

**A Service of Morning Prayer
for February 14, 2021
The Transfiguration p.418**



Transfiguration of Jesus by Rubens 1605-1606 in the Musée des Beaux-Arts de Nancy.

This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased; listen to him. *Matthew 17.5*

CP 341 God of Mercy, God of Grace

1 God of mercy, God of grace,
show the brightness of your face;
shine upon us, Saviour, shine;
fill your church with light divine;
and your saving health extend
unto earth's remotest end.

2 Let the people praise you, Lord;
be by all that live adored;
let the nations shout and sing
glory to their Saviour King;
at your feet their tribute pay,
and your holy will obey.

3. Let the people praise you, Lord;
earth shall then its fruits afford,
God to us all blessings give,
we to God devoted live;
all below and all above
one in joy and light and love.

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

And also with you.

May his grace and peace be with you.
May he fill our hearts with joy.

Almighty God,
**To you all hearts are open,
All desires known,
And from you no secrets are hidden.
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 Lord is our refuge and strength: O come, let us worship.

Psalm 50:1-6 Response: The Lord our God is the Holy One.

50:1 The mighty one, God the LORD, speaks and summons the earth from the rising of the sun to its setting.

50:2 Out of Zion, the perfection of beauty, God shines forth.

50:3 Our God comes and does not keep silence, before him is a devouring fire, and a mighty tempest all around him.

50:4 He calls to the heavens above and to the earth, that he may judge his people:

50:5 "Gather to me my faithful ones, who made a covenant with me by sacrifice!"

50:6 The heavens declare his righteousness, for God himself is judge.

A Reading from 2 Kings 2:1-12

2:1 Now when the LORD was about to take Elijah up to heaven by a whirlwind, Elijah and Elisha were on their way from Gilgal.

2:2 Elijah said to Elisha, "Stay here; for the LORD has sent me as far as Bethel." But Elisha said, "As the LORD lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you." So they went down to Bethel.

2:3 The company of prophets who were in Bethel came out to Elisha, and said to him, "Do you know that today the LORD will take your master away from you?" And he said, "Yes, I know; keep silent."

2:4 Elijah said to him, "Elisha, stay here; for the LORD has sent me to Jericho." But he said, "As the LORD lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you." So they came to Jericho.

2:5 The company of prophets who were at Jericho drew near to Elisha, and said to him, "Do you know that today the LORD will take your master away from you?" And he answered, "Yes, I know; be silent."

2:6 Then Elijah said to him, "Stay here; for the LORD has sent me to the Jordan." But he said, "As the LORD lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you." So the two of them went on.

2:7 Fifty men of the company of prophets also went, and stood at some distance from them, as they both were standing by the Jordan.

2:8 Then Elijah took his mantle and rolled it up, and struck the water; the water was parted to the one side and to the other, until the two of them crossed on dry ground.

2:9 When they had crossed, Elijah said to Elisha, "Tell me what I may do for you, before I am taken from you." Elisha said, "Please let me inherit a double share of your spirit."

2:10 He responded, "You have asked a hard thing; yet, if you see me as I am being taken from you, it will be granted you; if not, it will not."

2:11 As they continued walking and talking, a chariot of fire and horses of fire separated the two of them, and Elijah ascended in a whirlwind into heaven.

2:12 Elisha kept watching and crying out, "Father, father! The chariots of Israel and its horsemen!" But when he could no longer see him, he grasped his own clothes and tore them in two pieces.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

CCLI 5937510 Behold Our God

1. Who has held the oceans in His hands
Who has numbered every grain of sand
Kings and nations tremble at His voice
All creation rises to rejoice

Chorus:

Behold our God seated on His throne
Come let us adore Him
Behold our King nothing can compare
Come let us adore Him

2. Who has given counsel to the Lord
Who can question any of His words
Who can teach the One who knows all things
Who can fathom all His wondrous deeds

Chorus:

Behold our God seated on His throne
Come let us adore Him
Behold our King nothing can compare
Come let us adore Him

3. Who has felt the nails upon His hands
Bearing all the guilt of sinful man
God eternal humbled to the grave
Jesus Savior risen now to reign

Chorus:

Behold our God seated on His throne
Come let us adore Him
Behold our King nothing can compare
Come let us adore Him

A Reading from 2 Corinthians 4:3-6

4:3 And even if our gospel is veiled, it is veiled to those who are perishing.

4:4 In their case the god of this world has blinded the minds of the unbelievers, to keep them from seeing the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God.

4:5 For we do not proclaim ourselves; we proclaim Jesus Christ as Lord and ourselves as your slaves for Jesus' sake.

4:6 For it is the God who said, "Let light shine out of darkness," who has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

CP 460 Lord, The Light of Your Light is Shining

1. 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.

Chorus:

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.

2. 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.

Chorus:

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.

3. 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.

Chorus:

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.

The Gospel

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark
Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Mark 9:2-9

9:2 Six days later, Jesus took with him Peter and James and John, and led them up a high mountain apart, by themselves. And he was transfigured before them,

9:3 and his clothes became dazzling white, such as no one on earth could bleach them.

9:4 And there appeared to them Elijah with Moses, who were talking with Jesus.

9:5 Then Peter said to Jesus, "Rabbi, it is good for us to be here; let us make three dwellings, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah."

9:6 He did not know what to say, for they were terrified.

9:7 Then a cloud overshadowed them, and from the cloud there came a voice, "This is my Son, the Beloved; listen to him!"

9:8 Suddenly when they looked around, they saw no one with them any more, but only Jesus.

9:9 As they were coming down the mountain, he ordered them to tell no one about what they had seen, until after the Son of Man had risen from the dead.

The Gospel of Christ

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Sermon by the Rev. Heather Liddell

CCLI 7047252 Transfiguration

1. From the cloud You speak
What was veiled now is seen
Jesus the image of the invisible God

2. Divinity confirmed
In the transfigured Word
A kingdom once concealed
On the earth now revealed

Chorus:

Holy is the Lord
Revealed before my eyes
And my burning heart
Can scarcely take it in
As I behold Your beauty
With unworthy eyes
The only song my soul can find to sing
Is hallelujah
Hallelujah, Hallelujah my King

3. Lead my longing heart
To the high ground to a clear view
And in awe I'll be there
Beholding You

Chorus:

Holy is the Lord
Revealed before my eyes
And my burning heart
Can scarcely take it in
As I behold Your beauty
With unworthy eyes
The only song my soul can find to sing
Is hallelujah
Hallelujah, Hallelujah my King

Bridge:

Now I know I have seen
Your glory that cannot be unseen
I am changed and changing still
As I look upon You Lord and believe

Chorus:

Holy is the Lord
Revealed before my eyes
And my burning heart
Can scarcely take it in
As I behold Your beauty
With unworthy eyes
The only song my soul can find to sing
Is hallelujah
Hallelujah, Hallelujah my King

Affirmation of Faith (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.
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit
and born of the Virgin Mary.
He 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.
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again
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 the People led and compiled by Autumn Reinhold-Simpson

Lord, we pray for our Queen, Elizabeth, and for all of those in authority, that they might understand the privilege of their position.

We pray for the worldwide church, especially The Anglican Church of Canada and our primate, Archbishop Linda Nicholls

For the Diocese of New Westminster: the Most Rev. Melissa Skelton, Archbishop (Metropolitan of the Ecclesiastical Province of BC and Yukon); the Rt. Rev. John Stephens, Coadjutor Bishop. And also, for the interim ministry of the parish of St Aiden and St Hilda, Rexboro

For the Chaplain at Buyé High School: Audace Kwizera.

For All God's people of Treaty Six, especially the Alexis Nakota Sioux Nation

We pray also for the needs of those in our parish, and those for whom our prayers have been requested including Sandra, Merle, Mona, Nicole, Lois, Ray, Evelyn, Irene and Sandy, Joyce, Jaclyn, Jim and Par, Kathryn, Joan, Trevor and Kristine.

We also pray for the repose of the soul of Jeanette Ellis and Lynda Mandel.

For all who look forward in hope to the resurrection and the unshakable Kingdom of God, we pray to the Lord,

Lord, hear our prayer

For all those who work for God's kingdom on earth – those who work for economic justice, compassion, and other tangible forms of God's love and mercy, we pray to the Lord,

Lord, hear our prayer

For those experiencing hardship in lockdown and for those feeling apprehensive about reopening, we pray to the Lord,

Lord, hear our prayer

For the courage to attempt to bridge the gaps between all God's people, we pray to the Lord,

Lord, hear our prayer

For the ability to hear God's call to faithfulness and union with Christ in the hope of our salvation, we pray to the Lord,

Lord, hear our prayer

Loving Heavenly Father, we come to you in this time of darkness and turmoil with heavy hearts but also with hope in You through your blessed Son, our redeemer and Saviour, Jesus Christ.

Our places of worship have been closed for many months and we pray that you will grant us the joy of opening our doors when the time is right, with all safety precautions in place. We pray we may once more join in person with our brothers and sisters in Christ to worship together and join in praise to your Holy name.

In your wisdom, grant us also the patience and grace to accept whatever decision is made not only in regard to our dear St. Peter's but also in all places of worship in this season after Epiphany. we pray to you, O God, **Amen.**

Collect

**Almighty God,
on the holy mount you revealed to chosen witnesses
your well-beloved Son, wonderfully transfigured:
mercifully deliver us from the darkness of this world,
and change us into his likeness from glory to glory;
through Jesus Christ our Lord
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever. Amen.**

And now, as our Saviour Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,
**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.**

CP 619 Fairest Lord Jesus

1 Fairest Lord Jesus,
Ruler of all nature,
O thou the Godhead's human son:
Thee will I cherish,
Thee will I honor,
Thou, my soul's glory, joy, and crown.

2 Fair are the meadows,
Fairer still the woodlands,
Robed in the blooming garb of spring:
Jesus is fairer,
Jesus is purer
Who makes the woeful heart to sing.

3 Fair is the sunshine,
Fairer still the moonlight,
And fair the twinkling, starry host:
Jesus shines brighter,
Jesus shines purer
Than all the angels heaven can boast.

4 All fairest beauty,
Heavenly and earthly,
And fair the twinkling, starry host;
None can be nearer,
Fairer, or dearer
Than thou, my Saviour, art to me.

The Dismissal

This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased; listen to him. *Matthew 17.5*

Let us bless the Lord
Thanks be to God.

May the God of peace enable us to do His will in every kind of goodness working in us what pleases Him, through Jesus Christ, to whom be the glory for ever and ever, Amen.

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

Thanks be to God.