

## Sunday Before Lent

### Jesus Transfigured

God said:

**“This is my Son....**

**Listen to him!”**

### Notices

- Lent Begins Wed 22 Feb
- Brian’s Funeral – 11am, Tue 28 Feb
- Jane Minchin, Licensed Lay Minister, on placement with us from Attleborough during Lent – please look out for her!

**The Lord reigns, let the nations tremble;**

He sits enthroned between the cherubim,  
let the earth shake.

**Great is the Lord in Zion;**

**he is exalted over all the nations.**

Let them praise your great and awesome name –  
he is holy...

**Exalt the Lord our God and worship at his footstool;  
he is holy.**

**(From Psalm 99)**

### Song: The Splendour of the King

The splendour of the king,  
clothed in majesty:  
let all the earth rejoice,  
all the earth rejoice.  
He wraps himself in light,  
and darkness tries to hide  
and trembles at his voice,  
and trembles at his voice:

How great is our God,  
sing with me:  
how great is our God,  
and all will see  
how great, how great  
is our God.

And age to age he stands,  
and time is in his hands:  
Beginning and the End,  
Beginning and the End.

The Godhead, Three-in-One:  
Father, Spirit, Son,  
the Lion and the Lamb,  
the Lion and the Lamb.

How great is our God,  
sing with me:  
how great is our God,  
and all will see  
how great, how great  
is our God.

I will give You all my worship  
I will give You all my praise  
You alone I long to worship  
You alone are worthy of my praise

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### **Saying Sorry**

**Lord Jesus Christ,  
crucified, risen and ascended for us:  
we confess that we have not loved you as our Redeemer,  
nor obeyed you as our Lord;  
we have not obeyed your word,  
nor headed what is written in the Scriptures.  
We repent with all our heart,  
and humble ourselves before you:  
in your mercy forgive us;  
grant us your peace  
and the strength to keep your Laws,  
that we might glorify your name.  
AMEN**

Our assurance of forgiveness is based on God's promises:

1 John 1 verse 9:

It we confess our sins, he is faithful and just and will forgive our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness.

**Praise be to Jesus, our Lord.**

### **Worship and Wonder**

**A time to worship our Lord and God, and wonder at our Saviour's humility and grace:**

### **Song: Holy, holy, holy (D)**

Holy, holy, holy Lord God Almighty  
Early in the morning

our song shall rise to thee.  
Holy, holy, holy, merciful and mighty!  
God in three persons, blessed Trinity!

Holy, holy, holy! All the saints adore thee,  
casting down their golden crowns  
around the glassy sea;  
cherubim and seraphim  
falling down before thee,  
which wert and art and  
evermore shalt be.

Holy, holy, holy!  
Though the darkness hide thee,  
though the eye of sinful man  
thy glory may not see,  
only thou art holy;  
there is none beside thee,  
perfect in pow'r, in love, and purity.

Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!  
All thy works shall praise thy name  
in earth, and sky and sea.  
Holy, holy, holy! merciful and mighty!  
God in three persons, blessed Trinity!

Reginald Heber (1826)

**Song: The Servant King (Bm/D)**

From heaven You came helpless babe  
Entered our world Your glory veiled  
Not to be served but to serve  
And give Your life that we might live

This is our God the Servant King  
He calls us now to follow Him  
To bring our lives as a daily offering  
Of worship to the Servant King

There in the garden of tears  
My heavy load He chose to bear  
His heart with sorrow was torn  
Yet not My will but Yours He said

This is our God the Servant King  
He calls us now to follow Him  
To bring our lives as a daily offering

Of worship to the Servant King

Come see His hands and His feet  
The scars that speak of sacrifice  
Hands that flung stars into space  
To cruel nails surrendered

This is our God the Servant King  
He calls us now to follow Him  
To bring our lives as a daily offering  
Of worship to the Servant King

So let us learn how to serve  
And in our lives enthrone Him  
Each other's needs to prefer  
For it is Christ we're serving

This is our God the Servant King  
He calls us now to follow Him  
To bring our lives as a daily offering  
Of worship to the Servant King

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**Song: Here I Am (A)**

Here I am,  
Humbled by Your majesty,  
Covered by Your grace so free.  
Here I am,  
Knowing I'm a sinful man,  
Covered by the blood of the Lamb.

Now I've found  
The greatest love of all is mine,  
Since You laid down Your life,  
The greatest sacrifice.

Majesty, majesty.  
Your grace has found me just as I am,  
Empty-handed but alive in Your hands.  
Majesty, majesty.  
Forever I am changed by Your love  
In the presence of Your majesty.

Here I am,  
Humbled by the love that You give,  
Forgiven so that I can forgive.  
Here I stand,

Knowing that I'm Your desire,  
Sanctified by glory and fire.

Now I've found  
The greatest love of all is mine,  
Since You laid down Your life,  
The greatest sacrifice.

Majesty, majesty.  
Your grace has found me just as I am,  
Empty-handed but alive in Your hands.  
Majesty, majesty.  
Forever I am changed by Your love  
In the presence of Your majesty.

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#### Exodus 24:12-18 (NIV)

<sup>12</sup> The Lord said to Moses, 'Come up to me on the mountain and stay here, and I will give you the tablets of stone with the law and commandments I have written for their instruction.'

<sup>13</sup> Then Moses set out with Joshua his assistant, and Moses went up on the mountain of God.

<sup>14</sup> He said to the elders, 'Wait here for us until we come back to you. Aaron and Hur are with you, and anyone involved in a dispute can go to them.'

<sup>15</sup> When Moses went up on the mountain, the cloud covered it, <sup>16</sup> and the glory of the Lord settled on Mount Sinai. For six days the cloud covered the mountain, and on the seventh day the Lord called to Moses from within the cloud. <sup>17</sup> To the Israelites the glory of the Lord looked like a consuming fire on top of the mountain. <sup>18</sup> Then Moses entered the cloud as he went on up the mountain. And he stayed on the mountain forty days and forty nights.

#### Matthew 17:1-9 (NIV)

After six days Jesus took with him Peter, James and John the brother of James, and led them up a high mountain by themselves. <sup>2</sup> There he was transfigured before them. His face shone like the sun, and his clothes became as white as the light. <sup>3</sup> Just then there appeared before them Moses and Elijah, talking with Jesus.

<sup>4</sup> Peter said to Jesus, 'Lord, it is good for us to be here. If you wish, I will put up three shelters – one for you, one for Moses and one for Elijah.'

<sup>5</sup> While he was still speaking, a bright cloud covered them, and a voice from the cloud said, 'This is my Son, whom I love; with him I am well pleased. Listen to him!'

<sup>6</sup> When the disciples heard this, they fell face down to the ground, terrified. <sup>7</sup> But Jesus came and touched them. 'Get up,' he said. 'Don't be afraid.' <sup>8</sup> When they looked up, they saw no one except Jesus.

<sup>9</sup> As they were coming down the mountain, Jesus instructed them, 'Don't tell anyone what you have seen, until the Son of Man has been raised from the dead.'

### Talk

by Jill

- A Scene to Savour
- A Salvation to prepare for
- A Son to be listened to

### Song: Open Our Eyes Lord

Open our eyes, Lord,  
we want to see Jesus,  
To reach out and touch him  
and say that we love him.  
Open our hearts, Lord,  
and help us to listen.  
Open our eyes, Lord,  
we want to see Jesus.

### Collect for Today

Almighty Father, whose Son was revealed in majesty  
Before he suffered death upon the cross:  
give us grace to perceive his glory,  
That we may be strengthened to suffer with him  
And be changed into his likeness, from glory to glory;  
Who is alive and reigns with you,  
In the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
One God, now and for ever. **AMEN**

### The Profession of Faith:

Let us affirm our faith in God:

**We believe and trust in God the Father, who made the world.**

**We believe and trust in his Son Jesus Christ, who redeemed mankind.**

**We believe and trust in his Holy Spirit, who gives life to the people of God.**

**We believe and trust in one God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.**

**Amen.**

### Our Prayers

#### The Lord's Prayer

We draw our prayers together in the words Jesus taught:

**Our Father in heaven  
hallowed be your name.  
Your Kingdom come,  
your will be done  
on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us today our daily bread.  
Forgive us our sins  
as we forgive those  
who sin against us.  
Lead us not into temptation  
but deliver us from evil.  
For the kingdom,  
the power and glory are yours  
now and forever.  
Amen.**

**Song: Open the eyes of my heart (E)**

Open the eyes of my heart, Lord  
Open the eyes of my heart  
I want to see You  
I want to see You  
(x2)

To see You high and lifted up  
Shining in the light of Your glory  
Pour out Your power and love  
As we sing holy, holy, holy

Open the eyes of my heart, Lord  
Open the eyes of my heart  
I want to see You  
I want to see You  
(x2)

To see You high and lifted up  
Shining in the light of Your glory  
Pour out Your power and love  
As we sing holy, holy, holy

Holy, holy, holy  
We cry holy, holy, holy  
You are holy, holy, holy  
I want to see you

To see You high and lifted up  
Shining in the light of Your glory  
Pour out Your power and love

As we sing holy, holy, holy

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**Closing Prayer**

Yours, Lord, is the greatness,  
the power, the glory, the splendour,  
and the majesty;  
for everything in heaven  
and on earth is yours.

**Yours, Lord, is the kingdom:  
And you are exalted as head over all.  
Alleluia, Alleluia! AMEN.**