



Grace Lutheran Church Redcliffe
Service Order For 27th February,
Transfiguration of Our Lord



WELCOME TO WORSHIP

LORD God, loving Father,
Your Son took His disciples to pray on the mountain,
and there He revealed His glory to them.
As You bring us together in Your holy place,
transform us with Your nourishing grace,
and transfigure us to be Your presence in the world,
in Jesus' name. Amen.

OPENING SENTENCE: Luke 9: 35

*A voice came from the cloud. It said,
"This is My Son, and I have chosen Him.
Listen to Him."*

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INVOCATION

*In the name of the Father and of the Son † and of the Holy Spirit.
Amen.*

LHS 152: Fairest Lord Jesus (click [here](#))

**Fairest Lord Jesus, Ruler of all nature, O Thou of God and man the Son:
Thee will I cherish, Thee will I honour, Thou my soul's glory, joy, and crown.**

**Fair are the meadows, fairer still the woodlands, robed in the blooming garb of spring: Jesus is
fairer, Jesus is purer, Who makes the woeful heart to sing.**

**Fair is the sunshine, fairer still the moonlight, and all the twinkling starry host:
Jesus shines brighter, Jesus shines purer than all the angels heaven can boast.**

**Beautiful Saviour! Lord of the nations! Son of God and Son of Man!
Glory and honour, praise, adoration, now and forevermore be Thine!**

Anonymous, Munster, 1677
Tr. Joseph Augustus Seiss, 1873, Revised

CONFESSION

*Let us draw near to God our Father with a true heart to confess our sins,
and ask Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to forgive us.*

Almighty God, merciful Father, I, a poor helpless sinner, confess to You all my sins, and repent of all the evil I have done. I have deeply displeased You and deserve Your punishment in time and in eternity. But I am sorry for my sins, and I ask You, for the sake of the holy innocent sufferings and death of Your dear Son Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me. Amen.

Almighty God, our heavenly Father, has had mercy on us, and has given His only Son to die for us, and for His sake forgives us all our sins. To those who believe in His name He has given the right to become children of God, and has given them His Holy Spirit. Whoever believes and is baptised will be saved. Grant this, Lord, to us all. Amen.

INTROIT: Psalm 99

¹ *The LORD reigns, let the nations tremble;
He sits enthroned between the cherubim,
let the earth shake.*

² *Great is the LORD in Zion;
He is exalted over all the nations.*

³ *Let them praise Your great and awesome name –
He is holy.*

Exalt the LORD our God; He is holy.

⁴ *The King is mighty, he loves justice –
You have established equity;
in Jacob You have done what is just and right.*

⁵ *Exalt the LORD our God
and worship at His footstool;
He is holy.*

Exalt the LORD our God; He is holy.

⁶ *Moses and Aaron were among His priests,
Samuel was among those who called on His name;
they called on the LORD and He answered them.*

⁷ *He spoke to them from the pillar of cloud;
they kept His statutes and the decrees He gave them.*

Exalt the LORD our God; He is holy.

⁸ *LORD our God, You answered them;
You were to Israel a forgiving God,
though You punished their misdeeds.*

⁹ *Exalt the LORD our God
and worship at His holy mountain,
for the LORD our God is holy.*

Exalt the LORD our God; He is holy.

**Glory to the Father
and the Son
and the Holy Spirit,
as it was in the beginning,
is now,
and will be forever.
Amen.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray that we become like Christ.

*LORD God, heavenly Father;
You revealed Your Son in glory before He suffered and died.
Give us faith to recognise Him as Your dear Son,
and bring us, through His suffering and death,
to the glory of the resurrection. We ask this through Him,
who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and forever.
Amen.*

BIBLE READING

FIRST READING: Exodus 34:29-35 The shining face of Moses

²⁹ Moses came down from Mount Sinai. He had the two tablets of the covenant in his hands. His face was shining because he had spoken with the LORD. But he didn't realise it. ³⁰ Aaron and all the people of Israel saw Moses. His face was shining. So they were afraid to come near him. ³¹ But Moses called out to them. So Aaron and all the leaders of the community came to him. And Moses spoke to them. ³² After that, all the Israelites came near him. And he gave them all the commands the LORD had given him on Mount Sinai. ³³ Moses finished speaking to them. Then he covered his face with a veil. ³⁴ But when he would go to speak with the LORD, he would remove the veil. He would keep it off until he came out. Then he would tell the people what the LORD had commanded. ³⁵ They would see that his face was shining. So Moses would cover his face with the veil again. He would keep it on until he went in again to speak with the LORD.

*After the reading
This is the Word of the LORD.
Thanks be to God.*

SECOND READING: 2 Corinthians 3:12 - 4:2 We reflect the glory of the Lord

¹² So, since we have such a hope, we act with great confidence. ¹³ We aren't like Moses, who used to put a veil over his face so that the Israelites couldn't watch the end of what was fading away. ¹⁴ But their minds were closed. Right up to the present day the same veil remains when the old covenant is read. The veil is not removed because it is taken away by Christ. ¹⁵ Even today, whenever Moses is read, a veil lies over their hearts. ¹⁶ But whenever someone turns to the Lord, the veil is removed. ¹⁷ The Lord is the Spirit, and where the Lord's Spirit is, there is freedom. ¹⁸ All of us are looking with unveiled faces at the glory of the Lord as if we were looking in a mirror. We are

being transformed into that same image from one degree of glory to the next degree of glory. This comes from the Lord, who is the Spirit. ^{4:1} This is why we don't get discouraged, given that we received this ministry in the same way that we received God's mercy. ² Instead, we reject secrecy and shameful actions. We don't use deception, and we don't tamper with God's Word. Instead, we commend ourselves to everyone's conscience in the sight of God by the public announcement of the truth.

After the reading
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Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL: Luke 9:28-36 The transfiguration of Jesus

Before the reading
Glory be to You, O LORD.

²⁸ About eight days later Jesus took Peter, John, and James up on a mountain to pray. ²⁹ And as He was praying, the appearance of His face was transformed, and His clothes became dazzling white. ³⁰ Suddenly, two men, Moses and Elijah, appeared and began talking with Jesus. ³¹ They were glorious to see. And they were speaking about His exodus from this world, which was to be fulfilled in Jerusalem. ³² Peter and the others had fallen asleep. When they woke up, they saw Jesus' glory and the two men standing with Him. ³³ As Moses and Elijah were starting to leave, Peter, not even knowing what he was saying, blurted out, "Master, it's wonderful for us to be here! Let's make three tabernacles—one for You, one for Moses, and one for Elijah." ³⁴ But even as he was saying this, a cloud overshadowed them, and terror gripped them as the cloud covered them. ³⁵ Then a voice from the cloud said, "This is My Son, My Chosen One. Listen to Him." ³⁶ When the voice finished, Jesus was there alone. They didn't tell anyone at that time what they had seen.

After the reading
This is the gospel of the LORD.
Praise be to You, O Christ.

*We thank You, Lord Jesus Christ,
for revealing Your glory as God's Son.
Lead us to follow You in faith,
and to reflect Your holy glory.*
Amen.

APOSTLES' CREED

I believe in God, the Father almighty, Maker of heaven and earth.

And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried. He descended into hell.

The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven, and sits at the right hand of God, the Father almighty, from thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian church,
the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen

The Light of the world is Jesus! (click [here](#))

The whole world was lost in the darkness of sin, The Light of the world is Jesus!
Like sunshine at noonday, His glory shone in; The Light of the world is Jesus!

Come to the light, 'tis shining for thee; Sweetly the light has dawned upon me;
Once I was blind, but now I can see: The Light of the world is Jesus!

No darkness have we who in Jesus abide; The Light of the world is Jesus!
We walk in the light when we follow our Guide! The Light of the world is Jesus!

Come to the light, 'tis shining for thee; Sweetly the light has dawned upon me;
Once I was blind, but now I can see: The Light of the world is Jesus!

Ye dwellers in darkness with sin-blinded eyes, The Light of the world is Jesus!
Go, wash at His bidding, and light will arise; The Light of the world is Jesus!

Come to the light, 'tis shining for thee; Sweetly the light has dawned upon me;
Once I was blind, but now I can see: The Light of the world is Jesus!

No need of the sunlight in Heaven we're told; The Light of the world is Jesus!
The Lamb is the Light in the city of gold, The Light of the world is Jesus!

Come to the light, 'tis shining for thee; Sweetly the light has dawned upon me;
Once I was blind, but now I can see: The Light of the world is Jesus!

Phillip P. Bliss (1838-1876)

SERMON

AT 217: Shine, Jesus, shine (click [here](#))

Lord, the light of Your love is shining in the midst of the darkness, shining;
Jesus, Light of the world, shine upon us; set us free by the truth You now bring us;
shine on me, shine on me.

Shine, Jesus, shine; fill this land with the Father's glory;
blaze, Spirit, blaze; set our hearts on fire. Flow, river, flow;
flood the nations with grace and mercy; send forth Your word, Lord, and let there be light.

Lord, I come to Your awesome presence, from the shadows into Your radiance;
by the blood I may enter Your brightness. Search me, try me, consume all my darkness.
Shine on me, shine on me.

Shine, Jesus, shine; fill this land with the Father's glory;
blaze, Spirit, blaze; set our hearts on fire. Flow, river, flow;
flood the nations with grace and mercy; send forth Your word, Lord, and let there be light.

**As we gaze on Your kingly brightness, so our faces display Your likeness,
ever changing from glory to glory; mirrored here, may our lives tell Your story.
Shine on me, shine on me.**

**Shine, Jesus, shine; fill this land with the Father's glory;
blaze, Spirit, blaze; set our hearts on fire. Flow, river, flow;
flood the nations with grace and mercy; send forth Your word, Lord, and let there be light.**

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PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

Our Lord Jesus Christ is the beloved Son of God, the chosen one. So, let us pray in His name with boldness, knowing that the Father will hear us for his Son's sake.

Dear heavenly Father, thank You for revealing the true glory of Your Son Jesus to the disciples, and for giving us their testimony in the Holy Scriptures. We pray for the church that, knowing now only in part, we may wait in humility, faithfulness and joy to see You in all Your splendour, face to face.
Lord of glory...hear our prayer.

Thank You that Jesus was willing to hide His heavenly glory and suffer and die for the world instead. Sustain us and all Your people through the distractions, temptations and troubles of this life, and give us the strength to carry our own crosses with unfailing faith, so that together we can say, 'It is good Lord to be here'.

Lord of glory...hear our prayer.

We pray for all preachers and teachers of Your word, that they may show Christ to others with truth and clarity. Bring all churches to acknowledge Jesus' true presence and forgiving grace in His gifts of baptism, absolution, and holy communion, so that together we may say, 'It is good Lord to be here'.

Lord of glory...hear our prayer.

We pray for all places of Christian work and witness - our schools and colleges too. Shine through the Christians present there, ensure the faith is taught truly and well, and lift the veil for unbelievers so that they put their trust in Christ.

Lord of glory...hear our prayer.

We pray for the nations of the world and for their leaders, that they may learn the ways of peace. Especially at this time we think of the situation between Ukraine and Russia, as also many other places in the world. Remove oppression and injustice, and provide for the poor.

Lord of glory...hear our prayer.

We pray for those experiencing emotional and physical pain and sickness; for the dying, and for all who have asked for our prayers, that You will relieve their suffering. And provide for those we know personally to be in need, and whom we now name silently in our hearts... *(brief silence)*

Lord of glory...hear our prayer.

Lord God, hear the prayers we offer, and let Your grace and mercy flow to us and all for whom we pray so that together with Peter and all Your saints and angels we say, 'It is good Lord to be here'. We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

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 forever. Amen.

THE BLESSING

Let us bless the LORD.

God be praised forevermore.

*Exalt the LORD our God
and worship at His footstool;
for the LORD our God is holy.*

The LORD bless us and keep us.

The LORD make His face shine on us and be gracious to us.

The LORD look upon us with favour, and give us peace.

Amen!

GROWING FAITH AT HOME BLESSING

*May God's Spirit
make you more and more like Christ.*

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WORDS OF SENDING

Go in peace.

Live in God's ways with faith, hope, and love.

Walk on God's paths as bright, shining lights.

Go into the world transformed and renewed!

In the name of Christ.

Amen.

How Great is our God *with* How great Thou art (click [here](#))

**How great is our God! Sing with me: how great is our God!
And all will sing how great, how great is our God!**

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And all will sing how great, how great is our God!**

**The splendour of the King, clothed in majesty;
let all the earth rejoice, all the earth rejoice.
He wraps Himself in light, and darkness tries to hide,
and trembles at His voice, and trembles at His voice.**

**How great is our God! Sing with me: how great is our God!
And all will see how great, how great is our God!**

**Then sings my soul, my Saviour God to Thee:
How great Thou art! How great Thou art!
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How great Thou art! How great Thou art!**

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**How great is our God! Sing with me: how great is our God!
And all will see how great, how great is our God!**

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HYMNS AND SONGS

First reading: Exodus 34:29-35

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Second reading: 2 Corinthians 3:12 - 4:2

LHS

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- 164 Love divine, all loves excelling G3
- 358 Renew me, O eternal light* G3
- 500 Blessed Jesus, at Thy word* G5
- 505 Father, who the light this day G4
- 805 We are heirs with the Father GS
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- 842 Praise the Lord, rise up rejoicing G3

AT

- 12 We are family
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- 262 Shine on me, Lord
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LHS

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39 O Christ, Thou Lord eternal* G7
41 O Jesus, King of glory* G4
43 Gentiles, rise to greet the morning G7
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181 Abide, O dearest Jesus* G5
185 Sun of righteousness divine* G3
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AT

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