



A Liturgy of the Word Transfiguration Sunday

27 February 2022



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The full service or the sermon can be viewed on the website.

Processional Hymn

'Tis good, Lord, to be here,
Thy glory fills the night;
Thy face and garments, like the sun,
Shine with unborrowed light.

'Tis good, Lord, to be here,
Thy beauty to behold
Where Moses and Elijah stand,
Thy messengers of old.

Fulfiller of the past!
Promise of things to be,
We hail thy body glorified
And our redemption see.

Before we taste of death,
We see Thy kingdom come;
We fain would hold the vision bright
And make this hill our home.

'Tis good, Lord, to be here.
Yet we may not remain;
But since thou bids us leave the mount,
Come with us to the plain.



Author: J. Armitage Robinson

Call to Worship

God, we come to the mountaintop with Christ Jesus.
We are covered in the mystery and joy of your presence,
In Christ we are made new in your holiness.
Here we are given strength by the hope we glimpse in him.

In Christ we find joy in your glory.
**Meet us here and bring us to the mountain top
to equip us to do your work in the world.**

Introductory Rite

The Lord be with you
And also with you

Praise the Lord:
Praise God, you servants of the Lord.



Blessed be God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit:
Blessed be God's Name, now and forever.

The Gloria

Sung by: Ven. Moses Thabethe

**Glory to God, glory to God,
Glory in the Father!
Glory to God, glory to God,
Glory in the Father!**

Refrain:

To God be glory forever!

To God be glory forever!

Alleluia, amen! Alleluia, amen!

Alleluia, amen! Alleluia, amen!

**Glory to God, glory to God,
Son of the Father!
Glory to God, glory to God,
Son of the Father! [Refrain]**

**Glory to God, glory to God,
Glory to the Spirit!
Glory to God, glory to God,
Glory to the Spirit! [Refrain]**

Collect for Purity

**Almighty God,
to whom all hearts are open,
all desires known,
and from whom no secrets are hid:
cleanse the thoughts of our hearts
by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit,
that we may perfectly love you,
and worthily magnify your holy name;
through Christ our Lord. Amen**



The Kyrie

Sung by Ven Moses Thabethe

**Nkosi sihawukele x3
Kristu sihawukele x3
Nkosi sihawukele x3**

The Penitence

*Sometimes we wait for God to astound us with whirlwinds
of wonders, while God silently offers us grace. God waits to forgive us,
so let us hold nothing back, but place our trust in the One who listens to
our prayers and answers us with mercy.*

Let us confess together:

**Almighty God, our heavenly Father,
In penitence we confess
That we have sinned against you
Through our own fault
In thought, word and deed
And in what we have left undone.
For the sake of your Son, Christ our Lord**



**Forgive us all that is past
And grant that we may serve you
In newness of life
To the glory of your name. Amen.**

Absolution

Almighty God, who forgives all who truly repent, have mercy on you: pardon your sins and set you free from them; confirm and strengthen you in all goodness and keep you in eternal life; through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

The Collect

**Holy God
On the Mount of Transfiguration
you revealed your Son as the Christ:
transform our lives in his image,
write your law of love on our hearts,
and make us prophets of your shining splendour
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, in glory everlasting. Amen.**

The Word of God

Exodus 34:29-35
Psalm 99
2 Corinthians 3:12-4:2

Gospel Acclamation

sung by Ven Moses Thabethe

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia
Lord you are the Spirit and life
Alleluia, Alleluia
You have the words of lasting life
Alleluia, Alleluia
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia

Gospel Reading

Luke 9:28-36

The Sermon

Sermon: Ven Moses Thabethe





Affirmation of Faith

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.**



Prayers of Intercession

Almighty God, at the Transfiguration you showed Jesus in a new state of glory and gave His disciples a glimpse of what they would see in his risen life. As we worship together week by week help us to get a glimpse of your heavenly kingdom as well as a deeper understanding of how your son, Jesus, can transfigure our broken and unfulfilled lives. Lord in your mercy: **Hear our prayer.**

O God, Your Son shines in resurrected light. Illuminate Your Church with His own brightness, that she would tell the world of His mighty deliverance. Give wisdom to all bishops, and priests and deacons, especially Bishop Steve and to all others who hold office in your church, that, by their service, faith may abound and your kingdom increase. Lord in your mercy: **Hear our prayer.**

Father God, we give you thanks for our Church community here at St. Michael's Bryanston. Thank you for our friends and for the people around us with whom we share our daily lives. As we enter the Lenten season of penitence and discipline, help us to be alive to your Spirit, who searches all our hearts and renews our lives as we offer our faith and obedience. We especially pray for the success of this year's Lenten study called "baggage and Treasures". May this be an opportunity for us as a church to explore what our church treasures are and what our church can discard as baggage. Today we remember our annual Vestry meeting. Pray for all the newly elected church officers and PCC members that they will serve faithfully and effectively and find joy and satisfaction in their service. Lord in your mercy: **Hear our prayer.**

Hear our prayer for all those who have been placed in authority over us. Give them strength, wisdom, and courage, so that they may carry out their many duties in the best interests of all our people and will serve with integrity and honour. We recognise the difficulties and challenges that they face and pray that they always remember that they are your servants, and that your Son came to serve rather than to be served. We pray for our country that division, conflict and strife would give way to unity, peace and quietness. Lord in your mercy: **Hear our prayer.**

Loving God, comfort all who are in sorrow, need, sickness or any other adversity. We place into your gentle hands those who are sick. Ease their pain. We pray that they may be aware of your comforting presence and know that in your hands they are safe and loved. Be with them through the support of their friends, families, doctors and nurses and help them to be aware that they are surrounded with the prayers of the faithful. Lord in your mercy: **Hear our prayer.**

Merciful God, we remember with thanksgiving before you those who have died in Christ, and those whose faith is known to you alone. We remember those whose anniversary of their passing falls at this time and for the souls of all who have passed away recently. Be especially close to those they have left behind as they journey to the New Jerusalem. Comfort them in their sorrow. We pray for those who are worried about how they will cope on their own, reassure them that you will never leave them to carry the burdens of life unaided. Lord in your mercy: **Hear our prayer.**



Faithful God, in the week that lies before us may we reflect your love in the way that we live our lives so that the world can see that we are followers of Christ and by our words and actions draw others into his loving care.

Merciful father: **accept these prayers for the sake of your Son, our Saviour, Jesus Christ. Amen**

Prayer for Offering

God of Transformation, we come together as those who have met you on the mountaintop. We have each had our holy encounters with you; and in those moments, we have wanted to stay on the mountain and retreat from the world. We know that is our longing, not yours. As we offer our gifts, we thank you for giving us the opportunity to give, which we do with joyful, grateful hearts. We look at the needs of the world, and our offerings are small. May they be like yeast, gifts that grow in your kingdom, bringing a rich harvest of righteousness. We pray this in Jesus' name, **Amen.**

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 from the time of trial
and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours
now and for ever. Amen.**

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Transformative God reach into our hearts with courage and hope,
to embrace the tough transformations,
to make the real and lasting changes,
to seek the truly good answers.
for the sake of our families, our communities, our country,
our people and our planet, for the sake of our very selves.
May we find together and alone,
the strength to climb the mountain and see your glory;
and then to walk to the cross, through the pain,
until we know the joy and glory
of resurrection. **Amen.**

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Final Blessing

Open your ears to God's Chosen Son
Open your minds to understanding.
Open your hearts to transfiguration
And the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit.
Be among you, and remain with you always. **Amen.**

Dismissal

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



Recessional Hymn

Immortal, invisible, God only wise,
in light inaccessible hid from our eyes,
most blessed, most glorious, the Ancient of Days,
almighty, victorious, thy great name we praise.

Unresting, unhasting, and silent as light,
nor wanting, nor wasting, thou rulest in might;
thy justice like mountains high soaring above
thy clouds, which are fountains of goodness and love.

To all life thou givest, to both great and small;
in all life thou livest, the true life of all;
we blossom and flourish as leaves on the tree,
and wither and perish but naught changeth thee.

Great Father of glory, pure Father of light,
thine angels adore thee, all veiling their sight;
all praise we would render, O help us to see
'tis only the splendor of light hideth thee.



Author: Walter C Smith (1867)

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