

Transfiguration Sunday

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The Sunday of the Transfiguration Auditoire de Calvin, February 11 2024

Prelude *Bist du bei mir* (Art thou but near) Johann Sebastian Bach (1685–1750)

Introit: CH4 336 Christ is our light!

Welcome

Call to worship

O God, you are the unsearchable abyss of peace, the ineffable sea of love and the fountain of blessings. Water us with plenteous streams from the riches of your grace: and from the most sweet springs of your kindness, make us children of quietness and heirs of peace. Amen. (Clement of Alexandria c. 150–c.215)

CH4 601 Look upon us, blessed Lord

Prayer and Lord's Prayer

Talk with children

CH4 4 How excellent in all the earth, Lord, our Lord, is your name! (Psalm 8:1, 3–5)

Gospel. Mark 9:2–9

Six days later, Jesus took with him Peter and James and John, and led them up a high mountain apart, by themselves. And he was transfigured before them, and his clothes became dazzling white, such as no one on earth could bleach them. And there appeared to them Elijah with Moses, who were talking with Jesus. Then Peter said to Jesus, 'Rabbi, it is good for us to be here; let us make three dwellings, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah.' He did not know what to say, for they were terrified. Then a cloud overshadowed them, and from the cloud there came a voice, 'This is my Son, the Beloved; listen to him!' Suddenly when they looked around, they saw no one with them any more, but only Jesus. As they were coming down the mountain, he ordered them to tell no one about what they had seen, until after the Son of Man had risen from the dead.

Choir: Christ upon the mountain peak (Brian Wren, 1936–)

Offering Music Prelude Dmitri Shostakovich (1906–1975) CH4 807 (as the offering is brought forward) Praise God from whom all blessings flow

Prayer of dedication

Lord, teach us to savour the riches given to us in others. Curb the appetite that craves always more, and turns the globe into a supermarket for the rich. Silence the pulsing air which surrounds us with noise, preventing us hearing the voice of need – even our own need. Amen. (More than Words, 2008)

CH4 189 Be still, for the presence of the Lord

Meditation 1

CH4 755 Be still and know that I am God

Meditation 2

CH4 567 Focus my eyes on you, O Lord

Meditation 3

CH4 774 Jesus, name above all names (x2)

Prayers for others CH4 188 *Thou hidden love of God*

Blessing CH4 786 May the God of peace (x2)

Postlude: Allegro con brio (4th Sonata) Felix Mendelssohn-Bartholdy (1809–1847) Welcoming elder: Christine Buhler Ushers: Georgina Cofie, Reader: Páraic Réamonn Organist: Rebecca MacDonald Musicians: Kathryn (pipes), Ruben (violin), and Elsa (viola) Watson

Notices

February 11, 13:30 *Future Focus* The second of our two Sunday afternoon meetings, in which we dream and plan together about our future as a congregation. After the morning service, we shall serve a quick lunch of soup and bread and cheese. **February 26, 19:30** Kirk session. At the manse, with Zoom option.

March 2, 9:00 to 17:00 *Transforming our life in Christ.* Ignatian Way retreat, Château de Bossey. Cost CHF 50, including morning coffee and lunch. Further details from Eleanor Strittmatter.

March 3 Communion Sunday Collection of goods for *Partage*, the Geneva food bank: *partage.ch/en/* A list of suitable goods can be found here: *bit.ly/47Ln0sT* March 12, 19:00 for 19:30 Congregational committee. In the Salle, with Zoom option.



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