Anglican Diocese of Wangaratta

Parish of Yarrawonga

THE LAST SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY
TRANSFIGURATION SUNDAY

Eucharist 7.00 am and 10.00 am

11th February 2024

The Transfiguration
Duccio (c.1255–before 1319)

GATHERING IN GOD'S NAME

Hymn: AHB 390/TiS 234. Tune, Carlisle

1. **How good, Lord, to be here! your glory fills the night;**
   your face and garments, like the sun,
   shine with unborrowed light.
2. **How good, Lord, to be here, your beauty to behold,**
   where Moses and Elijah stand,
   your messengers of old.
3. **Fulfiller of the past, promise of things to be:**
   we hail your body glorified, and our redemption see.
4. **Before we taste of death, we see your Kingdom come;**
   we still would hold the vision bright,
   and make this hill our home.
5. **How good, Lord, to be here! yet we may not remain;**
   but since you bid us leave the mount,
   come with us to the plain.

Joseph Armitage Robinson 1858–1933 alt.
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The Acclamation

By the appearance on earth of our Saviour Jesus Christ
God has broken the power of death
and brought life and immortality to light.

Arise, shine, for your light has come
and the glory of the Lord has risen upon you.

For though darkness shall cover the earth
and thick darkness the nations,

the Lord will rise upon you
and his glory will be seen upon you.

By the appearance on earth of our Saviour Jesus Christ
God has broken the power of death
and brought life and immortality to light.

The Vicar Welcomes and Greets the People

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

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

Let us pray.

Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open,
all desires known,
and from whom no secrets are hidden:
cleanse the thoughts of our hearts
by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit,
that we may perfectly love you,
and worthily magnify your holy name,
through Christ our Lord. Amen.

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

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.

Almighty God, our heavenly Father,
we have sinned against you
in thought, and word, and deed,
and in what we have failed to do.
Have mercy on us,
forgive us all that is past,
and grant that we may serve you
and live a new life to your glory;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The priest says this Absolution

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 life eternal;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The Hymn of Praise, Gloria in excelsis. [sung or said]

Glory to God in the highest,
and peace to God's people on earth.
Lord God, heav'nly King, almighty God and Father,
we worship you, we give you thanks,
we praise you for your glory.

Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,
Lord God, Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of the world:
have mercy on us;
you are seated at the right hand of the Father:
receive our prayer.

For you alone are the Holy One,
you alone are the Lord,
you alone are the Most High
Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit,
in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

The Collect is said or sung by the priest

Almighty God,
whose Son was revealed in majesty
before he suffered death upon the cross:
give us faith to perceive his glory,
that being strengthened by his grace
we may be changed into his likeness, from glory to glory;
through the same Jesus Christ our Lord,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

THE MINISTRY OF THE WORD

A Reading from the Second Book of 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.

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

Psalm 50. 1-6

1. The Lord our God, the Mighty One, has spoken:
and summoned the earth,
from the rising of the sun to its setting in the west.

2. From Zion, perfect in beauty:
God has shone out in glory.

3. Our God is coming, he will not keep silent:
before him is devouring fire,
and tempest whirls about him.

4. **He calls to the heavens above:**
and to the earth, so he may judge his people.

5. ‘Gather to me my faithful ones:
those who by sacrifice made a covenant with me.’

6. **The heavens shall proclaim his righteousness:
for God himself is judge.**

A Reading from the 2nd Letter of St Paul to the Corinthians [4. 3-12]

And even if our gospel is veiled, it is veiled to those who are perishing. In their case the god of this world has blinded the minds of the unbelievers, to keep them from seeing the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God. For we do not proclaim ourselves; we proclaim Jesus Christ as Lord and ourselves as your slaves for Jesus’ sake.

For 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.

But we have this treasure in clay jars, so that it may be made clear that this extraordinary power belongs to God and does not come from us.

We are afflicted in every way, but not crushed; perplexed, but not driven to despair; persecuted, but not forsaken; struck down, but not destroyed; always carrying in the body the death of Jesus, so that the life of Jesus may also be made visible in our bodies. For while we live, we are always being given up to death for Jesus’ sake, so that the life of Jesus may be made visible in our mortal flesh. So death is at work in us, but life in you.

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

Gradual Hymn: AHB 140 Tune: Ratisbon

Christ, whose glory fills the skies,
Christ the true, the only Light,
Sun of Righteousness, arise!
Triumph o'er the shades of night:
Dayspring from on high, be near;
Daystar, in my heart appear.

Dark and cheerless is the morn
unaccompanied by thee;
joyless is the day's return,

till thy mercy's beams I see,
till they inward light impart,
glad my eyes, and warm my heart.

Visit then this soul of mine!
Pierce the gloom of sin and grief!
Fill me, Radiancy Divine;
scatter all my unbelief;
more and more thyself display,
shining to the perfect day.

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

From the shining cloud the Father's voice is heard:
this is my beloved Son, hear him.

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

The Gospel of Our Lord Jesus Christ According to Mark [9. 2-9]
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.

For the Gospel of the Lord,
praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.

The Sermon

Let us together affirm the faith of the Church:

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 of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary
and became truly human.
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 MINISTRY OF PRAYER

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.
In peace we make our prayer to you.
In trust we confirm our faith in you.
Help us to set our faces steadfastly
to where you would have us go.
Lord, look with favour. **Lord, transfigure and heal.**

Lord of glory, look with favour on the nations of the world,
scarred by hatred, strife and war, remembering before you those
places we are aware of where peace is absent.

May they be healed by the touch of your hand.

In our prayers for the nations of the world we pray this week for Austria, Liechtenstein, Switzerland, their peoples and leaders.
Lord, look with favour. **Lord, transfigure and heal.**

Lord of glory, look with favour on your Church,
proclaiming your beloved Son to the world
and listening to the promptings of his Spirit.
We pray today for: The Diocese of Gippsland, Bp Richard Treloar (*Leanne Habeeb*). Clergy and People.
For our Bishop, Clarence (*Michelle & family*).
For the Parish of Kilmore: P-i-C: David Kerr. the Parish leaders and communities at: Christ Church, Kilmore. The Transfiguration, Pyalong. St Matthew's, Broadford St Stephen's, Tallarook.

We give thanks and pray for the ministries of all Anglicans in the church, in their homes, in friendships, in their daily lives and their work and recreation in the wider community.

May your Church be renewed in holiness
that she may reflect your glory.
Lord, look with favour. **Lord, transfigure and heal.**

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; remembering particularly Baby Noah, June Irvin, Kevin Barber, Keith Rate, Kate Vinicombe (CMS), Irene Ferguson, Zoe Creelman, Vikki Bye, Robert Jensen.

May the day break and Christ the Morning Star bring them
the light of his presence.
Lord, look with favour. **Lord, transfigure and heal.**

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.

We remember this week:

Gail Brewer, Zavier Rosmulder,

Edith Wright, Ena Bond.

Rest eternal grant unto them O Lord.
And may light perpetual shine upon them.

Accept our prayers through Jesus Christ our Lord
who taught us to 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.
Save us from the time of trial
and deliver us from evil.

For the kingdom, the power and the glory are yours,
now and for ever. Amen.

Congregation please stand

THE GREETING OF 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.
His Spirit is with us.

The peace of the Lord be always with you.
And also with you.

Offertory Hymn: AHB 498 Be Thou My Guardian and My Guide. Tune Abridge

1 Be thou my guardian and my guide,
and hear me when I call;
let not my slippery footsteps slide,
and hold me lest I fall.

2 The world, the flesh,
and Satan dwell around the path I tread:
O save me from the snares of hell,
thou quickener of the dead.

3 And if I tempted am to sin,
and outward things are strong,
do thou, O Lord, keep watch within,
and save my soul from wrong.

4 Still let me ever watch and pray,
and feel that I am frail,
that if the tempter cross my way
yet he may not prevail.

Isaac Williams 1802-65

Holy God,
receive all we bring before you this day,
and bring us also to that radiant glory
which we see in the transfigured face
of Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

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.

True and living God,
the source of life for all creation,
you have made us in your own image.
Always and everywhere we give you thanks
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Who revealed his dazzling glory to his disciples
on the holy mountain,
that they might be strengthened
to face the scandal of the cross.
His glory shone out and your voice from heaven
proclaimed him to be your beloved Son.

Therefore, with angels and archangels
and with all the company of heaven we praise your glorious name:

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed are you, almighty God,
because on the night he was betrayed
the Lord Jesus took bread,
and when he had given you thanks,

he broke it, gave it to his disciples and said,
Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you:
do this in remembrance of me. ✠

In the same way, after supper he took the cup;
when he had given you thanks he gave it to them and said,
Drink this, all of you;
this cup is the new covenant in my blood
poured out for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins:
do this as often as you drink it in remembrance of me. ✠

Let us proclaim the mystery of faith:

Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will again.

Therefore, loving God,
recalling now the sacrifice of Christ your Son
once for all upon the cross
and the triumph of his resurrection,
we ask you to accept this our sacrifice of praise.

Send your Holy Spirit on us and on these gifts
that we may be fed with the body and blood of your Son
and be filled with your life and goodness. ✠

Unite us in Christ and give us your peace
that we may do your work
and be his body in the world.

Through him, with him, in him,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit
we worship you, Father eternal,
in songs of never-ending praise:

Blessing and honour and glory and power
be yours for ever and ever. Amen.

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD AND THE COMMUNION

We break the bread of life
and that life is the light of the world.

God here among us,
light in the midst of us,
bring us to light and life.

The Agnus Dei

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world:
have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world:
have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world:
grant us your peace.

The priest gives the Invitation.

God's holy gifts
for God's holy people.
Jesus Christ is holy,
Jesus Christ is Lord,
to the glory of God the Father.

AFTER COMMUNION

The Priest says

Holy God,
we see your glory in the face of Jesus Christ.
May we who are partakers of his table
reflect his life in word and deed,
that all the world may know
his power to change and save.

Almighty God, we thank you for feeding us with
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.

Notices may be given at this point.

Concluding Hymn: AHB 478 Guide me, O thou great Jehovah, Tune CWM

1. Guide me, O thou great Jehovah,
pilgrim through this barren land.
I am weak, but thou art mighty;
hold me with thy powerful hand.
Bread of heaven, bread of heaven,
feed me till I want no more;
feed me till I want no more.

2. Open now the crystal fountain,
whence the healing stream doth flow;
let the fire and cloudy pillar
lead me all my journey through.
Strong deliverer, strong deliverer,
be thou still my strength and shield;
be thou still my strength and shield.

3. When I tread the verge of Jordan,
bid my anxious fears subside;
death of death and hell's destruction,
land me safe on Canaan's side.
Songs of praises, songs of praises,
I will ever give to thee;
I will ever give to thee.

Words by: William Williams;
trans. from the Welsh by Peter Williams and the author

Blessing

Christ Jesus,
the splendour of the Father and the image of his being,
draw you to himself
that you may live in his light and share his glory;
and the blessing of God almighty,
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,
be among you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

The Dismissal

Let us go in peace.

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

THE TRANSFIGURATION OF CHRIST
Window in St Paul's Anglican Church, Geelong.

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