

Wednesday Worship
4th August 2021
Transfiguration

Opening words and lighting of a candle

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,
and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

The heavens declare the glory of God.
All **The skies proclaim the work of his hands.**

Day after day they pour forth speech.
All **Night after night they display knowledge.**

They have no speech, there are no words,
All **but their sound goes out to all the lands,
their words to the ends of the earth.**

Hymn: At the name of Jesus

God of love and of justice,
God of holiness and of mercy,
God of thunder and of the still small voice within,
we pray you to shine forth upon us today.
Bestow upon us a double portion of your Spirit
and help us to hear your word
and perceive the marvels you are performing.
Grant that we may see beyond the turmoil of our world
and behold your anointed one in all his glory.
Touch us and lift us into the light and peace of your presence.
Strengthen us for your service as we worship you -
we ask it in Christ's name.

All **Amen.**

1st 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.
A 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.

As 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.

To 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.

Prayer of response

Lord our God, heaven and earth give you glory.
May we come to your throne to praise and worship,
confident in your love shown to us in your Son Jesus Christ,
our Lord.

All **Amen.**

Psalm 97

The Lord is king! Let the earth rejoice;
let the many coastlands be glad!
Clouds and thick darkness are all around him;
righteousness and justice are the foundation of his throne.

Fire goes before him,
and consumes his adversaries on every side.

His lightnings light up the world;
the earth sees and trembles.

The mountains melt like wax before the Lord,
before the Lord of all the earth.

The heavens proclaim his righteousness;
and all the peoples behold his glory.

All worshippers of images are put to shame,
those who make their boast in worthless idols;
all gods bow down before him.

Zion hears and is glad,
and the towns of Judah rejoice,
because of your judgements, O God.

For you, O Lord, are most high over all the earth;
you are exalted far above all gods.

The Lord loves those who hate evil;
he guards the lives of his faithful;
he rescues them from the hand of the wicked.

Light dawns for the righteous,
and joy for the upright in heart.
Rejoice in the Lord, O you righteous,
and give thanks to his holy name!

Prayer of response

Most high and holy God,
enthroned in fire and light,
burn away the dross of our lives
and kindle in us the fire of your love,
that our lives may reveal the light and life
we find in your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ.

All **Amen.**

2nd Reading: Luke 9.28-36

Now about eight days after these sayings Jesus took with him Peter and John and James, and went up on the mountain to pray. And while he was praying, the appearance of his face changed, and his clothes became dazzling white. Suddenly they saw two men, Moses and Elijah, talking to him. They appeared in glory and were speaking of his departure, which he was about to accomplish at Jerusalem. Now 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. Just 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'—not knowing what he said. While he was saying this, a cloud came and overshadowed them; and they were terrified as they entered the cloud. Then from the cloud came a voice that said, 'This is my Son, my Chosen; listen to him!' When 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.

Prayer of response

Lord, it is indeed good to be here,
here with you and united with our brothers and sisters in prayer.
Show us glimpses of your glory, Lord,
to sustain us on our journey of faith.

All **Amen.**

Hymn: Immortal, invisible, God only wise

Reflection

Jesus Transfigured, by Lynda Wright

Intercessions

*"And while [Jesus] was praying the appearance of his face changed,
and his clothes became dazzling white." (Luke 9.29)*
Lord Jesus, as we pray to you
help us to know the glory of your presence among us
and to see more clearly the beauty of your holiness.

Lord Jesus, in your mercy
All **hear our prayer.**

“Suddenly [Peter, James and John] saw Moses and Elijah, talking to him.” (Luke 9.30)

Lord Jesus,
you are the fulfilment of the law and the prophets of Israel
and in you the hopes and fears of all people are met.
Give us grace to receive from you
all that we need for today and the coming weeks.
Bring rest and refreshment when we're exhausted;
hope and faith when we're despondent and doubt you;
and the assurance of your love and forgiveness
when we're overwhelmed by our own weaknesses and failures.
Inspire your church today with a renewed vision of your glory
so that we and all your people may walk as children of light
and, by your grace, reveal your presence in the world.
Lord Jesus, in your mercy

All **hear our prayer.**

*“To Jesus are given dominion and glory and kingship
that all peoples, nations and languages should serve him.”
(based on Daniel 7.14)*

Lord Jesus, we pray to you for the life of this nation
with its joys, its sorrows and its wrong doing.
We pray for all those who are involved
in the administration of justice.
Give wisdom to all those who are in authority over others,
especially members of the police force,
those who sit in judgement, prison and probation officers
and those who support the victims of crime.
We pray for all who walk in the darkness of crime
whether as perpetrators or as victims
living in the shadow of the wrong done to them.
Reveal among them your glory
and power to bring resurrection and new life
out of even the deepest evils and sufferings.
Lord Jesus, in your mercy

All **hear our prayer.**

*“[Peter, James and John] saw his glory and heard a voice that said
‘This is my Son, my chosen, listen to him’” (Luke 9. parts of vv32&35)*

Lord Jesus, as we go about our daily routines
help us to see your glory in the people we work with,
our neighbours and friends
and in those we fear or find hard to get on with.
In all our conversations help us to listen carefully
not only to what others are saying
but also to what you are saying in each encounter.
We pray for the young people of our community
who are on holiday from school or college.

Keep them in safety and be a strengthening presence
in those families where the holidays bring difficulties in coping
and put additional strain on relationships.

Lord Jesus, in your mercy

All **hear our prayer.**

*“[Moses and Elijah] appeared in glory and were speaking of [Jesus’s] departure
which he was about to accomplish at Jerusalem.” (Luke 9.31)*

Lord Jesus,

you know what it is to experience the joy and wonder
of God’s presence

and then to go down into the depths of despair

and to suffer rejection and pain.

In a moment of silent prayer

we give thanks for your compassion

and bring to you the needs of those

who are in our thoughts and hearts today....

Help them and us to know

that you are with us when we descend from the mountain top

and that although your presence may be hidden from us

you are still there with the power to bring comfort and healing
of body, mind and spirit.

Lord Jesus, in your mercy

All **hear our prayer.**

“[Moses and Elijah] appeared in glory” (Luke 9.31a)

Lord Jesus, we pray for those who are now with you
in your eternal glory.

As we rejoice in the fellowship

of those who now see the fullness of your glory,

be with us in our journey and transform our lives

with the promise that you will grant us, with them,

a share in your eternal kingdom.

Lord Jesus, in your mercy

All **hear our prayer.**

Lord Jesus, we give you thanks and praise

because the greatness, the power, the glory,

the splendour and the majesty belong to you

and you reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit,

One God for ever and ever.

All **Amen.**

Gathering our prayers and praises into one,

let us pray as our Saviour taught us

All **Our Father, who art in heaven...**

Hymn: Rejoice the Lord is King

Closing prayer

Go in peace -
love and care for one another in the name of Christ.
And may the Spirit of the Lord strengthen us,
the glory of God the Father shine about us,
and the faithful love and mercy of Christ Jesus fill our hearts,
both now and forevermore.

All **Amen.**