



SUNDAY TABLE SERVICE

Sunday 27th February 2022 - Transfiguration

**Let us watch Songs of Praise together
on the ABC and then set the table
for our shared meal**



- **Setting our table for our Sunday lunch service.**

Sometimes we eat, in front of the TV either together or alone; we eat on the run; we eat out in restaurants or even in our car; but today we sit at a table that we have set for our Sunday lunch meal. It is our everyday altar of life-giving food.



Let us prepare our table with thanksgiving and prayer add those special items to remind us of God's precious gift to humankind. If you are celebrating this meal without people physically present, please be aware that **God Is With You.**

THE GLORY OF CHRIST WITHIN US (The transfiguration)

If you died your hair bright pink, you would stand out in the crowd? This is exactly what God wants to do with us; to make us stand out in the crowd. Many people try to be good, but do not realise God has died their hair bright pink. It is not about what we do, though doing is important, it is about who we are, and who we are is what God does to us that transfigures our souls. When someone's soul shines like Jesus then people do see the difference, like we have pink hair. People who do not know Christ see a light within us that draws them to it. It is God who light's us up in a world of darkness.



- **opening prayer — consciously drawing together in our mind our Parish community around our table.**

Be still and silent. Visualise in your mind, those whom you invited to share with you. Pray:

In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Here, and throughout the world, We adore you O Christ, and we bless you, because by your holy cross you have redeemed the world. Amen

Bless this food, both physical and spiritual. Bless all who gather at your table, both seen and unseen, In Jesus' name we pray. Amen

- **Let us read and reflect on our cycle of readings.**

A reading from the second book of Exodus, Chapter 34 beginning at Verse 29

²⁹ Moses came down from Mount Sinai. As he came down from the mountain with the two tablets of the covenant^[a] in his hand, Moses did not know that the skin of his face shone because he had been talking with God. ³⁰ When Aaron and all the Israelites saw Moses, the skin of his face was shining, and they were afraid to come near him. ³¹ But Moses called to them; and Aaron and all the leaders of the congregation returned to him, and Moses spoke with them. ³² Afterward all the Israelites came near, and he gave them in commandment all that the Lord had spoken with him on Mount Sinai. ³³ When Moses had finished speaking with them, he put a veil on his face; ³⁴ but whenever Moses went in before the Lord to speak with him, he would take the veil off, until he came out; and when he came out, and told the Israelites what he had been commanded, ³⁵ the Israelites would see the



face of Moses, that the skin of his face was shining; and Moses would put the veil on his face again, until he went in to speak with him. [NRSV Exodus 34.29–35] Hear the word of the Lord,

thanks be to God

Psalm 99

1 The Lord is king, let the nations tremble: he is enthroned upon the cherubim; let the earth quake.

2 The Lord is great in Zion: he is high above all nations.

3 Let them praise your great and terrible name: for holy is the Lord.

4 The Mighty One is king and loves justice: you have established equity, you have dealt righteousness and justice in Jacob.

5 *O exalt the Lord our God:*

and bow down before his footstool, for he is holy.

6 Moses and Aaron among his priests, and Samuel among those who call upon his name: they called to the Lord and he answered.

7 He spoke to them from the pillar of cloud:

they kept to his teachings and the law that he gave them.

8 You answered them, O Lord our God: you were a forgiving God to them, and pardoned their wrongdoing.

9 *O exalt the Lord our God:*

*and bow down towards his holy hill,
for the Lord our God is holy.*

*Let them praise
your great and
awesome name –
he is holy.*

Psalm 99:3

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A reading from the second letter of Paul to the Corinthians, Chapter 3 beginning at Verse 12

¹² Since, then, we have such a hope, we act with great boldness, ¹³ not like Moses, who put a veil over his face to keep the people of Israel from gazing at the end of the glory that^[a] was being set aside. ¹⁴ But their minds were hardened. Indeed, to this very day, when they hear the reading of the old covenant, that same veil is still there, since only in Christ is it set aside. ¹⁵ Indeed, to this very

day whenever Moses is read, a veil lies over their minds; ¹⁶ but when one turns to the Lord, the veil is removed. ¹⁷ Now the Lord is the Spirit, and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom. ¹⁸ And all of us, with unveiled faces, seeing the glory of the Lord as though reflected in a mirror, are being transformed into the same image from one degree of glory to another; for this comes from the Lord, the Spirit. **4** Therefore, since it is by God's mercy that we are engaged in this ministry,

we do not lose heart. ² We have renounced the shameful things that one hides; we refuse to practice cunning or to falsify God's word; but by the open statement of the truth we commend ourselves to the conscience of everyone in the sight of God. [NRSV 2 Corinthians 3.12–

4.2]Hear the word of the Lord,

thanks be to God.

The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke, Chapter 9 verses 28-36

Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ

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

Sentence

And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we have seen his glory, the glory as of a father 's only son, full of grace and truth.

Let us now engage in some quiet reflection, or conversation and sharing, responding to the Gospel passage. We may like to write down some key thoughts for further reflection.

The appearance of his face changed, They saw his glory. All of us, ..., are being transformed into the same image from one degree of glory to another.



Moses didn't realise his face was shining; it was being with God that made this happen. Now Paul tells us in Corinthians that we are all being transformed from in his image from one glory to another. The Key is to have the desire to be with God where we come face to face with His desire to be with us. When two atom nucleus collide, it makes a great light and heaps of energy. Paul says where the Spirit of the Lord is there is freedom, this is the freedom to know God and know He knows us as if we are speaking with Him with unveiled faces.

prayer-time Special Prayer for the Ukraine

God of peace and justice,

We pray for the people of Ukraine today

We pray for peace and the laying down of weapons

We pray for all those who fear for tomorrow

That your Spirit of comfort would draw near to them

We pray for those with power over war or peace

For wisdom, discernment and compassion to guide their decisions.

Above all we pray for all your precious children, at risk and in fear,
that you would hold and protect them

We pray in the name of Jesus, the Prince of Peace

Amen (*Archbishop Justin Welby and Archbishop Stephen Cottrell*)



Now let us continue to offer our prayers for healing of the world; remembering all those who are in need wider community, for the life and ministry of the Church, for encouragement in our journey of faith. Please pray alongside those in our parish asking for prayer.

We continue to pray alongside, Catherine Cooling and family, Kym, Melissa and Sam, Ted & Joyce and Miriam; Ann W, Ruth , Lynn, Joannie, Matthew, Bob, Isabelle; Peta; Mariette; Joanne; Peter G, Peter C; Samantha; Fiona; Brenton; Sue; Pat; Brendon; Bill; David H; Diane; Jean; Carolyn; Allison; Angela; Carol; Shirley; Lucy Ann; Margaret, Lyn; Irene; Linda; Tina; Wendy; Chris; Trevor; Liz; Tristan & Trish S; Carole; Peter, Eleni and Nicholas; Jac Bishop, Joanie; Andrew; Kerrie; David Jones; Claire; Jean; Dan Thomas; Trish; Claire; Ann; Tom & Nick; Stephen, Bill, Eileen ; Tessa; Yvonne; Sylvia; Gabrielle, Brenda; Judith: and *any others we wish to remember..*

Let us say the Lord's Prayer Together.

Our Father

Prayer for Transfiguration

O God, glorious and faithful,
you reveal the beauty of your face
to those who seek you with a sincere heart:
strengthen us in faith
to embrace the mystery of the cross,
and open our hearts to its transforming power,
so that, clinging in love to your will for us,
we may walk as followers of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**



Conclude the meal with the following prayer together.

***May the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,
the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit
be amongst us and remain with us always. Amen.***

- ***Intentional connection beyond your home*** After our Table Service, make contact with others who you have not seen or contacted for a while, those who may have missed seeing their families and loved ones because of the current COVID restrictions, those who may be alone as visiting is difficult especially for those in residential care. Let God guide you to the person or persons with whom you should connect. Contact them. Start a conversation: How have you been keeping, what about this changing weather or hope you are keeping well, or I was just thinking of you and decided to call.

