

*A Liturgy of the Word - Transfiguration Sunday*

*19 February 2023*

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*Hymn*

O worship the King all-glorious above,  
O gratefully sing his power and his love:  
our shield and defender, the Ancient of Days,  
pavilioned in splendour and girded with praise.

O tell of his might and sing of his grace,  
whose robe is the light, whose canopy space.  
His chariots of wrath the deep thunderclouds form,  
and dark is his path on the wings of the storm.

Your bountiful care, what tongue can recite?  
It breathes in the air, it shines in the light;  
it streams from the hills, it descends to the plain,  
and sweetly distils in the dew and the rain.

Frail children of dust, and feeble as frail,  
in you do we trust, nor find you to fail.  
Your mercies, how tender, how firm to the end,  
our Maker, Defender, Redeemer, and Friend!

*Call to Worship*

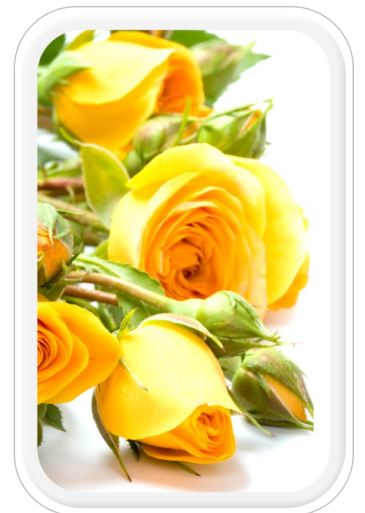
The Lord be with you  
**And also with you.**

As God called to Moses from the mountain,  
**we are called to be God's people.**

As Jesus called the disciples to climb with him  
to the peak of another mountain,  
**we are called to follow wherever he leads.**

As the disciples stood in awe at the sound of God's voice,  
**we are called to worship in wonder and praise.**

Lord as we gather at this time, we thank You that we are here  
to meet with You afresh. May this gathering today be a time  
and space when we find a moment 'in and out of time'.  
A moment of meeting with You when the daily veil  
that at times covers our world and our lives is removed



and we see Your glory. Glory revealed in the beauty  
of the universe You have created,  
beauty revealed in the community we are part of,  
beauty revealed to us in Your precious word, most of all,  
beauty revealed in the love of Your Son, Jesus Christ.  
Help us again today to come away with You to a quiet place,  
to meet with You in new ways, ways that will help us glimpse  
how things really are when we truly come into Your presence,  
when we truly allow Your light to transform us and the whole world.

*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.

**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.**

*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 24:12-18  
Psalm 2  
2 Peter 1:16-21  
Matthew 17:1-9

*The Sermon*

Revd Sharmain James

*Affirmation of Faith*

Let us declare our faith in the words of the Apostles Creed

**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*

Let us pray that the light of Christ may shine upon the church, the world, and all people according to their needs.



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Gracious God, transfigure your Church by your Holy Spirit that she would tell the world of Your greatness. Give wisdom to all bishops, and priests and deacons, especially Bishop Steve and to all others who hold office in your church. May they like your servant Moses, lead your people into a deeper experience of you. Lord in your mercy: **Hear our prayer.**

Lord of the cloud and glory, 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 also bring before you all the events which are planned for this coming Lent and Easter and ask for your blessing and guidance. We hold before you our annual vestry meeting. May this be an opportunity for all of us to think about how we can use (or continue to use) our spiritual gift to serve Your Church here at St. Michaels Bryanston.

Lord in your mercy: **Hear our prayer.**

Lord of transfiguration, 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. We recognise the difficulties and challenges that our government is facing 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.**

Lord of the bright shining light, we bring before You, the world. We continue to pray for all the people affected by the horrific earthquake which has devastated parts of Turkey and Syria. We hold in our hearts the families for ever changed by grief and loss. Bring them consolation and comfort. We give thanks for the aid that is already being given and for the promises of help that have been made by many nations. We continue to pray for Ukraine as we approach the one year anniversary of Russia's attack on 24 February 2022. We thank you for all individuals and countries who donate continuously to or on behalf of Ukraine.

Lord in your mercy: **Hear our prayer.**

Lord of the valley, comfort all who are in sorrow, need, sickness or any other adversity. We place into your gentle hands those who are sick. Overshadow them with the healing power of your love, your presence and ease their pain. 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 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 close to those they have left behind and 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.**

Lord of the mountain top in the week that lies before us may we reflect your love in our families, our church and our community; so that the world can see that we are transformed by Christ and thereby draw others into Jesus' loving care.

Lord in your mercy: **Hear our prayer.**

Merciful Father, accept these our prayers for the sake of your Son, Christ our Lord. **Amen**

Loving God, we offer you the gifts of our lives,  
recognizing all you provide for each of us.  
Please receive the symbols of each of our lives presented  
in this offering. 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*

As Christ has taught us we are bold to pray:

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

*Prayer for Offering*

Lord, the light of your love is shining  
In the midst of the darkness, shining  
Jesus, Light of the world, shine upon us  
Set us free by the truth you now bring us  
Shine on me, shine on me

*Final Blessing*

May the shining radiance of God warm you.  
May the dazzling splendor of God surprise you.  
And the glory of God transform you.  
May you come up to the mountaintop.  
May you remember the experience with wonder and awe.  
And may you come down renewed and empowered  
For the glory of God and the hope of the world.  
And the blessing of God Almighty, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit,  
be among you and remain with you, now and always.  
**Amen**



*Dismissal*

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

*Final Hymn*

*Shine, Jesus, shine  
Fill this land with the Father's glory  
Blaze, Spirit, blaze  
Set our hearts on fire  
Flow, river, flow  
Flood the nations with grace and mercy  
Send forth your word  
Lord, and let there be light*

Lord, I come to your awesome presence  
From the shadows into your radiance  
By the blood I may enter your brightness  
Search me, try me, consume all my darkness  
Shine on me, shine on me

As we gaze on your kingly brightness  
So our faces display your likeness  
Ever changing from glory to glory  
Mirrored here may our lives tell your story  
Shine on me, shine on me

*Giving*

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