



SUNDAY TABLE SERVICE 15th February 2026

Transfiguration

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



TRANSFIGURATION

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.



As we worship at home today let us prepare our tables with thanksgiving and prayer adding those special gifts or items to remind us of God's precious gift to mankind. If you are celebrating this meal without people physically present, please be aware that **God Is With You.**

JESUS IS THE LIGHT



When we see something amazing before us, out comes our smart phones to take a picture.

What happened to Peter, James and John was a case of over exposure. God's power and authority is beyond our natural minds. Jesus' transfiguration was not explained. Why was Jesus transfigured in shining light? What do you think Moses and Elijah had to say to Jesus? Whatever was the case, a new covenant was being formed with all who choose to be God's people.

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**

A reading from the book of Exodus 24:12-18



The Lord said to Moses, "Come up to me on the mountain, and wait there; and I will give you the tablets of stone, with the law and the commandment, which I have written for their instruction." So Moses set out with his assistant Joshua, and Moses went up into the mountain of God. To the elders he had said, "Wait here for us, until we come to you again; for Aaron and Hur are with you; whoever has a dispute may go to them." Then Moses went up on the mountain, and the cloud covered the mountain. The glory of the Lord settled on Mount Sinai, and the cloud covered it for six

days; on the seventh day he called to Moses out of the cloud. Now the appearance of the glory of the Lord was like a devouring fire on the top of the mountain in the sight of the people of Israel. Moses entered the cloud, and went up on the mountain. Moses was on the mountain for forty days and forty nights.

Hear the word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 2 — we say alternate verses

1 Why are the nations in tumult:

and why do the peoples cherish a vain dream?

2 The kings of the earth rise up and the rulers conspire together:
against the Lord and against his anointed saying,

3 'Let us break their bonds asunder:

let us throw off their chains from us.'

4 He that dwells in heaven shall laugh them to scorn:
the Lord will hold them in derision.

5 Then will he speak to them in his wrath and terrify them in his fury:
'I the Lord have set up my king on Zion my holy hill.'

6 I will announce the Lord's decree that which he has spoken:
'You are my son this day have I begotten you.'

7 'Ask of me and I will give you the nations for your inheritance:
and the uttermost parts of the earth for your possession.

8 'You may break them with a rod of iron:
and shatter them in pieces like a potter's vessel.'

9 Now therefore be wise O kings:
be advised you that are judges of the earth.

10 Serve the Lord with awe and govern yourselves in fear and trembling:
lest he be angry and you perish in your course.

11 For his wrath is quickly kindled: blessed are those that turn to him for refuge.



A reading from the Second Letter of Peter 1:16-21

Brothers and sisters, 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.

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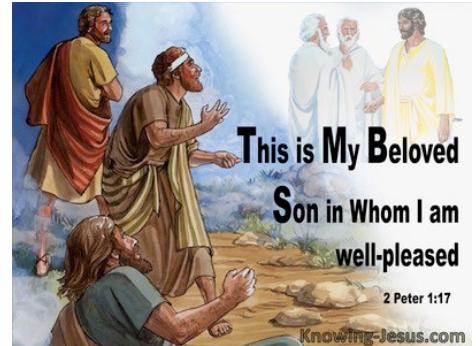
The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew. 17:1-9 a

Glory to you Lord Jesus Christ.

Jesus took with him Peter and James and his brother John and led them up a high mountain, by themselves. And he was transfigured before them, and his face shone like the sun, and his clothes became dazzling white. Suddenly there appeared to them Moses and Elijah, talking with him. Then Peter said to Jesus, "Lord, it is good for us to be here; if you wish, I will make three dwellings here,



one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah." While he was still speaking, suddenly a bright cloud over-shadowed them, and from the cloud a voice said, "This is my Son, the Beloved; with him I am well pleased; listen to him!" When the disciples heard this, they fell to the ground and were overcome by fear. But Jesus came and touched them, saying, "Get up and do not be afraid." And when they looked up, they saw no one except Jesus himself alone. As they were coming down the mountain, Jesus ordered them, "Tell no one about the vision until after the Son of Man has been raised from the dead."



The Gospel of the Lord

Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.

Sentence:

Suddenly a bright cloud overshadowed them, and from the cloud a voice said, 'This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased; listen to him!' Matthew 17.5

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.

Jesus came and touched them, saying, "Get up and do not be afraid. This is my Son, the Beloved; with him I am well pleased; listen to him!"

Jesus transfiguration was not long before He fulfilled His commission and conquered sin and death on the cross. Though magnificent, this incident was only a staging point in God's plan for our reunification with Him. Like Peter, we can look at an event as significant but not realize the consequences of the event that leads to the transformation of lives. Jesus literally becomes the light within our hearts rising like the morning star. This is why it is so important to listen to what He has to say.

Prayer-time Now let us continue to offer our prayers for family; for members of the parish and wider community, for the life and ministry of the Church, for encouragement in our journey of faith, for healing of the world; for those affected by natural disasters, war and conflict; We pray for those affected by the fires and flooding in various parts of Australia. We pray especially for those affected by the fires in Deep Creek and the community around Cape Gervis. We pray for peace in our region and in the wider world. Enable leaders to come together for the common good, not individual greed. Give strength to those who oppose injustice and disunity, and work towards peace and safety for all.

Please pray alongside those in our parish asking for prayer.

We continue to pray alongside those in our parish asking for prayer: Ann W, Joy I, David B, Cathy, Jo, Lorraine, Sue, Margaret P, Trish S Kay & Chris DeVries, Lynn H, Jean T, Sue and family, Stephen, Anne, Ken, Neville B, Lisa W, Jan Y, Michael, Andrew, Colin C, Pratibha K, Jeanette B, Barbara A, Jo M, Sue Mc, Griselda, Patrusca, Lorraine, Rachel, Steve, Ebony, Nicole, David, Takoohi, Glenda, Margaret, Wendy, Gweneth, Jo and Ginne, Matthew, Kathryn and Keiran, Ruth, Jean N, Georgia, Pat V, Brenda, Joanie, Jan, Jac B; Eileen, Ursula P, Nicholas & Ben; Sue & Frank G, Emily and her family; Christina and any others we wish to remember, either silently or aloud



Let us say the Lord's Prayer Together. Our Father

Prayer of the Day

O God,
in the transfiguration of your Son
you confirmed the mysteries of the faith
by the witness of Moses and Elijah,
and in the voice from the cloud you foreshadowed
our adoption as your children: make us, with Christ,
heirs of your glory, and bring us to enjoy its fullness;
through the same Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives
and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for 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 family and friends who may be alone or who you may not have talked with for a while. Let God guide you to the person or persons with whom you should connect. Contact them. Start a conversation: How have you been keeping, or hope you are keeping well, or I was just thinking of you and decided to call.

