

The Order of Service for Home Worship

TRANSFIGURATION OF OUR LORD



Hymn 1: Christ, whose glory fills the skies

1. Christ, whose glory fills the skies,
Christ, the true, the only light.
Son of Righteousness arise,
Triumph o'er the shades of night;
Dayspring from on high, be near;
Daystar, in my heart appear.
2. Dark and cheerless is the morn
Unaccompanied by thee;
Joyless is the day's return,
Till thy mercy's beams I see,
Till they inward light impart,
Glad my eyes and warm my heart.
3. Visit then this soul of mine,
Pierce the gloom of sin and grief;
Fill me, radiancy divine,
Scatter all my unbelief;
More and more thyself display,
Shining to the perfect day.

In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**
Grace and peace be with you from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

Father of glory, holy and eternal, look upon us now in power and mercy. May your strength overcome our weakness, your radiance transform our blindness, and your Spirit draw us to that love shown and offered to us by your Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.

As we come into the presence of our heavenly Father let us seek his forgiveness of our sins that we may know his peace is our hearts.

Lord Jesus, you show us the way to the Father. **Lord, have mercy.**

Lord Jesus, you have given us knowledge of your truth. **Christ, have mercy.**

Lord Jesus, you are the Good Shepherd leading us into life. **Lord, have mercy.**

May almighty God have mercy upon us, forgive us our sins and bring us to everlasting life. **Amen.**

Alleluia, alleluia, glory be to God on high;

Alleluia, to the Saviour who has gained the victory;

Alleluia to the Spirit, fount of love and sanctity;

Alleluia, Alleluia, to the Triune Majesty.

Collect: 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, listening to his voice, to bear our cross steadfastly in this world, that we may see him as he is in the world that is to come; where he is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

A reading from the book of the 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.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalms 97 Response: The Lord is king! Let the earth rejoice.

The Lord is king! Let the earth rejoice;
let the many coast lands be glad!

Clouds and thick darkness are all around him;
righteousness and justice are the foundation of his throne. **(R)**

Fire goes before him, and consumes his adversaries on ev'ry 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. **(R)**

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. **(R)**

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. **(R)**

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

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! **(R)**

A reading from second letter of Peter.

1. 16-19

For we did not follow cleverly devised myths when we made known to you the power and coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, but we had been eyewitnesses of his majesty. For he received honour and glory from God the Father when that voice was conveyed to him by the Majestic Glory, saying, 'This is my Son, my Beloved, with whom I am well pleased.' We ourselves heard this voice come from heaven, while we were with him on the holy mountain. So we have the prophetic message more fully confirmed. You will do well to be attentive to this as to a lamp shining in a dark place, until the day dawns and the morning star rises in your hearts.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

The Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

"This is my Son, my chosen; listen to him."

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Listen to the Gospel of Christ according to St. Luke.

9. 28-36

Glory to you, O Lord.

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.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Meditation Today we celebrate the Feast of the Transfiguration of our Lord. Jesus has retreated with Peter, James and John to pray as he prepared to visit Jerusalem for the last time. On the mountain the full of glory of God in Jesus was revealed to his closest friends as his appearance is transformed and his clothes shine, a dazzling white. They saw him talking with Moses and Elijah about all that was to happen in Jerusalem. They heard the voice of God telling them, "This is my Son, listen to him," that same words that we have heard God speak at his baptism in the River Jordan. Here on the mountain Jesus is revealed to his disciples as the one of whom Simeon spoke in the temple. Here on the mountain, in all his glory, is the light of all nations, the one sent by God to fill the world with the light of his love, to one to lead the world into the ways of peace. On the Mount of Transfiguration the disciples saw the glory of God and they were strengthened to accompany Jesus on his final visit to Jerusalem and to witness all that would happen to him there. There will be times in each of our lives and in the life of the world when illness or bereavement, economic hardship or loneliness or some other challenge cast their dark shadow over us. At the present

time the dark shadow of war, natural disaster continue to hang over large parts of the world causing many to flee their homes in search of peace and safety. Although we may feel removed from the danger we all feel the effects in our own country as the cost of living crisis continues and intensifies. At such times of uncertainty, anxiety and fear, we like the disciples, need to keep before us the vision of the Transfigured Lord before our eyes. We need to bathe ourselves in his glorious light which shone through him on the mountain. This vision gave the disciples the strength they needed to accompany Jesus to Jerusalem and this vision will give us the strength and reassurance that we need to face this present time of uncertainty and anxiety. For we live in the light of Jesus. He is the one who Simeon announced as the Light of all nations. Jesus is the one who enlightens each of our lives with his love. At this time of heightened uncertainty let us hold before the vision of the transfigured Christ and allow his light to bring shine on the dark places of our lives. Let us open ourselves to him and recognise him as the Son of God as we listen to the voice of God saying to us, "This is my Son! Listen to him." For when we listen to him everything will be transfigured before us, we will everything in a new light as we hear the reassuring words of love and peace which only he can give .Amen.

Intercessions:

In the power of the Holy Spirit and in union with Christ let us bring our prayers for the Church and for the world to our heavenly Father.

We pray for the Church throughout the world, for the leaders of the Church among them Mary our Bishop. We pray for the clergy and people of our diocese and for our own ministry area; May the Church, transfigured by the presence of Christ shine with the glory of God on the dark places of the world.

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

We pray for the people of the world, for the victims of violence and oppression among them the people of the Ukraine and the Yemen, for all suffering the effects of natural disaster and for those suffering from famine or drought; May the world be transformed by the love of Christ, a love that can bring an end to fear, injustice and division.

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

We pray for our own community, for our families, friends and neighbours. We give thanks for all who serve the needs of the vulnerable; may we bring the love of God to those around us transforming despair into hope.

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

We pray for all who are in need, for those who are sick, for those who are bereaved, for the lonely and isolated and for all in any kind of need. We hold in our hearts before

God those known to us who are in need at this time and all whose names are recorded in our intercession books; relieve them according to their need, strengthen them with your Holy Spirit and console them with the love of Christ.

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

We pray for all who have died. We remember before God our own departed loved ones and we pray for the recently departed and those whose anniversary of death falls at this time; welcome them and all the departed into the eternal joy and peace of your heavenly kingdom.

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

We bring all our prayers to our heavenly Father as we pray together:

**Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name,
thy Kingdom come, thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses
as we forgive those who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the Kingdom,
The power and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.**

The Peace:

Blessed are those who make peace; they shall be called God's children. The peace of the Lord be with you and with all those whom you love.

And also with you.

Let us pray:

God of our pilgrimage, you have led us to the living water; refresh and sustain us as we go forward on our journey in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Blessing:

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

The God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, and the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit be among you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

Let us go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

In the name of Christ. Amen.

Hymn 2: God of mercy, God of grace,

- 1. God of mercy, God of grace,
Show the brightness of thy face;
Shine upon us, Saviour, shine,
Fill thy Church with light divine;
And thy saving health extend
Unto earth's remotest end.**
- 2. Let the people praise thee, Lord;
Be by all that live adored;
Let the nations shout and sing
Glory to their Saviour King;
At thy feet their tribute pay,
And thy holy will obey.**
- 3. Let the people praise thee, Lord;
Earth shall then her fruits afford;
God to us his blessing give,
We to God devoted live;
All below, and all above,
One in joy and light and love.**