

# St. Christopher's Church, Hinchley Wood

Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> August 2023 - Feast of the Transfiguration

## WELCOME

A very warm welcome to St Christopher's this morning, as we worship together here in the church and online from home. Today is the Feast of the Transfiguration, when we see Jesus the man illuminated and affirmed as Son of God.

Please join in with the words in **bold** print.

## GATHERING

Grace, mercy and peace from God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ be with you **and also with you.**

GATHERING HYMN 573 Praise to the Lord, the Almighty

## CONFESSION

Come, let us return to the Lord and say:

**Lord our God, in our sin we have avoided your call.  
Our love for you is like a morning cloud,  
like the dew that goes away early.  
Have mercy on us; deliver us from judgement;  
bind up our wounds and revive us;  
in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen**

## ABSOLUTION

May the God of all healing and forgiveness draw you to himself and cleanse you from all your sins, that you may behold the glory of his Son, the Word made flesh, Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**

## GLORIA

**Glory to God in the highest, and peace to his people on earth. Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father, we worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory.**

**Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us; you are seated at the right hand of the Father: receive our prayer.**

**For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen**

**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 so to hear his voice and bear our cross  
 that in the world to come we may see him as he is;  
 who is alive and reigns with you,  
 in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
 one God, now and for ever. **Amen**

**NEW TESTAMENT READING** (2 Peter 1: 16-19)

*The New Testament reading is from the 2<sup>nd</sup> letter of Peter*

We have not depended on made-up stories in making known to you the mighty coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. With our own eyes we saw his greatness. We were there when he was given honour and glory by God the Father, when the voice came to him from the Supreme Glory, saying, "This is my own dear Son, with whom I am pleased!" We ourselves heard this voice coming from heaven, when we were with him on the holy mountain.

So we are even more confident of the message proclaimed by the prophets. You will do well to pay attention to it, because it is like a lamp shining in a dark place until the Day dawns and the light of the morning star shines in your hearts.

*This is the word of the Lord                      **thanks be to God***

**GRADUAL HYMN**    357    *Jesus, on the mountain peak***GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

Alleluia, alleluia  
 Blessed are the poor in spirit  
 for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.  
**Alleluia.**

**GOSPEL**                      (Luke 9: 28-36)

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke  
**Glory to you, O Lord.**

About a week after he had said these things, Jesus took Peter, John, and James with him and went up a hill to pray. While he was praying, his face changed its

appearance, and his clothes became dazzling white. Suddenly two men were there talking with him. They were Moses and Elijah, who appeared in heavenly glory and talked with Jesus about the way in which he would soon fulfil God's purpose by dying in Jerusalem.

Peter and his companions were sound asleep, but they woke up and saw Jesus' glory and the two men who were standing with him. As the men were leaving Jesus, Peter said to him, "Master, how good it is that we are here! We will make three tents, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah." (He did not really know what he was saying.)

While he was still speaking, a cloud appeared and covered them with its shadow; and the disciples were afraid as the cloud came over them. A voice said from the cloud, "This is my Son, whom I have chosen - listen to him!"

When the voice stopped, there was Jesus all alone. The disciples kept quiet about all this and told no one at that time anything they had seen.

This is the Gospel of the Lord

**Praise to you, O Christ**

## TALK

### AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Let us declare our faith in God.

Do you believe and trust in God the Father,  
source of all being and life,  
the one for whom we exist?

**We believe and trust in him.**

Do you believe and trust in God the Son,  
who took our human nature,  
died for us and rose again?

**We believe and trust in him.**

Do you believe and trust in God the Holy Spirit,  
who gives life to the people of God  
and makes Christ known in the world?

**We believe and trust in him.**

This is the faith of the Church.

**This is our faith.**

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

## INTERCESSIONS

*Between the prayers we say*

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

*At the end of the prayers we say*

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

## THE PEACE

Christ will transfigure our human body  
and give it a form like that of his own glorious body.  
We are the body of Christ. We share his peace.  
The peace of the Lord be always with you.  
**and also with you**

*We share a sign of peace with each other*

## OFFERTORY HYMN

67 Be still for the presence of the Lord

## EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

The Lord is here  
**His Spirit is with us**

Lift up your hearts  
**We lift them to the Lord**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God  
**It is right to give thanks and praise**

Father, we give you thanks and praise  
through your beloved Son Jesus Christ, your living Word,  
through whom you have created all things;

And now we give you thanks, most gracious God, holy and undivided Trinity  
because you have given us the light of the knowledge of God  
in the face of Jesus Christ, that we may grow into your likeness,  
and be changed from glory to glory.

Therefore with angels and archangels, and with all the company of heaven,  
we proclaim your great and glorious name, for ever praising you, and saying:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord,  
God of power and might,  
heaven and earth are full of your glory.  
Hosanna in the highest.  
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.  
Hosanna in the highest.**

Lord, you are holy indeed, the source of all holiness;  
grant that by the power of your Holy Spirit,  
and according to your holy will,  
these gifts of bread and wine  
may be to us the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ;  
who, in the same night that he was betrayed,  
took bread and gave you thanks;  
he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying:  
    Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you;  
    do this in remembrance of me.

In the same way, after supper  
he took the cup and gave you thanks;  
he gave it to them, saying:  
    Drink this, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant,  
    which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins.  
    Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.

Great is the mystery of faith:  
**Christ has died: Christ is risen:  
Christ will come again.**

And so, Father, calling to mind his death on the cross,  
his perfect sacrifice made once for the sins of the whole world;  
rejoicing in his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension,  
and looking for his coming in glory, we celebrate this memorial of our redemption.  
As we offer you this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving,  
we bring before you this bread and this cup  
and we thank you for counting us worthy  
to stand in your presence and serve you.

Send the Holy Spirit on your people  
and gather into one in your kingdom  
all who share this one bread and one cup,  
so that we, in the company of [N and] all the saints,

may praise and glorify you for ever,  
through Jesus Christ our Lord;

by whom, and with whom, and in whom,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
all honour and glory be yours, almighty Father,  
for ever and ever.

**Amen.**

### **THE LORD'S PRAYER**

As our Saviour taught us, so we pray:

**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.**

**Lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil.**

**For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and for ever.**

**Amen.**

### **DISTRIBUTION OF COMMUNION**

We break this bread to share in the body of Christ,  
**though we are many, we are one body,  
because we all share in one bread.**

Every time we eat this bread and drink this cup  
**We proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.**

Jesus is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world,  
Blessed are those who are called to his supper.  
**Lord, I am not worthy to receive you,  
but only say the word, and I shall be healed.**

*Holy Communion is distributed to those in the Church*

*Prayer of Spiritual Communion for those worshipping at home:*

Thanks be to you, Lord Jesus Christ, for all the benefits you have given me, for all the pains and insults you have borne for me. Since I cannot now receive you sacramentally, I ask you to come spiritually into my heart. O most merciful redeemer, friend and brother, may I know you more clearly, love you more dearly, and follow you more nearly, day by day. Amen.

### **COMMUNION HYMN**

17 All heaven declares

## CLOSING PRAYER

Holy God, we see your glory in the face of Jesus Christ:  
 may we who are partakers at his table reflect his life in word and deed,  
 that all the world may know his power to change and save.  
 This we ask through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

## NOTICES

### POST COMMUNION HYMN

709 We are marching

## BLESSING & DISMISSAL

Christ Jesus,  
 the splendour of the Father and the image of his being,  
 draw you to himself that you may live in his light and share his glory;  
 and the blessing of God almighty,  
 the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit,  
 be among you and remain with you  
 now and always.

**Amen**

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

*Do stay for refreshments after the service*