

Sunday 11 February 2024
The Transfiguration of Jesus

We gather to worship

Living, loving God, in a world of much uncertainty and doubt, we turn to you again this Sunday.

Living, loving God, we come to you in worship, and seek to know more of your presence.

The grace and mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

And also with you.

Hymn

BE STILL, for the presence of the Lord, the Holy One is here;
Come bow before Him now with reverence and fear.

In Him no sin is found, we stand on holy ground;

Be still, for the presence of the Lord, the Holy One is here.

Be still, for the glory of the Lord is shining all around;

He burns with holy fire, with splendour He is crowned.

How awesome is the sight, our radiant King of light!

Be still, for the glory of the Lord is shining all around.

Be still, for the power of the Lord is moving in this place;

He comes to cleanse and heal, to minister His grace.

No work too hard for Him, in faith receive from Him;

Be still, for the power of the Lord is moving in this place.

Our young people and leaders leave for their own activities and time of worship.

Readings

Preceded by an introduction and prayer

Gracious God - you who surprises us with new experiences of love - we come with reverence to praise and adore you.

Help us to be open to your appearance among us and within us. Pour out, we pray, your Spirit upon us. Make us attentive to your Word and ready to do your bidding. Grant that we may know your touch and enter into your glory. We ask it in the name of Christ Jesus - he who lives and reigns with and the Holy Spirit, one God, both now and forevermore. Amen

Mark 9:2-9 and 2 Corinthians 4:3-6

Ending with:

This is the Word of the Lord.

Hymn

WE HAVE A GOSPEL TO PROCLAIM,

Good news for all throughout the earth;

The gospel of a Saviour's name:

We sing His glory, tell His worth.

Tell of His birth at Bethlehem,

Not in a royal house or hall

But in a stable dark and dim:

The Word made flesh, a light for all.

Tell of His death at Calvary,

Hated by those He came to save;

In lonely suffering on the cross

For all He loved His life He gave.

Tell of that glorious Easter morn:

Empty the tomb, for He was free.

He broke the power of death and hell

That we might share His victory.

Tell of His reign at God's right hand,

By all creation glorified;

He sends His Spirit on His Church

To live for Him, the Lamb who died.

Now we rejoice to name Him King:
Jesus is Lord of all the earth.
This gospel message we proclaim:
We sing His glory, tell His worth.

Sermon Spiritual realities

Time to reflect and to say sorry

Loving God, Lord Jesus, we thank you for the witnesses who tell us about you, and how special you are. We thank you for this day and for how the light of Jesus lives inside us, and in everyone who believes in him and does what he says. Amen.

Remaining seated, we sing:

Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.

Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.

Break me, melt me, fill me, mould me.

Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.

Sometimes we wait for God to astound us with whirlwinds of wonders, while God silently offers us grace. God waits to forgive us, so let us hold nothing back, but trust in the One who listens to our prayers and answers us with mercy.

We sing:

Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.

Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.

Cleanse me, teach me, hold me, reach me.

Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.

God of mountaintops, the din of the world can harden our hearts to your Word. We have trouble bearing witness to your presence in our lives. Our faith is placed in those who fail us, our trust is given to those who misplace it.

Forgive us, Revealer of Mystery. You offer mercy to us, so we might hear your call to discipleship. You whisper our names, so we might know how loved we are. Caught by the surprise of your never ending joy in us, how can we not follow our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ, onto the mountaintops of worship and into the valleys of sacrifice and service!

A time of silent prayer

We sing:

**Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.
Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.
Shield me, free me, call me, lead me.
Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.**

On mountaintops and in valleys, in our homes and in our hearts, God knows us better than we know ourselves, and God forgives us when we cannot forgive ourselves.

**By God's mercy, we are forgiven; by God's mercy, we are made whole;
by God's mercy, we are equipped to serve others.
Thanks be to God. Amen.**

This time tomorrow – with Janie Beales

Gloria

We follow the cantor in singing the Gloria:

1st time:

***Glory to God, glory to God, glory to the Father!
Glory to God, glory to God, glory to the Father!
To God be glory forever! To God be glory forever!
Alleluia, Amen! Alleluia, Amen!
Alleluia, Amen! Alleluia, Amen!***

2nd time:

Glory to God, glory to God, glory to Christ Jesus
Glory to God, glory to God, glory to Christ Jesus!
To God be glory forever! To God be glory forever!
Alleluia, Amen! Alleluia, Amen!
Alleluia, Amen! Alleluia, Amen!

3rd time:

Glory to God, glory to God, glory to the Spirit
Glory to God, glory to God, glory to the Spirit!
To God be glory forever! To God be glory forever!
Alleluia, Amen! Alleluia, Amen!
Alleluia, Amen! Alleluia, Amen!
Al-le-lu-ia, A-men!

Intercessions, concluding with 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. Lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and for ever. Amen.

Christ Church in action – our notices

Song

HE IS EXALTED,

The King is exalted on high,
I will praise Him.

He is exalted,
Forever exalted

And I will praise His name!

He is the Lord,
Forever His truth shall reign.
Heaven and earth
Rejoice in His holy name.

He is exalted,
The King is exalted on high!

We are blessed to lead into another week

In the power of the Holy Spirit we now go forth into the world, to fulfil our calling as the people of God, the body of Christ.....

A moment of silence

Let's go in peace, love and care for one another in Christ's name, and may the Lord our God - the Father, the Son, and The Holy Spirit, bless us and keep us both now and forevermore. **Amen.**