



Transfiguration Yr B – 14<sup>th</sup> February 2021

***Welcome:***

***Greeting:***

On this Transfiguration Sunday  
May the Lord be with you  
**And also with you**

***Moment of Stillness:***

As we begin our service, let's take a moment to be still and aware of God's presence within and all around us.

***Christ Candle:***

We light this candle to remind us of God's light shining in the darkness.

May we carry this light of hope, peace, and justice  
to the world around us every day.

***Acknowledgement First Peoples:***

We acknowledge the sovereign First Peoples of this country on which we gather today; the Gadigal and Wangal people. And we pay our respects to their Elders past and present, together with all descendants.

**We commit ourselves to support Voice, Treaty, Truth – justice for First Nations Peoples.**

***Call to Worship:***

The mountain top  
the shining face  
the glowing clothes  
the voice of God speaking from the cloud  
the commandments etched in stone

Sometimes God shows up  
in ways we cannot deny  
in a place we can go  
**a light we can see**  
**a voice we can hear**  
**a stone we can touch**

Sometimes

Sometimes  
there is the veil  
the overshadowing, terrifying cloud  
the questions  
the appearing and disappearing  
the excitement  
the wondering  
the silence

Sometimes God shows up  
in ways we cannot deny.

**Always God shows up  
somehow.  
May God give us eyes to see.**

***Opening Prayer:***

Holy One, Light of light, God of all  
creation,

long ago you showed yourself  
to the disciples in Jesus' transfiguration;  
his face glowing like the sun on a dry,  
parched earth.  
Shine in us, around us, and through us,  
that the world may see your glory  
in the faces of your people;  
faces transfigured in the light of your love.  
**Amen**

**Song: All Creatures of our God and King**  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5KJ3Mt3FBNg>

All creatures of our god and king  
Lift up your voice and with us sing  
O praise him! Alleluia!  
Thou, burning sun with golden beam  
Thou, silver moon with softer gleam  
O praise him! O praise him!  
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Let all things their creator bless  
And worship him in humbleness  
O praise him! Alleluia!  
Praise, praise the father, praise the son  
And praise the spirit, three-in-one  
O praise him! O praise him!  
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

All the redeemed washed by his blood  
Come and rejoice in his great love  
O praise him! Alleluia!  
Christ has defeated every sin  
Cast all your burdens now on him  
O praise him! O praise him!  
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

He shall return in pow'r to reign  
Heaven and earth will join to say  
O praise him! Alleluia!

Then who shall fall on bended knee?  
All creatures of our god and king  
O praise him! O praise him!  
Alleluia! Alleluia!  
O praise him! O praise him!  
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

**Prayer of Confession:**

God of strange and curious light,  
Though we want to walk with You  
and see your holy radiance,  
we hide in the mist of our own desires,  
unable to perceive your presence of grace.

While we want a world of justice and peace,  
we walk in clouds of selfishness,  
unable to share Your loving-kindness.

Though we want to follow Jesus up the mountain,  
we cower in fear,  
unable to bear the light of God.

God of grace, we are sorry.  
**Amen**

*Words of assurance:*

In the blazing light of God's grace,  
Jesus touches us and says,

"Your sins are forgiven"  
**Thanks be to God!**

***Peace:***

The peace of the Lord be always with you  
**And also with you.**

Let's share Christ's peace with one another

**Song:** Christ whose glory fills the skies (TIS 212)  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=chnIE-CnZYU>

Christ, whose glory fills the skies  
Christ, the true, the only Light,  
Sun of Righteousness, arise,  
Triumph o'er the shades of night;  
Dayspring from on high, be near,  
Daystar, in my heart appear.

Dark and cheerless is the morn  
If you seem not close to me;  
Joyless is the day's return,  
Till your mercy's beams I see,  
Till they inward light impart,  
Glad my eyes, and warm my heart.

Visit then this soul of mine,  
Pierce the gloom of sin and grief;  
Fill me, radiancy divine,  
Scatter all my unbelief;  
More and more yourself display,  
Shining to the perfect day.

***Moment for the young at heart:***

***Bible Readings:***

**2 Kings 2:1-12**

Now when the LORD was about to take Elijah up to heaven by a whirlwind, Elijah and Elisha were on their way from Gilgal. <sup>2</sup> Elijah said to Elisha, "Stay here; for the LORD has sent me as far as Bethel." But Elisha said, "As the LORD lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you." So they went down to Bethel. <sup>3</sup> The company of prophets<sup>[a]</sup> who were in Bethel came out to Elisha, and said to him, "Do you know that today the LORD will take your master away from you?" And he said, "Yes, I know; keep silent."

<sup>4</sup> Elijah said to him, "Elisha, stay here; for the LORD has sent me to Jericho." But he said, "As the LORD lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you." So they came to Jericho. <sup>5</sup> The company of prophets<sup>[b]</sup> who were at Jericho

drew near to Elisha, and said to him, "Do you know that today the LORD will take your master away from you?" And he answered, "Yes, I know; be silent."

<sup>6</sup> Then Elijah said to him, "Stay here; for the LORD has sent me to the Jordan." But he said, "As the LORD lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you." So the two of them went on. <sup>7</sup> Fifty men of the company of prophets<sup>[c]</sup> also went, and stood at some distance from them, as they both were standing by the Jordan. <sup>8</sup> Then Elijah took his mantle and rolled it up, and struck the water; the water was parted to the one side and to the other, until the two of them crossed on dry ground.

<sup>9</sup> When they had crossed, Elijah said to Elisha, "Tell me what I may do for you, before I am taken from you." Elisha said, "Please let me inherit a double share of your spirit." <sup>10</sup> He responded, "You have asked a hard thing; yet, if you see me as I am being taken from you, it will be granted you; if not, it will not." <sup>11</sup> As they continued walking and talking, a chariot of fire and horses of fire separated the two of them, and Elijah ascended in a whirlwind into heaven. <sup>12</sup> Elisha kept watching and crying out, "Father, father! The chariots of Israel and its horsemen!" But when he could no longer see him, he grasped his own clothes and tore them in two pieces.

### **Mark 9:2-9**

<sup>2</sup> Six days later, Jesus took with him Peter and James and John, and led them up a high mountain apart, by themselves. And he was transfigured before them, <sup>3</sup> and his clothes became dazzling white, such as no one<sup>[a]</sup> on earth could bleach them. <sup>4</sup> And there appeared to them Elijah with Moses, who were talking with Jesus. <sup>5</sup> Then Peter said to Jesus, "Rabbi, it is good for us to be here; let us make three dwellings,<sup>[b]</sup> one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah." <sup>6</sup> He did not know what to say, for they were terrified. <sup>7</sup> Then a cloud overshadowed them, and from the cloud there came a voice, "This is my Son, the Beloved;<sup>[c]</sup> listen to him!" <sup>8</sup> Suddenly when they looked around, they saw no one with them any more, but only Jesus.

<sup>9</sup> As they were coming down the mountain, he ordered them to tell no one about what they had seen, until after the Son of Man had risen from the dead.

In this is the Word of the Lord

**Thanks be to God**

***Reflection:***

***Moment of Stillness:***

***Prayers of the People:***

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

**For the kingdom the power and the glory are yours.  
Now and forever.  
Amen**

***'Freddo' Moment:*** The congregation share good news

***Community News:***

***Offering Prayer:***

Thank you, God of grace, for all the gifts you give us.  
Help us to be gracious givers  
in response to all that we have been given.  
Use these gifts and our lives to be your light in the world  
***Amen.***

***Song:*** Glorious things of thee are spoken (TIS 446)  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=uDJMinJQ63c>

Glorious things of thee are spoken,  
Zion, city of our God;  
he whose word cannot be broken  
formed thee for his own abode;  
on the Rock of Ages founded,  
what can shake thy sure repose?

With salvation's walls surrounded,  
thou may'st smile at all thy foes.

See the streams of living waters,  
springing from eternal love,  
well supply thy sons and daughters,  
and all fear of want remove;  
who can faint while such a river  
ever flows their thirst to assuage?  
Grace, which like the Lord, the giver,  
never fails from age to age.

Round each habitation hov'ring,  
see the cloud and fire appear  
for a glory and a cov'ring,  
showing that the Lord is near;  
thus deriving from their banner  
light by night and shade by day,  
safe they feed upon the manna  
which he gives them when they pray.

Savior, if of Zion's city  
I, thro' grace, a member am,  
let the world deride or pity,  
I will glory in thy name;  
fading is the worldling's pleasure,  
all his boasted pomp and show;  
solid joys and lasting treasure  
none but Zion's children know.

### ***Benediction & Blessing:***

Walk in light and truth.  
See the light of Christ in every face.  
Be the light of Christ to all you meet.

And may God strengthen you and bless you with peace;  
May Christ Jesus bring forth justice for you and among you;  
And may the Holy Spirit alight on you  
and affirm you as God's beloved ones.

## **3-fold-amen**

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