



Transfiguration of Jesus Yr C 27th February 2022

(Leader: Chris Westworth / Greeter: David Pigott)

Welcome:

Greeting:

On this Sunday of the **Transfiguration** - **God affirms Jesus as his Son, confirming his deity, and telling the disciples to listen to him.** Peter, James, and John now see a glimpse of Jesus' true glory: God the Son, who reigns eternal, and against whom the gates of hell shall not prevail.

May the light of 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:

In this season of Light,
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:

As we gather to worship God, 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:

From a cloud, and in a crowd, God speaks to us.

Calling us to be lovers of justice, to share hope with the broken.

On mountaintops, and in neighborhoods, Christ calls to us.

With a word, and with wonder, molding us into who we are.

On the playground, and at the workstation,
the Spirit whispers in our hearts.

**Gathering up our fears, as well as our dreams,
and offering them to God.**

Opening Prayer:

We gather together to entrust ourselves and the world
to the Spirit of Love and to each other.

To find peace and healing
in the joy of music and words,
in the stillness of prayer,
and in the Spirit's enfolding love. **AMEN**

(Source: Pitt St UC service)

Song: Changed by your Glory, Exalt the Lord our God

Prayer of Confession:

God, we are so conditioned to respond in kind.
We are so worried that when the reckoning comes,
we will find ourselves left with the short end of the stick.
And not without reason.
The powerful take and oppress
seemingly without consequence.
Teach us to love with skill.
Teach us to love with precision.
Teach us to love with abandon,
trusting that when we step into
the ocean of your abundant love
we will receive the blessings of your abundant life..

Amen

Words of assurance:

On mountaintops and in valleys, in our hopes 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.

Peace:

The peace of the Lord be always with you

And also with you.

Let's share Christ's peace with one another.

Song: 'Take up thy cross,' the Saviour said

Moment for the young at heart: Tonia

Bible Readings: Christo

Exodus 34:29-35

The Radiant Face of Moses

²⁹ When Moses came down from Mount Sinai with the two tablets of the covenant law in his hands, he was not aware that his face was radiant because he had spoken with the LORD. ³⁰ When Aaron and all the Israelites saw Moses, his face was radiant, and they were afraid to come near him. ³¹ But Moses called to them; so Aaron and all the leaders of the community came back to him, and he spoke to them. ³² Afterward all the Israelites came near him, and he gave them all the commands the LORD had given him on Mount Sinai.

³³ When Moses finished speaking to them, he put a veil over his face. ³⁴ But whenever he entered the LORD's presence to speak with him, he removed the veil until he came out. And when he came out and told the Israelites what he had been commanded, ³⁵ they saw that his face was radiant. Then Moses would put the veil back over his face until he went in to speak with the LORD.

Luke 9:28-36

The Transfiguration

²⁸ About eight days after Jesus said this, he took Peter, John and James with him and went up onto a mountain to pray. ²⁹ As he was praying, the appearance of his face changed, and his clothes became as bright as a flash of lightning. ³⁰ Two men, Moses and Elijah, appeared in glorious splendor, talking with Jesus. ³¹ They spoke about his departure,^[a] which he was about to bring to fulfillment at Jerusalem. ³² Peter and his companions were very sleepy, but when they became fully awake, they saw his glory and the two men standing with him. ³³ As the men were leaving Jesus, Peter said to him, "Master, it is good for us to be here. Let us put up three shelters—one for you, one for Moses and one for Elijah." (He did not know what he was saying.)

³⁴ While he was speaking, a cloud appeared and covered them, and they were afraid as they entered the cloud. ³⁵ A voice came from the cloud, saying, "This is my Son, whom I have chosen; listen to him." ³⁶ When the voice had spoken, they found that Jesus was alone. The disciples kept this to themselves and did not tell anyone at that time what they had seen.

Hear the Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

Reflection: Judith Townsend

Moment of Stillness:

Prayers of the People: Tonia

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

Giving thanks: The congregation share good news

Community News:

Offering Prayer:

Lord Jesus Christ,

You were rich yet for our sake yet became poor

help us to remember that what we keep we lose

and what we give away we gain.

Take then these brought offerings

given in this and other ways
and use them to fulfil your purposes on earth for your name's sake.

Amen.

Song: 143. Immortal, invisible, God only wise

Benediction & Blessing:

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

Pastoral Prayers: Hector