



7th August 2022

The Transfiguration of Our Lord

*We welcome you to St Matthew's Church
this morning and pray you are blessed as
we worship the Lord together.*

*If you are with us for the first time please
fill in one of our Welcome Cards.*

Thank you.

*Please join in the words in **bold print**.*

Please remember to silence your mobile!

*Our Celebrant and Preacher is
Revd Linda Fox.*

¶ The Gathering

♪ Hymn ♪

Jesus, on the mountain peak,
stands alone in glory blazing.
Let us, if we dare to speak,
join the saints and angels praising:
Alleluia!

Trembling at His feet we saw
Moses and Elijah speaking.
All the Prophets and the Law

shout through them their joyful
greeting:

Alleluia!

Swift the cloud of glory came,
God, proclaiming in its thunder,
Jesus as the Son by name!

Nations, cry aloud in wonder:

Alleluia!

Jesus is the chosen One,
living hope of every nation,
hear and heed Him, everyone;
sing with earth and all creation:

Alleluia!

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Grace, mercy and peace
from God our Father
and the Lord Jesus Christ
be with you

and also with you.

We remain standing to pray together

**Almighty God,
to whom all hearts are open,
all desires known,
and from whom no
secrets are hidden:
cleanse the thoughts of our
hearts
by the inspiration of
your Holy Spirit,
that we may perfectly love you,
and worthily magnify
your holy name;
through Christ our Lord.
Amen.**

Please be seated

The Confession and Absolution

Invitation to confession

When Christ appears we shall be like him, because we shall see him as he is. As he is pure, all who have grasped this hope make themselves pure.

So let us confess our sins that mar his image in us.

Your unfailing kindness, O Lord, is in the heavens, and your faithfulness reaches to the clouds:

Lord, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

Your righteousness is like the strong mountains, and your justice as the great deep:

Christ, have mercy.

Christ, have mercy.

For with you is the well of life and in your light shall we see light:

Lord, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

Almighty God,
who forgives all who truly repent,
have mercy upon you,
pardon and deliver you from all your
sins, confirm and strengthen you in all
goodness, and keep you in life eternal;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Please stand

Gloria in Excelsis

**Glory to God in the highest,
and peace to his people on
earth.**

**Lord God, heavenly King,
almighty God and Father,**

**we worship you,
we give you thanks,
we praise you for your glory.**

**Lord Jesus Christ,
only Son of the Father,
Lord God, Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of the
world:**

**have mercy on us;
you are seated at the right hand
of the Father:
receive our prayer.**

**For you alone are the Holy One,
you alone are the Lord,
you alone are the Most High,
Jesus Christ,
with the Holy Spirit,
in the glory of God the Father.
Amen.**

The Collect

A period of silent prayer

Father in heaven,
whose Son Jesus Christ was
wonderfully transfigured
before chosen witnesses upon the holy
mountain, and spoke of the exodus he
would accomplish at Jerusalem:
give us strength so to hear his voice and
bear our cross that in the world to
come we may see him as he is;
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

Amen.

¶ The Liturgy of the Word

Let us prepare ourselves for the Word of God as it comes to us in the reading of Holy Scripture.

Our hearts and minds are open.

Please be seated

First Reading

Daniel 7.9-10, 13-14

As I watched,
 thrones were set in place,
and an Ancient One took his throne;
 his clothing was white as snow,
and the hair of his head like pure wool;
 his throne was fiery flames,
 and its wheels were burning fire.

¹⁰A stream of fire issued
 and flowed out from his presence.

A thousand thousand served him,
 and ten thousand times ten
thousand stood attending him.

The court sat in judgement,
and the books were opened.

¹³As I watched in the night visions,
 I saw one like a human being
coming with the clouds of heaven.

 And he came to the Ancient One
 and was presented before him.

¹⁴To him was given dominion
 and glory and kingship,
that all peoples, nations, and languages
 should serve him.

His dominion is an everlasting dominion
 that shall not pass away,
and his kingship is one
 that shall never be destroyed.

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

We stand to sing

♪ Song ♪

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.

Refrain

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.

Refrain

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The Gospel

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Blessed are the poor in spirit,
for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

The Lord be with you
and also with you.

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.

Glory to you, O Lord.

Luke 9.28-36

Jesus took with him Peter and John and James, and went up on the mountain to pray. ²⁹And while he was praying, the appearance of his face changed, and his clothes became dazzling white.

³⁰Suddenly they saw two men, Moses and Elijah, talking to him. ³¹They appeared in glory and were speaking of his departure, which he was about to accomplish at Jerusalem. ³²Now Peter and his companions were weighed down with sleep; but since they had stayed awake, they saw his glory and the two men who stood with him. ³³Just as they were leaving him, Peter said to Jesus, 'Master, it is good for us to be here; let us make three dwellings, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah.' Peter did not know what he said.

³⁴While he was saying this, a cloud came and overshadowed them; and they were terrified as they entered the cloud.

³⁵Then from the cloud came a voice that said, 'This is my Son, my Chosen; listen to him!' ³⁶When the voice had spoken, Jesus was found alone. And they kept silent and in those days told no one any of the things they had seen.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Please be seated

The Sermon

Let us stand to declare our faith in God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

The Nicene Creed

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made.

For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate from the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary and was made man.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried.

On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son,

who with the Father and the Son is worshipped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets.

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.

We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.

We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come.

Amen.

Please be seated

Prayers of Intercession

To the words

Lord, in your mercy,

We respond

Show your glory.

After the final prayer we say:

Merciful Father,

accept these prayers for the sake of your Son, our Saviour, Jesus Christ.

Amen.

¶ The Liturgy of the Sacrament

Please stand

The Peace

Christ will transfigure our human body and give it a form like that of his own glorious body.

We are the body of Christ.

We share his peace.

The peace of the Lord be always with you

and also with you.

Let us offer one another a sign of God's peace

♪ Hymn ♪

At the Name of Jesus,
every knee shall bow,
every tongue confess Him
King of glory now;
'tis the Father's pleasure
we should call Him Lord,
who from the beginning
was the mighty Word.

At His voice creation
sprang at once to sight,
all the angel faces,
all the hosts of light,
thrones and dominations,
stars upon their way,
all the heavenly orders,
in their great array.

Humbled for a season,
to receive a name
from the lips of sinners
unto whom He came,
faithfully He bore it,
spotless to the last,
brought it back victorious,
when from death He passed.

Bore it up triumphant
with its human light,
through all ranks of creatures,
to the central height,
to the throne of Godhead,
to the Father's breast;
filled it with the glory
of that perfect rest.

Name Him, Christians, name Him,
with love strong as death,
but with awe and wonder
and with bated breath:
He is God the Saviour,
He is Christ the Lord,

ever to be worshipped,
trusted, and adored.

In your hearts enthrone Him;
there let Him subdue
all that is not holy,
all that is not true;
crown Him as your Captain
in temptation's hour;
let His will enfold you
in its light and power.

Surely, this Lord Jesus
shall return again,
with His Father's glory,
with His angel train;
for all wreaths of empire
meet upon His brow,
and our hearts confess Him
King of glory now.

Caroline Maria Noel (1817-1877)

**Yours, Lord, is the greatness,
the power, the glory, the
splendour, and the majesty;
for everything in heaven
and on earth is yours.
All things come from you,
and of your own do we give
you.**

The Eucharistic Prayer (E)

The Lord is here.

His Spirit is with us.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give thanks and
praise.**

It is indeed right and good,
our duty and our joy,
always and everywhere to give you
thanks, holy Father, almighty and eternal
God, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

For on this day he revealed his glory
before his chosen witnesses
and filled with divine splendour
the human flesh in which he is one with
us. So he prepared his disciples
to bear the scandal of the cross
and showed that in the Church, his
body, the same glory would be fulfilled
that shone forth from him, its head.
And so with joyful hearts we echo on
earth the song of the angels in heaven
as they praise your glory without end:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord,
God of power and might,
heaven and earth are
full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the
name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.**

We praise and bless you, loving Father,
through Jesus Christ, our Lord;
and as we obey his command,
send your Holy Spirit,
that broken bread and wine outpoured
may be for us the body and blood of
your dear Son.

On the night before he died he had
supper with his friends and,
taking bread, he praised you.
He broke the bread, gave it to them
and said:

Take, eat; this is my body which is
given for you;
do this in remembrance of me.

When supper was ended he took
the cup of wine.

Again he praised you, gave it to them
and said:

Drink this, all of you;
this is my blood of the new covenant,
which is shed for you and for many for
the forgiveness of sins.

Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.

So, Father, we remember all that Jesus did, in him we plead with confidence his sacrifice made once for all upon the cross.

Bringing before you the bread of life and cup of salvation, we proclaim his death and resurrection until he comes in glory.

Praise to you Lord Jesus:

**Dying you destroyed our death,
rising you restored our life:
Lord Jesus, come in glory.**

Lord of all life,
help us to work together for that day when your kingdom comes and justice and mercy will be seen in all the earth.

Look with favour on your people, gather us in your loving arms and bring us with St Matthew and all the saints to feast at your table in heaven.

**Through Christ, and with
Christ, and in Christ, in the
unity of the Holy Spirit, all
honour and glory are yours, O
loving Father,
for ever and ever.
Amen.**

The Lord's Prayer

Jesus taught us to call God our Father, so in faith and trust we pray:

**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.

Breaking of the Bread

We break this bread
to share in the body of Christ.

**Though we are many,
we are one body,
because we all share in one
bread.**

Agnus Dei

**Jesus, Lamb of God,
have mercy on us.**

**Jesus, bearer of our sins,
have mercy on us.**

**Jesus, redeemer of the world,
grant us peace.**

Invitation to Communion

God's holy gifts
for God's holy people.

**Jesus Christ is holy,
Jesus Christ is Lord,
to the glory of God the Father.**

**Most merciful Lord,
your love compels us to come
in.**

**Our hands were unclean,
our hearts were unprepared;
we were not fit even to eat the
crumbs from under your table.
But you, Lord, are the God of
our salvation, and share your
bread with sinners.**

**So cleanse and feed us
with the precious body and
blood of your Son, that he may
live in us and we in him;
and that we, with the whole
company of Christ,
may sit and eat in your
kingdom.
Amen.**

*Communicant members of any Christian
Church are invited to receive Holy
Communion. If you wish to receive a
blessing please bow your head.*

♪ **Anthem** ♪

♪ **Hymn** ♪

Christ bids us break the bread
and share the cup He gave,
in token of the blood He shed
for those He died to save.

It was for us He came,
to bear, by human birth,
a crown of thorn, a cross of shame,
for every child of earth.

The Saviour crucified
in glory rose again:
we here remember Him who died,
ascended now to reign.

Our hearts His word obey,
in thankfulness and love:
we feed on Christ by faith today
and feast with Him above.

O Christ, once lifted up
that we might be forgiven,
we take the bread and drink the cup
and share the life of heaven.

*Timothy Dudley Smith (b. 1926) © Timothy Dudley
Smith*

Prayer after Communion

Silence is kept.

Holy God,
we see your glory in the face of Jesus
Christ: may we who are partakers at his
table reflect his life in word and deed,
that all the world may know his power
to change and save.

This we ask through Jesus Christ
our Lord.

Amen.

**Almighty God,
we thank you for feeding us
with the body and blood of
your Son Jesus Christ.
Through him we offer you our
souls and bodies
to be a living sacrifice.
Send us out in the power of
your Spirit to live and work
to your praise and glory.
Amen.**

Notices

♪ **Hymn** ♪

'Tis good, Lord, to be here,
Thy glory fills the night;
Thy face and garments, like the sun,
shine with unborrowed light.

'Tis good, Lord, to be here,
Thy beauty to behold
where Moses and Elijah stand,
Thy messengers of old.

Fulfiller of the past,
promise of things to be,
we hail Thy body glorified
and our redemption see.

Before we taste of death,
we see Thy kingdom come;
we fain would hold the vision bright
and make this hill our home.

'Tis good, Lord, to be here,
yet we may not remain;
but since Thou bidst us leave the
mount,
come with us to the plain.

Joseph Armitage Robinson (1858-1933)

¶ The Dismissal

Blessing

Christ, whose glory fills the skies,
fill you with radiance and scatter the
darkness from your path.

Amen.

Christ, the Sun of Righteousness,
gladden your eyes and warm your
heart.

Amen.

Christ, the Dayspring from on high,
draw near to guide your feet into the
way of peace.

Amen.

And the blessing of God almighty,
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,
be upon you and remain with you and
all those whom you love and all those
for whom you pray this day and for
evermore.

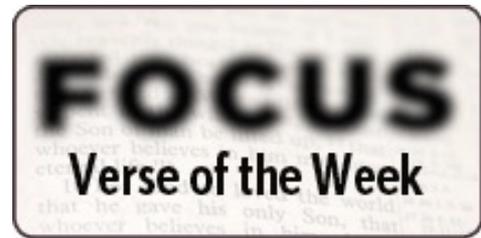
Amen.

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

In the name of Christ.

Amen.

Please take this service sheet with you.



Then from the cloud came a voice that
said, 'This is my Son, my Chosen; listen
to him!'

Luke 9.35

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