you answered / them indeed;*
you were a God who forgave them,

yet punished them for their / evil deeds.

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

Gospel Acclamation Arise, Shine!

*Arise shine for your light has come
and the glory of the Lord has dawned upon you*



The Gospel

All stand, as able, for the Gospel.

Deacon The Lord be with you

People And also with you.

Deacon The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus
Christ according to Matthew (17:1-9)

People Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Six days later, Jesus took with him Peter and James and his brother John and led them up a high mountain, by themselves. And he was transfigured before them, and his face shone like the sun, and his clothes became dazzling white. Suddenly there appeared to them Moses and Elijah, talking with him. Then Peter said to Jesus, 'Lord, it is good for us to be here; if you wish, I will make three dwellings here, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah.' While he was still speaking, suddenly a bright cloud overshadowed them, and from the cloud a voice said, 'This is my Son, the Beloved; with him I am well pleased; listen to him!' When the disciples heard this, they fell to the ground and were overcome by fear. But Jesus came and touched them, saying, 'Get up and do not be afraid.' And when they looked up, they saw no one except Jesus himself alone. As they were coming down the mountain, Jesus ordered them, 'Tell no one about the vision until after the Son of Man has been raised from the dead.'

At the conclusion of the Gospel, the reader says,

The Gospel of Christ.

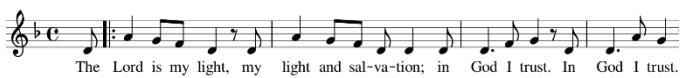
People Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Preparation Hymn # 505 Be Thou My Vision



*The wine, hosts, and bulletin today are
in Loving Memory of Greg Stone from
Carmon, Sharon & family.*

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The Lord is my light, my light and sal-va-tion; in God I trust. In God I trust.