



## Worship for Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> February 2021

Good morning and welcome to our service on this the Sunday next before Lent when we think about the transfiguration. Welcome if you are joining us on Zoom or following the service at home, it is lovely to have you with us as we gather to worship our Holy God. Let us take a moment to still ourselves in the presence of God so that we are ready for worship this morning.

### Call to worship

In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen**  
The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

The glory of God shines in the face of Jesus, **who is the image of God.**  
We see the light of the gospel **in the glory of Christ.**  
God shines into our hearts **as a light shines in darkness.**  
Come, let us worship our God

### Hymn: Christ whose glory fills the sky

### A prayer of approach

The Lord, the mighty one, summons his faithful people to approach. Come, let us tune into his radiance, allowing his light of glory to shine upon and within us, as we offer our worship and praise. **Amen**

### Prayers of Penitence

When the Lord comes, he will bring to light the things now hidden in darkness and will disclose the purposes of the heart. Therefore, in the light of Christ let us confess our sins. *Silence.*

**Almighty God, our heavenly Father, we have sinned against you and against our neighbour in thought and word and deed, through negligence, through weakness, through our own deliberate fault. We are truly sorry and repent of all our sins. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, who died for us, forgive us all that is past and grant that we may serve you in newness of life to the glory of your name. Amen.**

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.**

### Collect for the Sunday before Lent

Holy God, you know the disorder of our sinful lives: set straight our crooked hearts, and bend our wills to love your goodness and your glory in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

### A personal prayer

**God of the mountain-top and of the valley, when the mountain is steep and I am tired, bless me with your strength. When the mountain is misty and I am afraid, bless me with your peace. When the mountain is**

covered in snow of uncertainty, bless me with your courage. When the mountain is beautiful bless me with gratitude and a sense of wonder that you are with me always. Amen

**Reading: 2 Corinthians 4: 3-6**

**Hymn: From the Sun rising unto the sun's setting**

**Reading: Mark 9:2-9**

**Talk**

I have made a video of the talk.

**Creed**

**We believe in God the Father, from whom every family in heaven and earth is named.  
We believe in God the Son, who lives in our hearts through faith and fills us with his love.  
We believe in God the Holy Spirit, who strengthens us with power from on high.  
We believe in one God: Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Amen**

**Hymn: Lord Jesus Christ**

**Prayers**

I have made a video of the prayers.

Drawn by the Holy Spirit, let us pray together for the Church and for the world. Pause.

Lord God, as members of your Church in this generation, we ask your guidance and blessing for all our church leaders, and for all in training for lay and ordained ministry. As people of God, we ask for the gifts we need for the work you need us to do. Help us to be open to the transforming power of your love so we may bring about transformation in the world around us as we work to build up the kingdom of God. Lord in your mercy. **Hear our prayer.**

Lord God, this fragile, vulnerable planet is so beautiful, and in such need of your guidance; we pray for a deeper valuing of our universe and of one another; for your kingdom to come on earth as in heaven. In a moment of silence, we bring before you any story from the news this week that has touched our hearts. Silence. Bring your peace, comfort, and hope in the lives of those affected. Lord in your mercy. **Hear our prayer.**

Lord God, may our homes be centres of love, acceptance and welcome; we pray that you will make your home among us in each room and in each relationship. At the start of the half term holiday, we pray that this week will be a time rest and refreshment for staff, children, and parents. We pray for all those who are finding life particularly difficult and challenging at this time, surround them with love, peace, and joy. May kindness mark our common life together and give us the courage and grace to respond to the needs of others with loving service. Lord in your mercy. **Hear our prayer.**

Lord God, we pray for all who are weighted down with doubts, fears, and misgivings; all who are haunted by the past or scared by the future. We ask for them awareness of your constant presence and courage to place their hand in yours. We pray for all those who are suffering whether in body, mind, or spirit and in moment of silence we name any known to us before you. Silence. Surround them with love, peace, and healing. We give thanks for the work of the NHS and ask that you provide them with the resources they need to care for others as well as for themselves. Lord in your mercy. **Hear our prayer.**

Lord God, as we remember those whose earthly life has come to an end, we give thanks for all that they meant to our family and friends. We pray for all those who are grieving at this time, surround them with comfort and love. Lord in your mercy. **Hear our prayer.**

In a moment of silence and stillness we offer our own prayers to God. *Silence.* Lord God, we give you thanks for all the blessings we have in life, for your love and guidance. Merciful Father: **accept these prayers for the sake of your son our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen**

## **The Lord's Prayer**

### **The peace**

Jesus says to his disciples, 'Peace I leave with you; my peace I give you. Not as the world gives do I give to you. Let not your hearts be troubled or afraid.' The peace of the Lord be always with you. **And also with you.** Let us offer one another a sign of God's peace.

*I know that we are not together physically today and not able to share the peace in our normal way. However, this does not mean that we are not able to share the peace. Bring to mind members of our church family and as you do wish them God's peace. "..... (the name of a member of our church family) God's peace be with you.*

### **Hymn: We have a gospel**

### **We go out**

**Lord of light, we go in your name to bring glory into our world. May we shine with the joy, peace and hope of your Holy Spirit, so that people see in us the face and glory of Jesus Christ. Amen**

May the God of hope fill us with all joy and peace in believing, through the power of the Holy Spirit; and the blessing of God almighty, the Father, Son and Holy Spirit be with you this day and always. Amen.

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord. **In the name of Christ. Amen**

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