

SERVICE ORDER
Sunday, 19th February
Transfiguration of our Lord

WELCOME TO WORSHIP

**Lord God, heavenly Father,
you glorified your Son from the heavens.
Give us faith to perceive his glory and willingly follow him.
Bring us, through his suffering and death,
to the glory of the resurrection.
We ask this through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and forever.
Amen.**

OPENING SENTENCE: MATTHEW 17:5

*From the cloud a voice said, "this is my own dear son,
and I am pleased with him. Listen to what he says!"*

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INVOCATION

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

Christ Be Our Light

**Longing for light, we wait in darkness. Longing for truth, we turn to You.
Make us Your own, Your holy people, light for the world to see.**

**Christ, be our light! Shine in our hearts. Shine through the darkness.
Christ, be our light! Shine in Your church gathered today.**

**Longing for peace, our world is troubled. Longing for hope, many despair.
Your word alone has power to save us. Make us Your living voice:**

**Christ, be our light! Shine in our hearts. Shine through the darkness. Christ,
be our light! Shine in Your church gathered today.**

**Longing for food, many are hungry. Longing for water, many still thirst.
Make us Your bread, broken for others, shared until all are fed:**

**Christ, be our light! Shine in our hearts. Shine through the darkness. Christ,
be our light! Shine in Your church gathered today.**

**Longing for shelter, many are homeless. Longing for warmth, many are
cold.**

Make us Your building, sheltering others, walls made of living stone:

**Christ, be our light! Shine in our hearts. Shine through the darkness. Christ,
be our light! Shine in Your church gathered today.**

**Many the gifts, many the people, many the hearts that yearn to belong.
Let us be servants to one another, making Your kingdom come:**

**Christ, be our light! Shine in our hearts. Shine through the darkness. Christ,
be our light! Shine in Your church gathered today.**

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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.

PSALM 2

¹ Why do the nations conspire^[a] and the peoples plot in vain?

² The kings of the earth rise up and the rulers band together against the LORD and against his anointed, saying,

³ ‘Let us break their chains and throw off their shackles.’

You are my son; today I have begotten you

⁴ The One enthroned in heaven laughs; the Lord scoffs at them.

⁵ He rebukes them in his anger and terrifies them in his wrath, saying,

⁶ ‘I have installed my king on Zion, my holy mountain.’

You are my son; today I have begotten you

⁷ I will proclaim the LORD’s decree:

He said to me, ‘You are my son; today I have become your father.

⁸ Ask me, and I will make the nations your inheritance, the ends of the earth your possession.

⁹ You will break them with a rod of iron^[b]; you will dash them to pieces like pottery.’

You are my son; today I have begotten you

¹⁰ Therefore, you kings, be wise; be warned, you rulers of the earth.

¹¹ Serve the LORD with fear and celebrate his rule with trembling.

¹² Kiss his son, or he will be angry and your way will lead to your destruction, for his wrath can flare up in a moment. Blessed are all who take refuge in him.

You are my son; today I have begotten you

**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.

[silence]

**Faithful God,
you have called us to be a light shining in the world.
Make us reflect the light of Christ,
so that people see your love and goodness in our words and actions.
We ask this through your Son, our Lord,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God,
now and forever.
Amen.**

BIBLE READING

FIRST READING: Exodus 24:12-18 Moses on the mountain with God (NIVUK)

²The LORD said to Moses, ‘Come up to me on the mountain and stay here, and I will give you the tablets of stone with the law and commandments I have written for their instruction.’¹³Then Moses set out with Joshua his assistant, and Moses went up on the mountain of God. ¹⁴He said to the elders, ‘Wait here for us until we come back to you. Aaron and Hur are with you, and anyone involved in a dispute can go to them.’ ¹⁵When Moses went up on the mountain, the cloud covered it, ¹⁶and the glory of the LORD settled on Mount Sinai. For six days the cloud covered the mountain, and on the seventh day the LORD called to Moses from within the cloud. ¹⁷To the Israelites the glory of the LORD looked like a consuming fire on top of the mountain. ¹⁸Then Moses entered the cloud as he went on up the mountain. And he stayed on the mountain forty days and forty nights.

After the reading

This is the Word of the LORD.

Thanks be to God.

SECOND READING: 2 Peter 1:16-21 Listen to us- we saw Christ's glory (NIVUK)

¹⁶ For we did not follow cleverly devised stories when we told you about the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ in power, but we were eye-witnesses of his majesty. ¹⁷ He received honour and glory from God the Father when the voice came to him from the Majestic Glory, saying, 'This is my Son, whom I love; with him I am well pleased.'^[a] ¹⁸ We ourselves heard this voice that came from heaven when we were with him on the sacred mountain. ¹⁹ We also have the prophetic message as something completely reliable, and you will do well to pay attention to it, as to a light shining in a dark place, until the day dawns and the morning star rises in your hearts. ²⁰ Above all, you must understand that no prophecy of Scripture came about by the prophet's own interpretation of things. ²¹ For prophecy never had its origin in the human will, but prophets, though human, spoke from God as they were carried along by the Holy Spirit.

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

ALLELUIA VERSE

Alleluia!
Alleluia! Alleluia!
*'This is my Son, the Beloved;
with him I am well pleased;
listen to him!' Alleluia.*
Alleluia!

GOSPEL: Matthew 17:1-9 The transfiguration of Jesus (NIVUK)

Before the reading
Glory be to You, O LORD.

¹⁷ After six days Jesus took with him Peter, James and John the brother of James, and led them up a high mountain by themselves. ² There he was

transfigured before them. His face shone like the sun, and his clothes became as white as the light. ³ Just then there appeared before them Moses and Elijah, talking with Jesus. ⁴ Peter said to Jesus, 'Lord, it is good for us to be here. If you wish, I will put up three shelters – one for you, one for Moses and one for Elijah.' ⁵ While he was still speaking, a bright cloud covered them, and a voice from the cloud said, 'This is my Son, whom I love; with him I am well pleased. Listen to him!' ⁶ When the disciples heard this, they fell face down to the ground, terrified. ⁷ But Jesus came and touched them. 'Get up,' he said. 'Don't be afraid.' ⁸ When they looked up, they saw no one except Jesus. ⁹ As they were coming down the mountain, Jesus instructed them, 'Don't tell anyone what you have seen, until the Son of Man has been raised from the dead.'

After the reading

This is the gospel of the LORD.

Praise be to You, O Christ.

**Thank you, Lord Jesus Christ,
for revealing your glory as God's Son.**

**Lead us to follow you in faith.
Amen.**

APOSTLE'S 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**

SHINE, JESUS, SHINE

**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 Your 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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SERMON

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or Read and Discuss the Sermon

For Church YouTube Channel ([click here](#))

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LHS 822 God has spoken by his prophets

**God has spoken by his prophets, spoken his unchanging Word,
each, from age to age proclaiming God, the one, the righteous Lord.
Mid the world's despair and turmoil one firm anchor holds us fast:
God is king, his throne eternal, God the first, and God the last.**

**God has spoken by Christ Jesus, Christ, the everlasting Son,
brightness of the Father's glory, with the father ever one;
spoken by the Word incarnate, God from God, ere time began,
Light from light, to earth descending, Man, revealing God to man.**

**God is speaking by his Spirit, speaking to the hearts of men,
in the age-long Word expounding, God's own message, now as then,
through the rise and fall of nations one sure faith yet standing fast;
God still speaks, his Word unchanging, God the first, and God the last.**

George Wallace Briggs 1875-1959, alt.

OFFERING PRAYER

*Our great and glorious God,
we thank you for sending your dear Son Jesus.
Teach us to follow his example
of self-giving service,
and to offer ourselves and all we have
in love to you and to others.
Amen.*

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, we pray for the church around the world. Keep us faithful to you at all times. Lift the veil from our eyes and guide us to see Christ where he is present. Throughout all the distractions of life, we ask that you would help us set our sight on Jesus Christ, and on him alone. Keep us safe and protect us from all the tricks of the devil.

Lord in your mercy: **Hear our prayer.**

We pray that you would guide your church to have compassion on those stumbling in the darkness, and help show Christ to all who have no faith. Help us to be unashamed of the light you have given us, and to bear it willingly with joy wherever we go and whatever we do.

Lord in your mercy: **Hear our prayer.**

We pray for Christians everywhere who are being persecuted because of the light they bear. Give them the strength to endure the hardships they are undergoing and give them the peace and hope of Christ as they battle on.

Lord in your mercy: **Hear our prayer.**

We pray that Christ would reveal his gracious presence to all who suffer. We pray particularly for all those in our congregations who are sick or in need, including and everyone else whose needs we hold in our hearts.

Lord in your mercy: **Hear our prayer.**

Lord God, hear the prayers we offer, and let your grace and mercy flow to us, and to all those for whom we pray. 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.**

BLESSING

Let us bless the LORD.
God be praised forevermore.
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 the Lord Jesus bring you peace as you look to him, now and always.
May the Lord Jesus bring you peace as you look to him, now and always.

WORDS OF SENDING

Go in peace.
You have seen the majesty of our Lord Jesus Christ.
In the name of Christ. Amen.

AT 252 He is Exalted

He is exalted, the King is exalted on High I will praise Him

He is exalted, the King is exalted on High I will praise Him

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

You are exalted, my King you're exalted on high I will praise you

You are exalted, forever exalted and I will praise your name

You are the Lord forever your truth shall reign

Heaven and earth rejoice in your holy name

You are exalted, my King you're exalted on high.

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HYMNS AND SONGS

First reading: Exodus 24:12-18

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Second reading: 2 Peter 1:16-21

LHS

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43 Gentiles, rise to greet the morning G7

147 O Morning Star, so bright and fair* G3

273 We have a sure prophetic word G7

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528 Christ, whose glory fills the skies G5

822 God has spoken by his prophets
889 Each morning with its newborn light

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Gospel: Matthew 17:1-9

LHS

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152 Fairest Lord Jesus G7
185 Sun of righteousness divine* G3
217 O Christ, our true and only light* G5
747 How good, Lord, to be here G7

AT

55 His name is wonderful
126 The light of Christ
217 Shine, Jesus, shine
239 Listen to him
252 He is exalted
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