

# All-Age Service Sunday 6 August 2017 The Transfiguration of Christ



The service is led by Ben Merrell and the All-Age team

★We Gather Together

Welcome and Notices

We come from scattered lives to meet with God. Let us recognize his presence with us

Silence is kept.

As God's people we have gathered: let us worship him together.

## **Opening Hymn**

 Rejoice, the Lord is King! Your Lord and King adore; mortals, give thanks and sing, and triumph evermore. 2. Jesus, the Saviour reigns, the God of truth and love: when he had purged our stains, he took his seat above.

Lift up your heart, lift up your voice; rejoice, again I say, rejoice.

 His kingdom cannot fail; he rules o'er earth and heav'n; the keys of death and hell are to our Jesus giv'n.  He sits at God's right hand till all his foes submit, and bow to his command, and fall beneath his feet.

Words: Charles Wesley

Tune: GOPSAL

#### Bible reading Luke 9.28-36

Now about eight days after these sayings Jesus took with him Peter and John and James, and went up on the mountain to pray. And while he was praying, the appearance of his face changed, and his clothes became dazzling white. Suddenly they saw two men, Moses and Elijah, talking to him. They appeared in glory and were speaking of his departure, which he was about to accomplish at Jerusalem. Now Peter and his companions were weighed down with sleep; but since they had stayed awake, they saw his glory and the two men who stood with him. Just as they were leaving him, Peter said to Jesus, 'Master, it is good for us to be here; let us make three dwellings, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah' — not knowing what he said. While he was saying this, a cloud came and overshadowed them; and they were terrified as they entered the cloud. Then from the cloud came a voice that said, 'This is my Son, my Chosen; listen to him!' When the voice had spoken, Jesus was found alone. And they kept silent and in those days told no one any of the things they had seen.

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

# Song

The splendour of the King, clothed in majesty Let all the earth rejoice All the earth rejoice

He wraps himself in Light, and darkness tries to hide And trembles at His voice Trembles at His voice Age to age He stands And time is in His hands Beginning and the end Beginning and the end

The Godhead Three in One Father Spirit Son The Lion and the Lamb The Lion and the Lamb

How great is our God, sing with me How great is our God, and all will see How great, how great is our God

Name above all names Worthy of our praise My heart will sing How great is our God

# ★We Confess Our Sins

When Christ appears we shall be like him, because we shall see him as he is. As he is pure, all who have grasped this hope make themselves pure. So let us confess our sins that mar his image in us.

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.

Words of forgiveness then follow.

# ★We Thank God for His Forgiveness through Music

King of kings, majesty, God of Heaven living in me, gentle Saviour, closest friend, strong deliverer, beginning and end, all within me falls at your throne. Earth and Heaven worship you, love eternal, faithful and true, who bought the nations, ransomed souls, brought this sinner near to your throne; all within me cries out in praise.

Your majesty, I can but bow, I lay my all before you now. In royal robes I don't deserve I live to serve your majesty.

Words and Music: Jarrod Cooper © 1996 Sovereign Lifestyle Music

## Bible Reading: 2 Peter 1.16-19

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.

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

Sermon: Ben Merrell

# ★We Respond to God's Word through Praise & Worship

My Jesus, my Saviour, Lord there is none like you all of my days, I want to praise the wonders of your mighty love. My comfort, my shelter, tower of refuge and strength; let every breath, all that I am, never cease to worship you.

Shout to the Lord, all the earth, let us sing, power and majesty, praise to the King: mountains bow down, and the seas will roar at the sound of your name. I sing for joy at the work of your hands, forever I'll love you, forever I stand. Nothing compares to the promise I have in you.

Words and Music: Darlene Zschech © 1993 Hillsong Publishing

Light of the world, you stepped down into darkness opened my eyes, let me see. Beauty that made this heart adore you Hope of a life spent with you

> And here I am to worship, here I am to bow down, here I am to say that you're my God. You're altogether lovely, altogether worthy altogether wonderful to me

King of all days, oh, so highly exalted Glorious in heaven above humbly you came to the earth you created all for love's sake became poor. And here I am...

I'll never know how much it cost To see my sin upon that cross I'll never know how much it cost To see my sin upon that cross X 2

And here I am...

Words and Music: Tim Hughes © 2001, Thankyou Music

### ★We Affirm Our Faith & Pray Together

Let us declare our faith in God: Father, Son and Holy Spirit:

We believe in God the Father,

from whom every family in heaven and on earth is named.

We believe in God the Son, who lives in our hearts through faith, and fills us with his love.

We believe in God the Holy Spirit, who strengthens us with power from on high.

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

#### **Prayers of Intercession**

Response:

Let us walk: in the light of the Lord.

Light of the world, shine upon us. Amen

#### **Collect** (Prayer for the Day)

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.** 

Rejoicing in the presence of God here among us, As our saviour has 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.



# ★We Go Out Into the World

### **Offertory Hymn**

I. Praise, my soul, the King of heaven! To his feet thy tribute bring; ransomed, healed, restored, forgiven, who like me his praise should sing? Praise him! Praise him! Praise the everlasting King!

3. Father-like he tends and spares us; well our feeble frame he knows; in his hands he gently bears us, rescues us from all our foes. Praise him! Praise him! Widely as his mercy flows!

Words: H.F Lyte

#### **Closing Prayer**

We go into the world to walk in God's light, to rejoice in God's love and to reflect God's glory.

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

2. Praise him for his grace and favour to our fathers in distress;
praise him still the same as ever, slow to chide and swift to bless.
Praise him! Praise him!
Glorious in his faithfulness!

4. Angels, help us to adore him; ye behold him face to face; sun and moon, bow down before him, dwellers all in time and space. Praise him! Praise him! Praise with us the God of grace!

Tune: PRAISE, MY SOUL



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# **2 Peter 1.19** We have this 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.

We invite you to take the "torch" home with you today. Think about the messages that God is giving you in your life. In the beam of light, write down that message. Pin the torch up somewhere, and pray over it, asking God to help you be attentive to His word and to shine out in the world.

