

RECTOR'S REFLECTION

Every year, as we come to the last Sunday after Epiphany, I find myself reading the story of Jesus going up the mountain to pray with Peter, John, and James, and I wonder what it would have been like to be one of the apostles standing there with Jesus as he was transfigured and spoke with Moses and Elijah. What an incredible experience it must have been! After I spoke last week about the wondrous vision of Isaiah in the temple, the blinding light of the conversion of Paul, and the revelation of Jesus' glory to Peter in the boat, to hear this story of Peter, John, and James' experience on the mountaintop certainly seems to reinforce the image of God as a majestic, glorious, and awesome Presence. Do we yearn to be like the three on the mountain? Are we jealous that they got to see the transfigured Jesus and to witness the communication between three of God's messengers? Sometimes I'd love to have an experience like any one of the people I mentioned earlier!

And yet, the absolutely crucial truth of the transfiguration for me is that, while Peter and John and James want to stay there and memorialise it, Jesus won't let them. Peter wants to build shrines to the holy moment on the top of Mount Tabor but Jesus forbids it, asking them to come down from the mountain with him. The reality of the transfiguration is that it's only a moment in time, a moment when God can continue to reveal that which we have been reading about all through this season of Epiphany: that Jesus is God's Son, the Chosen One. But, even the Chosen One can't rest in glory, but must go down from the sublime experience of the mountaintop to get his hands dirty doing ministry.

This is the real message of the transfiguration. God's glory isn't revealed to us so we can cower in fear or build monuments to it, but to show us how great and powerful God is so that we can be encouraged to go out in God's name to teach and heal. We can focus on the dazzling appearance of Christ on the mountaintop but if we do we miss the invitation to go down the mountain and into the messiness of everyday life. If we stay on the mountaintop, we forget that God is an incarnate God: in the person of Jesus, God entered into the Creation in an intimate way, interacting with people in a personal, relational way.

And so, through our baptism, we too have encountered the transfigured Christ, and been transformed ourselves. We too have received an invitation to go into the world in a personal, relational way. We too have been invited to incarnate Jesus in our words and actions, to enter into the messiness of everyday life, and to teach and to heal. While it's good every so often to be treated to the same experience as Peter, John, and James, we, like them, must take ourselves away from the mountaintop to be with the people below. Through our words and actions, we can reveal the greatness of God that astounded the crowd and witness to the healing power, love, and mercy of the One who created us all.

Our mission, for the glory of God in Jesus Christ and through the power of the Holy Spirit, is to:

- Celebrate all that God has done for us through worship and witness with others.
- Respond to our call to be disciples of Christ by sharing our faith, rooted in the Word of God, with others and encouraging others to become followers of Christ through word and action.
- Practice good stewardship of our human, financial and environmental resources, working to ensure that all of God's Creation is viable for future generations.
- Grow ourselves and others by reaching out to our communities, following Jesus' example of generous caring, giving, and welcoming.

REGULAR SERVICES

All Saints', Tyendinaga

Sunday Celebration—8:30 a.m.

Christ Church, HM Chapel Royal of the Mohawk

Sunday Celebration—10:30 a.m.

Third Sundays Combined Parish Service

April to September—Christ Church—10:30 a.m.

October to March—All Saints'—8:30 a.m.

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TYENDINAGA

Vision Statement

To be a Spirit-filled and life giving place where strangers become friends and friends become disciples.

Sunday 14 February 2010
Last Sunday after Epiphany

GATHERING OF THE COMMUNITY

Opening Hymn CP 168
 Apostolic Greeting BAS 185
 Collect for Purity 185
 Kyrie eleison (Lord, have mercy)
 Collect of the Day 418

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

First Reading Exodus 34:29-35
 Psalm 99 BAS 837



The Lord our God is the Holy One.

Second Reading 2 Corinthians 3:12-4:2
 Gradual Hymn CP 166
 Alleluia CP 715 / CP 324
 Gospel Luke 9:28-43
 Homily
 Nicene Creed BAS 188
 Prayers of the People
 Confession and Absolution 190
 Peace

CELEBRATION OF THE EUCHARIST

Offertory Hymn CP 167
 Prayer over the Gifts
 Eucharistic Prayer 3 BAS 198
 Sanctus and Benedictus (Holy, Holy, Holy) CP 732
 Lord's Prayer BAS 211
 Breaking of the Bread 6 213
 Agnus Dei (O Lamb of God) CP 747
Jesus, Lamb of God, have mercy on us. Jesus, Bearer of our sin, have mercy on us. Jesus, Redeemer, Redeemer of the world, give us your peace, give us your peace.

Communion
 Music: CP 54, HFG 321, 387 / CP 54, 65, Raohenton ne Jehovah

All are welcome to join in the Eucharistic feast. As you come forward for Communion, please take a moment to clean your hands with the sanitiser found at the front of the church. If you do not wish to drink from the common cup, please be assured that receiving the bread alone is considered making a full Communion. Please do not dip your bread into the wine.

COMMISSIONING AND DISMISSAL

Prayer after Communion BAS 214

Blessing
 Closing Hymn CP 598
 Dismissal (words below) BAS 215

Thanks be to God, thanks be to God, thanks be to God, alleluia!
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CP—Common Praise (Blue)
 SB—Song Book (Green or Blue Folder)
 BAS—Book of Alternative Services (Green)

We give thanks to God that we were able to worship together today! If you would like a visit or phone call from the Parish Priest please let anyone know who is listed on the back panel of the bulletin.

UPCOMING EVENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Annual Meeting of Vestry—Vestry will meet next Sun 21 Feb 2010 after the 8:30 Sunday celebration at All Saints'. A potluck lunch will follow the meeting. You can take a convening circular this week to review but please bring it back next week as there are limited copies available.

Interested in Christian outreach? Want to put mission into action helping people in need at home and abroad? *Love in Action* invites you to join our hard-working team. We meet monthly on the last Mon at 7:00 p.m. Questions? Please call Paul Robertson 396-5496 or speak with one of the other *Love in Action* members.

Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper—Tue 16 Feb, 5 to 7 p.m. at the QAPC. An old tradition in the Church, symbolising the last "luxury" meal of fatty and sugary foods before the beginning of the Lenten fast. Cost is \$6 for adults, \$3 for kids 6-12 and free for kids 5 and under. Proceeds to outreach. Volunteers are still needed—please sign up today.

Ash Wednesday Liturgy—Wed 17 Feb, 7:00 p.m. at Christ Church. Mark the beginning of Lent, the season of our preparation for Easter, in a traditional way with the Imposition of Ashes (receiving an ash cross on your forehead) and a celebration of the Eucharist.

Baptism—Anyone wishing to be baptised or who knows someone who might wish to be baptised is invited to speak to Brad to arrange preparation for baptism at the Great Vigil of Easter on Sat 3 Apr.

Lenten Study—This Lent, we will study Psalm 23 over four Tuesdays: 2, 9, 16, 23 March at 7:00 p.m. at the QAPC.

Did you know...Saint Valentine's Day is named for at least two early Christian martyrs named Valentine? 14 February is the date that Valentine of Rome was interred on the Via Flaminia in Rome. There is no clear connection between the saints and the modern celebration of

Valentine's Day, but it may come from the ancient pagan celebration of Lupercalia, a fertility festival kept 13-15 February.



BIBLE TRIVIA



Last Week's Answer

Jacob renamed Benjamin when his mother died in childbirth (Genesis 35:18).

This Week's Question

What the name of Jacob's ninth child?

Prayers this Week

Anglican Communion
 Iglesia Anglicana de la Region Central de America
 The Most Rev'd Martin de Jesus Barahona, Primate

Diocese of Ontario
 The Rt Rev'd George Bruce
 Parish of St Thomas, Kingston
 The Ven Bill Clarke
 The Rev'd Dr Sandy Cotton

Companions
 St Ann's Episcopal Church, Amsterdam; the Revd Christopher Smith
 HM Chapel Royal, Hampton Court Palace, the Revd Denis Mulliner

Parish of Tyendinaga
 Outreach Committees
 Families of: Priscilla Lewis, Richard & Jean Lewis, Steve Lindsay,
 Linda MacLeod, Amos Maracle

Readings for Next Sunday

Deuteronomy 26:1-11 Psalm 91:1-2, 9-16
 Romans 10:8b-13 Luke 4:1-13