



6th August 2023
Transfiguration of
Our Lord



Hymns: 234 217(ii) 261 216

Sentence

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.

(2 Corinthians 4:6)

The Collect

Eternal God, our glorious King, whose Son Jesus Christ was transfigured on the holy mountain and seen in splendour by his chosen witnesses: grant us, his followers, faith to perceive his glory, to listen to him, and to walk in his way, that we may be changed into his likeness from glory to glory; for he lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. **Amen.**

First Reading

A reading from the book of the prophet Daniel, chapter 7, beginning at verse 9.
As I watched: thrones were set up and the Ancient One took his throne. His clothing was bright as snow, and the hair on his head as white as wool; his throne was flames of fire, with wheels of burning fire. A surging stream of fire flowed out from where he sat; Thousands upon thousands were ministering to him, and myriads upon myriads attended him. The court was convened and the books were opened. As the visions during the night continued, I saw: one like a Son of Man coming, on the clouds of heaven; When he reached the Ancient One and was presented before him, The one like a Son of Man received dominion, glory, and kingship; all peoples, nations, and languages serve him. His dominion is an everlasting dominion that shall not be taken away, his kingship shall not be destroyed.

Hear the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 97

R: The Lord is king over all the earth.

The Lord is king! Let the earth rejoice; let the many coastlands be glad! Clouds and thick darkness are all around him; righteousness and justice are the foundation of his throne. Fire goes before him, and consumes his adversaries on every side. His lightnings light up the world; the earth sees and trembles. The mountains melt like wax before the Lord, before the Lord of all the earth. **R...**

The heavens proclaim his righteousness; and all the peoples behold his glory. All worshippers of images are put to shame, those who make their boast in worthless idols; all gods bow down before him. Zion hears and is glad, and the towns of Judah rejoice, because of your judgements, O God. For you, O Lord, are most high over all the earth; you are exalted far above all gods. **R...**

The Lord loves those who hate evil; he guards the lives of his faithful; he rescues them from the hand of the wicked. Light dawns for the righteous, and joy for the upright in heart. Rejoice in the Lord, O you righteous, and give thanks to his holy name! **R...**

Second Reading

A reading from the Second Letter of Peter, chapter 1, beginning at verse 16.

For we did not follow cleverly devised myths when we made known to you the power and coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, but we had been eyewitnesses of his majesty. For he received honour and glory from God the Father when that voice was conveyed to him by the Majestic Glory, saying, 'This is my Son, my Beloved, with whom I am well pleased.' We ourselves heard this voice come from heaven, while we were with him on the holy mountain. So we have the prophetic message more fully confirmed. You will do well to be attentive to this as to a lamp shining in a dark place, until the day dawns and the morning star rises in your hearts. First of all you must understand this, that no prophecy of scripture is a matter of one's own interpretation, because no prophecy ever came by human will, but men and women moved by the Holy Spirit spoke from God.

Hear the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

The Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia! Alleluia!

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

Alleluia!

The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark, chapter 9, beginning at the 2nd verse.

Glorify to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

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, and his clothes became dazzling white, such as no one on earth could bleach them. And there appeared to them Elijah with Moses, who were talking with Jesus. 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.' He did not know what to say, for they were terrified. Then a cloud overshadowed them, and from the cloud there came a voice, 'This is my Son, the Beloved; listen to him!' Suddenly when they looked around, they saw no one with them any more, but only Jesus. 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. So they kept the matter to themselves, questioning what this rising from the dead could mean.

For the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ

Prayers of the People

Lord, we find ourselves on the mountain with you, but you challenge us to go back down into the world to transfigure it in your name. Let us pray for the needs of this lost and broken place.

We pray for peace throughout the world; for the resolution of civil and international conflicts; for the healing of divisions in your holy church; for the repentance of tyrants, instigators and servants of sin. Bring your people together as one, in bonds of compassion and unity, to fashion a more just society.

Lord, in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

We pray for all who are lacking in hope, struggling in faith, and seeking purpose in their lives; help them to find the structure and boundaries they so desperately need, but find so hard to accept. We pray for the reform of those who perpetuate atheism and self-worship, that they may be led back to your truth.

Lord, in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

We pray for those in poverty; for the hungry, the homeless, the unemployed, the addicted and the desperate. Teach the privileged greater empathy and responsibility, so that they may learn to share the bounty of your gifts more fairly; open our eyes, our hearts and our arms to needy and forgotten.

Lord, in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

We pray for the sick and suffering, in body, mind or spirit; the elderly and frail, the terminally ill, and for young people living with chronic illness; for those whose pain and turmoil are hidden from our eyes. Let your light, your hope and your healing come upon those in greatest need. We pray especially for those known to us:

Jeanne Jones, Michelle Peponas, Bill Edge, Kai and Sarah Bolton, Sharon and John Simpson, Anni Grimwade, Madeline Allen, Elaine Haddock, Belinda Shannon, Jim Chatz, Barry Watts, Ray Daly, Val Watts, Gwen Bushell, Debbie Chilcott, Beryl and Geoff Kirby, Fiona Mctier, Robert Whalley, Russel Taylor, David Valentine, Margaret Taylor, Peg and Ken Raeburn, Bishop John Parkes, Glenda McDonald, Edie Simpson, Bruce Seaman, Thomas De Sousa, Mary Cassar, Joan Grimwade, Vince Fazio, and Adeline Bickley.

Lord, in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

We pray for the faithful departed; for those who find rest after a long and fruitful life, those who have battled illness to the end, and those who have had their lives tragically cut short. May your mercy and love continue to abide in your children who have left this life, and comfort those who mourn their loss. We remember those whose year's mind occurs at this time: *Roma Nicols, Percival Ryan, Val Wilson, Ronald Brown, Vilma Payne, Stanley Cooper, Erling Larsen, John Inness, Trevor Lang, Thomas Chapman, Robyn Papworth, Jonathon Schafer, Garry Nesbitt, Gregory Stewart, Colin Buck, Barrie King and Florence Rae.* Rest eternal grant unto them, O Lord, **and let light perpetual shine upon them.**

Lord, in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

Almighty God, you have promised to hear our prayers.

Grant that what we have asked in faith, we may by your grace receive; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Notices

Notice of leave

Fr. David will be away at Queenscliff on retreat with members of his priestly order for four days from Wednesday 16th August to Saturday 19th August. Any pressing matters during this period should be referred to the church wardens.

Service Rosters

We are in need of people willing to help out as welcomers at our services, as well as those happy to help with dusting to spruce up the church before Sunday worship. If you would like to help out in these areas, please speak to Caroline Burge.

Bible Study

The first session of our Bible study group is on Tuesday August 22nd at 7pm at Christ Church Kilmore. If you'd like to join in, please put your name and phone number on the sign-up sheet at the back of the church.

Love in Action

This remains a vibrant and highly necessary community initiative, based in Broadford, providing food and other supplies to families in need. Donations of canned and long-life goods, pasta, children's snacks, etc. can be placed in the plastic containers at the entrance to your church. Thank you for your help, and continue to pray for this vital initiative. If you would like more information, please speak to Barbara Radford.

Children First Foundation

This agency, based in East Kilmore, provides hospitality for children from overseas coming to Melbourne for vital surgery, and is always looking for volunteers. If you know of anyone who would like to volunteer, please speak to Fr. David.

Pastoral Visiting

If you know of someone who could use a visit from a priest, e.g. illness, loneliness, grief, spiritual counselling, preparation for baptism or confirmation, please let Fr. David know. Call 0439 288 070.

Direct Debit /EFT Offerings – Account details: BENDIGO BANK – Account Name 'Anglican Parish of Kilmore;' BSB 633-000; Account Number 158946921.

Reference: Offertory. An EFTPOS machine is available at Kilmore.

This Week in the Parish:

Monday 7th August: 10am-12pm Op Shop Trading

Wednesday 9th August: 1pm Caladenia RACF Service

2.30pm: Dianella RACF Service

Thursday 10th August: 10am Mass, St Matthew's Broadford

10am-12pm: Op Shop Trading

Friday 11th August: 10.30am: Blue Cross RACF Service

10am-12pm: Op Shop Trading

Saturday 12th August: 10am-12pm: Op Shop Trading

9am-2pm: PiC Training, Wangaratta

Next Sunday 13th August: Eleventh Sunday After Pentecost: Genesis 37:1-4, 12-28;		
Psalm 105:1-5, 16-22; Romans 10:4-15; Matthew 14:22-36		
Christ Church, Kilmore	9.00am	Holy Eucharist
St Matthew's, Broadford	11.00am	Morning Prayer
St Stephen's, Tallarook	11.00am	Holy Eucharist
Transfiguration, Pyalong	---	---

Weekly Scripture Readings

	Morning Prayer	Evening Prayer
Monday 7th August	Ps 90	Ps 119:89-104
	2 Samuel 14:4-24	Baruch 1:1-14
	John 10:40-11:16	Romans 7:1-12
Tuesday 8th August	Ps 89:1-18	Ps 89:19-38

<i>St. Dominic</i>	2 Samuel 14:25-15:6	Baruch 1:15-2:18
	John 11:17-37	Romans 7:13-25
Wednesday 9th August	Ps 89:39-53	Ps 91
<i>Mary Sumner</i>	2 Samuel 15:7-23	Baruch 2:19-3:8
	John 11:38-54	Romans 8:1-8
Thursday 10th August	Ps 92; 93	Ps 94
<i>St. Laurence</i>	2 Samuel 15:24-16:4	Baruch 3:9-25,35-4:4
	John 11:55-12:11	Romans 8:9-17
Friday 11th August	Ps 95; 96	Ps 97; 98
<i>Clare of Assisi</i>	2 Samuel 16:5-19	Baruch 4:5-26
	John 12:12-36	Romans 8:18-27
Saturday 12th August	Ps 99; 100	Ps 103
	2 Samuel 16:20-17:14	Baruch 4:27-5:9
	John 12:36-50	Romans 8:28-39

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Thoughts for the Week

You've probably heard the phrase 'doing things by the book'. Naturally, one would assume that as Christians, we would indeed live 'by the book', said book being the Bible. There are a few issues with this particular idiom. First of all, there are a great many nominal Christians who haven't studied the scriptures in any great detail since Sunday school. Now, Sunday schools have never been perfect, and to the precocious or even rebellious pre-teen, moral teaching presents something to discredit or combat. It's usually been presented in an oversimplified or half-hearted manner, as a means of getting kids away from the main worship space while the adults (supposedly more switched on to moral teaching) listen to the preacher drone on. This gives us the next problem with living by the book: the book itself is not always MADE TO LIVE, either from the pulpit or in the actions of the church. Priests don't always 'get' life, especially if they're celibate, or in the Anglican context, happily married for some time. They don't always 'get' life if they've got more letters after their name than the alphabet; their life has been in books and seminaries. Many priests are in no position to denounce sin because they have never met sin head-on. The way to live life by the book is to explore the society that has inspired the book; the same society that the book is perpetually applicable to, in spite of constant secular resistance. We have then this circular dilemma of people failing at life because they don't know the book (and therefore Jesus), and they don't read the book because their upbringing has not inspired them to do so. As Christians in the here and now, we occupy this strange liminal space of knowing snatches of scripture, trying to live the gospel, but never really understanding it enough to teach it. But teach it we must, and we can really only teach it by experience and interpersonal immersion (not just communication); immersion in the kind of position Christ was in: he was IN the world, but not OF the world. As mere mortals, it is a fine tightrope to walk. Real life is no fairy tale, but then neither is the Bible. The two do not chase each other, but inspire each other, provided we have the patience to understand the respective wisdom of the God that links them. To live 'by the book' is integrate the Bible with the book of life.