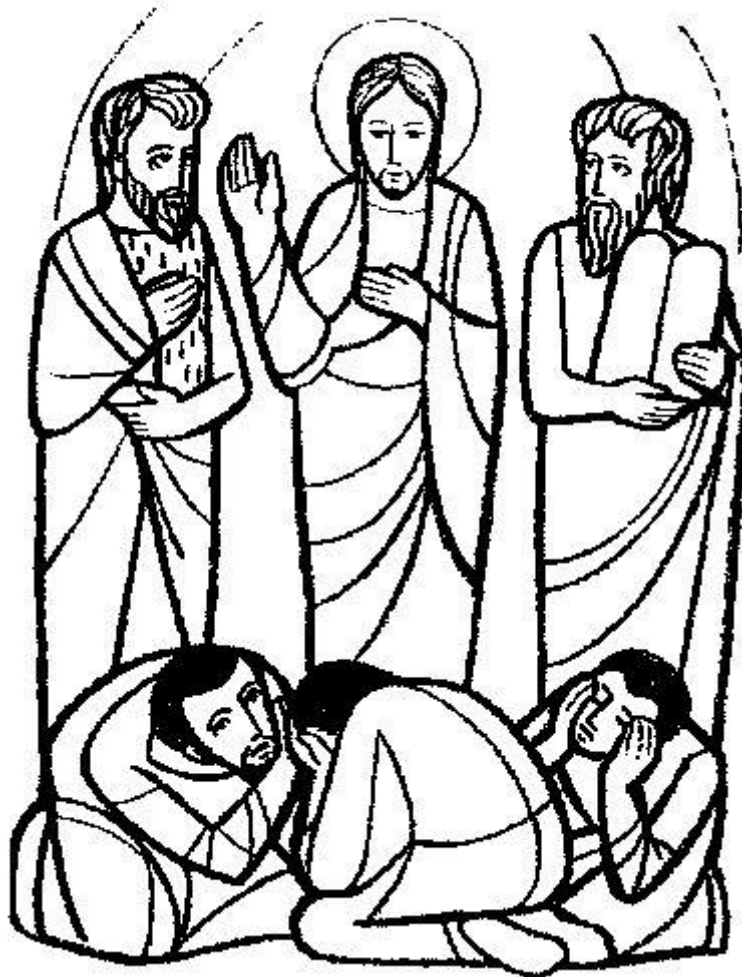


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# THE EUCHARIST

The Sunday before Lent

(The Transfiguration of Jesus)



*Today we recall a turning point in Jesus' life. In a startling disclosure on the mountain, the disciples were shown that he was not only the one who fulfilled the old religion of Israel (represented by Moses and Elijah) but also the beloved Son of God who would bring in the new. Later Jesus explained that first there was suffering to come. On Ash Wednesday we join him on 'the way of the cross'.*

# The Gathering of God's People

**Hymn 325** *Be still, for the presence of the Lord, the Holy One is here. (verse 1)*

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

## PENITENCE

Christ the Light of the World has come to dispel the darkness of our hearts. In his light let us examine ourselves and confess our sins.

Your unfailing kindness, O Lord, is in the heavens, and your faithfulness reaches to the clouds.  
Lord, have mercy, **Lord, have mercy.**

Your righteousness is like the strong mountains, and your justice as the great deep.

Christ have mercy, **Christ have mercy.**

For with you is the well of life: and in your light shall we see light.

Lord have mercy, **Lord have mercy.**

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

## THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Almighty Father, whose Son was revealed in majesty before he suffered death upon the cross:  
Give us grace to perceive his glory, that we may be strengthened to suffer with him and be  
changed into his likeness, from glory to glory; who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy  
Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

# Proclaiming and Receiving the Word

## THE FIRST READING - 2 KINGS 2: 1-12

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

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. 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.'

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

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.’ 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.’ 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. 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.

**Hymn 52** *Christ, whose glory fills the skies*

## **THE GOSPEL READING**

Hear the Gospel of our Saviour Christ, according to Mark chapter 9 beginning at verse 2

**Glory 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.

This is the Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

## **THE SERMON**

## **THE NICENE CREED**

**We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God,  
eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light,  
true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father.  
Through him all things were made.**

**For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven,  
was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the Virgin Mary, and was made man.  
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;  
he suffered death and was buried.**

**On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures  
he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father.  
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,  
and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,**

who with the Father and the Son is worshipped and glorified,  
who has spoken through the prophets.  
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.  
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.  
We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

## The Prayers of the People

In the power of the Spirit and in union with Christ, let us pray to the Father.  
Lord of glory, it is good that we are here, separated but together in worship.  
In peace we make our prayer to you. In trust we confirm our faith in you.  
May we experience the light of your presence in all that we do this week.  
Help us to set our faces steadfastly to where you would have us go.  
Lord of glory, **shine upon us.**

Lord of glory, look with favour on your Church, proclaiming your beloved Son to the world  
and listening to the promptings of his Spirit.  
Bless Paul our bishop, and all the people and clergy of this Diocese as we continue to  
worship at home.  
May your Church be renewed in holiness that she may reflect your glory.  
Lord of glory, **shine upon us.**

Lord of glory, look with favour on the nations of the world, scarred by hatred, strife and war.  
We pray for refugees, and all who lack even basic health care during this Covid pandemic.  
May they be healed by the touch of your hand.  
Lord of glory, **shine upon us.**

Lord of glory, look with favour on those in need and distress,  
suffering as your Son has suffered and waiting for the salvation you promise.  
We pray for the lonely, bereaved, depressed, and anxious, particularly those known to us. We  
pray for all health care workers and those who maintain essential services.  
May the day break and Christ the Morning Star bring them the light of his presence.  
Lord of glory, **shine upon us.**

Lord of glory, it is good if we suffer with you so that we shall be glorified with you.  
According to your promise bring all Christ's brothers and sisters  
to see him with their own eyes in majesty  
and to be changed into his likeness from glory to glory.  
To him be praise, dominion and worship  
now and for all eternity. **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.**

**Hymn 325** *Be still, for the presence of the Lord, the Holy One is here. (verses 2 & 3)*

## Celebrating at the Lord's Table

### THE TAKING OF THE BREAD AND WINE

Christ our passover has been sacrificed for us **therefore let us celebrate the feast.**

### THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

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 our thanks and praise.**

Father, Lord of all creation, we praise you for your goodness and your love.

When we turned away you did not reject us.

You came to meet us in your Son, welcomed us as your children  
and prepared a table where we might feast with you.

In Christ you shared our life that we might live in him and he in us.

**He opened wide his arms upon the cross and, with love stronger than death,  
he made the perfect sacrifice for sin.**

Lord Jesus Christ, our redeemer,

on the night before you died you came to table with your friends.

Taking bread, you gave thanks, broke it and gave it to them saying,

Take, eat: this is my body which is given for you; do this in remembrance of me.

**Lord Jesus, we bless you: you are the bread of life.**

At the end of supper you took the cup of wine, gave thanks, and said,

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 in remembrance of me.

**Lord Jesus, we bless you: you are the true vine.**

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ:

**dying, you destroyed our death, rising, you restored our life; Lord Jesus, come in glory.**

Holy Spirit, giver of life, come upon us now;

may this bread and wine be to us the body and blood of our Saviour Jesus Christ.

**As we eat and drink these holy gifts make us, who know our need of grace,  
one in Christ, our risen Lord.**

Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, Blessed Trinity:

with your whole Church throughout the world we offer you this sacrifice of thanks and praise  
and lift our voice to join the song of heaven, 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.**

Thanks be to you, our God, for your gift beyond words. **Amen. Amen. Amen.**

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

#### **THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD**

The bread which we break is a sharing in the body of Christ.

**We being many are one body, for we all share in the one bread.**

#### **THE COMMUNION**

The gifts of God for the people of God.

**Jesus Christ is holy, Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.**

*Spiritual Communion*

## **Going Out as God's People**

Hymn 6 *Immortal, invisible, God only wise*

#### **PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

**Almighty God, we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food  
of the body and blood of your Son Jesus Christ.**

**Through him we offer you our souls and bodies to be a living sacrifice.**

**Send us out in the power of your Spirit to live and work to your praise and glory. Amen.**

#### **DISMISSAL**

The God of all grace, who called you to his eternal glory in Christ Jesus,  
establish, strengthen and settle you in the faith: and the blessing...**Amen.**

Go in the light and peace of Christ. **Thanks be to God.**