

Transfiguration Sunday

February 11, 2024

You speak, O God, and summon the earth from the rising of the sun to its setting.
You call to the heavens above and to the earth:
"Gather to me my faithful ones, who made a covenant with me by sacrifice!"

Psalm 50

Sunday, February 11, 2024
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Tolling of the Bells

Prelude

Ar Hyd y Nos

arr. Held

Call to Worship

*Opening Hymn

We Have Come at Christ's Own Bidding

Welcome & Announcements

Unison Prayer of Invocation

One: With strength and compassion God summons the earth
from the rising of the sun to its setting.
Out of Zion, the perfection of beauty,
God shines forth.

**All: Our God comes and does not keep silent.
A holy whirlwind surrounds our God,
a transforming fire,
with healing and justice.**

One: God is calling to you now,
to the heavens above and to the earth,
"Gather to me my faithful ones,
who made a covenant with me by sacrifice!"

**All: With righteousness God judges our lives.
With equity God judges the meek of the earth.
With love God calls us back,
and calls us in. Amen.**

Psalm 50:1-6

Passing of the Peace

One: "The Peace of Christ be with you."

All: And also with you!

Choir Anthem

Kyrie

Rouse

Luke 9:28-36

* *As the Spirit guides you, we encourage you to rise in body or spirit.*

Blessing

A Message for All Ages

David Bing

Sermon

*Hymn *Blessed Are the Poor in Spirit*

Prayers of the People

The Lord's Prayer

*Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy Kingdom come;
thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread.*

Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us.

And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

Invitation to the Offering

Offertory *Andante* Boellman

Doxology *Each week, we sing and sign an inclusive Doxology (ASL).*

Praise God from whom all blessings flow.

Praise God all creatures here below.

Praise God for all that Love has done.

Creator, Christ, & Spirit one. Amen.

*Closing Hymn *You Are Salt for the Earth, O People*

Benediction

Postlude *Arfon* arr. Held

Rev. Liz Steinhauser served as the Director of Youth Programs at St. Stephen's, in Boston. Currently, she is a Parent Engagement Organizer with the American Federation of Teachers.



Following the Closing Hymn, we encourage the congregation to remain risen, in body or spirit, to receive the Benediction, which is both blessing and commission. You may sit for the Choral Response and Postlude in quiet contemplation.

All are invited to the Parish Hall for coffee, tea, and snacks. We understand it can be difficult to step into a room of strangers. We hope, with every cup and cookie, we can deepen our connections and learn a little more about each other each week.

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We Have Come at Christ's Own Bidding

Matt. 17:1-8; Mark 9:2-8; Luke 9:28-36

Carl P. Daw, Jr., 1988

1 We have come at Christ's own bid - ding to this high and
 2 Light breaks through our clouds and shad - ows, splen - dor bathes the
 3 Strength-ened by this glimpse of glo - ry, fear - ful lest our

ho - ly place, Where we wait with hope and long - ing for some
 flesh-joined Word, Mo - ses and E - li - jah mar - vel as the
 faith de - cline, We, like Pe - ter, find it tempt-ing to re -

to - ken of God's grace. Here we pray for new as -
 heav - enly voice is heard. Eyes and hearts be - hold with
 main and build a shrine. But true wor - ship gives us

sur - ance that our faith is not in vain, Search - ing
 won - der how the Law and Proph - ets meet: Christ with
 cour - age to pro - claim what we pro - fess, That our

like those first dis - ci - ples for a sign both clear and plain.
 gar - ments drenched in bright - ness, stands trans - fig - ured and com-plete.
 dai - ly lives may prove us peo - ple of the God we bless.

Blessed Are the Poor in Spirit

*Matt. 5:3-12; Luke 6:20-23; John 20:29; 2 Cor. 5:17-18**Rusty Edwards, 1993**Unison*

1 Blessed are the poor in spir-it: heav-en will some-day be theirs.
 2 Blessed all who thirst or hun-ger: righ-teous-ly they will be fed.
 3 Each seek-ing peace and jus-tice shall be known as God's own heir.

Blessed are the mourn-ing chil-dren: com-fort comes from One who cares.
 Those who re-pond with mer-cy will see mer-cy up a-head.
 Blessed, too, are those ill-treat-ed for what's good and right and fair.

Blessed the meek and pa-tient, hav-ing cour-age to hang on.
 Blessed the clean in spir-it— beau-ti-ful, the pure in heart;
 Blessed the New Cre-a-tion, joy be-yond what we con-ceive;

Soon all earth they will in-her-it; times of tri-als will be gone.
 One day they will see their Mak-er, nev-er-more to live a-part.
 Blessed all those who trust the prom-ise: with-out see-ing, they be-lieve!

Howard M. Edwards III, who writes as Rusty Edwards, is an ordained Lutheran pastor from Illinois. The tune for this new Beatitudes paraphrase was composed especially to be interpreted by liturgical dancer Annika Gustafson.

Tune: ANNIKA'S DANCE 7.7.7.6.7.8.7.
Jane Marshall, 1993

You Are Salt for the Earth, O People

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Paraphr. by Marty Haugen, 1986; alt.

Matt. 5:13-15

Unison
D (allow to ring off)

1 You are salt for the earth, O peo-ple: salt for the reign of God!
2 You are a light on the hill, O peo-ple: light for the Cit-y of God!
3 You are a seed of the Word, O peo-ple: bring forth the reign of God!
4 We are a blessed and a pil-grim peo-ple: bound for the reign of God!

Share the fla- vor of life, O peo- ple: life in the Cit-y of God!
Shine so ho- ly and bright, O peo- ple: shine for the Cit-y of God!
Seeds of mer- cy and seeds of jus- tice, grow in the Cit-y of God!
Love our jour-ney and love our home-land: love is the Cit-y of God!

Refrain

Bring forth the reign of mer- cy, bring forth the reign of peace;

Bring forth the reign of jus- tice, bring forth the Cit-y of God!

During a residency at Holden Village, a retreat center in the state of Washington, Marty Haugen wrote this hymn to be used as a "processing song" for outdoor worship. The lectionary readings focusing on Jesus' teaching about the "reign of God" provided the basis for the text.

Tune: BRING FORTH Irr. with refrain
Marty Haugen, 1986

Bulletin Reminders

SOLAR PROJECT

Neighborhood Net Metering Q&A

There will be an information session *TODAY*, after worship, in the Library, to discuss Eversource's *Neighborhood Net Metering* program. Informational materials and application forms for qualifying families will be distributed.

SCRIPTURE STUDY...TODAY

We'll gather in the parlor roughly 30 minutes after the close of Sunday service. All are welcome!

GREEN TEAM REVIVAL...TODAY

We will hold a meeting *TODAY*, after worship. Please come and bring any ideas you might have as to our next steps.

FROM THE MODERATOR

Q&A Session, Sunday, February 18

Thank you for the questions and comments concerning the budget meeting last Sunday. On Sunday, **February 18**, after worship, in the Parish Hall, there will be an opportunity to share more information and continue our discussion of the potential long lease of the downstairs classrooms for a Pre-K program run by the Framingham Public Schools. I look forward to seeing you there. If in the meantime, you have thoughts and/or concerns you would like to share please contact me. *-Rob Schadt*

WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP

Gettin' the band back together!

With COVID mostly in the rearview mirror, now feels like the right time to get Women's Fellowship started again. Please join us after worship, on **February 25**, for a meeting to discuss the vision for Women's Fellowship, to make some decisions about the large sum of money in the account, and, perhaps, to get an event or two planned and on the calendar. All are invited to attend. For questions, contact **Shel Tscherne** or **Cher Hamilton**.



Expanding the Circle

**The Framingham Interfaith Community invites
people of all ages and backgrounds to
An afternoon of Friendship & Service**

Sunday, February 25 | 2:00 - 4:00 p.m.

We will gather at 2:00 p.m., in the Plymouth Church Parish Hall.
(87 Edgell Road, Framingham)

For the first hour, we will share in a conversation
led by **Lucia Panicella**, of *Jewish Family Services*.

Lucia and JFS have been at the center of our city's welcome to migrant families who have come seeking safety and hope. She will help us understand what is happening in Framingham and what is happening around the world.

At 3:00 p.m., we will enjoy refreshments and an opportunity to participate in a service project on-site in the Parish Hall—an opportunity to use our hands and our hearts to express our welcome and caring.

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