

The Congregation of Mark the Evangelist
Transfiguration A | 15 February 2026

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Welcome to this service of worship at Mark the Evangelist!
Today's service is being live-streamed for the participation of those
who can't join us physically today

A SERVICE OF WORD AND SACRAMENT

The service today will be musically "unplugged" (we are without an organist): violin and voice to fill the space!

The Gathering of the People of God

Processional

If you are able, please stand as the Scriptures are brought into the worship space.

Call to Worship

The Lord be with you!
And also with you!

Come, praise the LORD our God;
worship at his footstool.

Holy is the Lord! *(Psalm 99.5)*

Prayer of invocation

Hymn 143 Immortal, invisible, God only wise

With the Children

Leader: Christ is the light of the world:
Response: in him is the light of life.

The Word Spoken: Scripture and Preaching

ForeWord

Word: The Testimony of Scripture

Your word, O Lord, is a lamp to our feet
and a light to our path.

Matthew 17:1-9 *And he was transfigured before them*

This is the gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Word: In Preaching

*The sermon text will normally be available
after worship and online*

A 'sermon of stillness' – a moment for quiet reflection – usually follows the preaching

AfterWord: Confession



Declaration of Forgiveness

(Please stand if you are able)

...hear, then, Christ's word of grace to us:

Your sins are forgiven.

Thanks be to God!

The Peace

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

And also with you.

Affirmation of faith: God is with us

***We are not alone,
we live in God's world.***

We believe in God:

***who has created and is creating,
who has come in Jesus,
the Word made flesh,
to reconcile and make new,
who works in us and others
by the Spirit.***

We trust in God.

We are called to be the Church:

***to celebrate God's presence,
to live with respect in Creation,
to love and serve others,
to seek justice and resist evil,
to proclaim Jesus, crucified and risen,
our judge and our hope.***

In life, in death, in life beyond death,

God is with us.

We are not alone.

Thanks be to God.

*The United Church of Canada,
General Council 1968, alt. 1998*

Prayers of Intercession

(Names for inclusion in the prayers may be recorded in the book in the narthex)

Offering

(We remain seated as the offering is brought forward)

Many members now make their offering by electronic transfer; the plate will be passed for those who prefer to make cash/envelope offerings. The prayer dedicating the offerings 'captures' the full range of gifts.

We set the offering at the foot of the cross, with the whole of ourselves.

The Visible Word: Eucharist

Hymn 506 Author of life divine

(If you are able, please remain standing until after the Lord's Prayer)

The Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

(The prayer continues...)



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might, hea - ven and earth are
full of your glo - ry, ho - sa - na in the high - est. Bles - sed is he who comes in the name of the
Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est! Ho - san - na - in the high - est!

(The prayer continues...)

The Lord's Prayer

**Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.**

Give us today our daily bread.

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

**Save us from the time of trial
and deliver us from evil.**

**For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours
now and for ever. Amen.**

(The people sit)

The Breaking of the Bread

...Let us receive what we are,
let us become what we receive
The body of Christ

The Communion

The Uniting Church recognises this Table as the Lord's and, so, open to all who would normally commune in their home congregations.

GATHERING: We'll gather in a circle around the table for the distribution of the elements; please wait until all have received and the prayer is said before returning to your seats.

If you can't stand or walk to the front but would like to receive communion, please raise your hand if the celebrant has not already noticed you.

Notices

The Sending Forth of the People of God

Hymn 107 Sing praise and thanksgiving

Word of Mission and Blessing

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We'd love to hear your feedback on the service.

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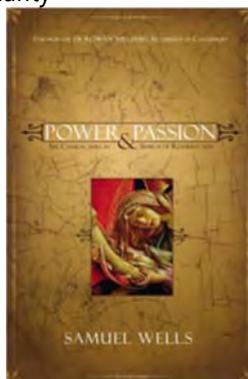
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- Recent Sermons
- New Theological Fragments (103-109): Secularity

LENTEN STUDIES – “Power and Passion”

Samuel Wells vividly paints the stories surrounding Jesus’ cross and resurrection. We see the weakness of Pontius Pilate and Barabbas, and the compromised character of Joseph of Arimathea and Nicodemus. We discover the subtle power of Pilate’s wife. And in Peter and Mary Magdalene we find the true power of resurrection, bringing forgiveness and ending the stranglehold of death, thus transforming all human passion. Through close readings of the gospel texts, Wells demonstrates the significance of these characters for faith and life today. In this book, structured with one chapter for each week of Lent, Wells guides us from the deathly power that put Jesus on the cross to the new power brought by Jesus’ resurrection. The book offers opportunities at the end of each chapter for prayer and discussion.



At the moment, two online (Zoom) groups are planned from Wednesday February 18 (7.45pm) and Friday February 20 (1.30PM), for six weeks (one week per chapter). (We are, however, hoping to be able to offer other groups in co-operation with other congregations — these will be added to the page here as they are confirmed). (Let us know if you would like to offer a parallel series of studies on this text we could advertise!)



Fragment 106

Secularity appears in three places in the Scriptures: pre-Apple Eden, in the Crucified, and in the Seer’s vision of the New Jerusalem. Strictly speaking, pre-Apple Eden and the New Jerusalem are nowhere, so that true secularity only refers to, or derives from, the Crucified.

UPCOMING MEETINGS AND EVENTS

See above for more details on these events

Ash Wednesday Service	Feb 18, 12.30pm in the CTM Chapel NEW
LENTEN STUDIES!	Beginning Feb 18/20
Hotham Mission Board	Fri Feb 20, 3pm hybrid
Monday Morning Movies @ The Nova Church Council	Mon Mar 2, time TBA
	Tue Mar 3 7.30pm Online

People to commemorate this week

Martin Luther, Reformer of the Church

Ecumenical Prayer Cycle

Austria, Liechtenstein, Switzerland

Lectionary Readings | 22 February 2026

Genesis 2:15-17; 3:1-7 Psalm 32 Romans 5:12-19 Matthew 4:1-11

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