



St Ives Uniting Church
19th February 2023
The Transfiguration of Jesus

Notices and Welcome

Introduction and Call to Worship

We Light the Christ Candle

Prayer of Invocation

Gathering to Praise God

Hymn 112 Through all the changing scenes of life *Wiltshire*

Prayer of Confession and Thanksgiving

Declaration of Forgiveness

God is love. Through Christ, your sins are forgiven. Take hold of this forgiveness, and live your life in the power of the Holy Spirit. Amen

Listening to God's Word

Responsive Reading Psalm 99

The LORD reigns, let the nations tremble; he sits enthroned between the cherubim, let the earth shake.

Great is the LORD in Zion; he is exalted over all the nations.

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

The King is mighty, he loves justice— you have established equity; in Jacob you have done what is just and right.

Exalt the LORD our God and worship at his footstool; he is holy.

Moses and Aaron were among his priests, Samuel was among those who called on his name; they called on the LORD and he answered them.

He spoke to them from the pillar of cloud; they kept his statutes and the decrees he gave them.

LORD our God, you answered them; you were to Israel a forgiving God, though you punished their misdeeds.

Exalt the LORD our God and worship at his holy mountain, for the LORD our God is holy.

Amen

Sharing the Peace

Prayer for Turkiye and Syria

Prepared by Rev. Simon Hansford
Moderator for NSW and ACT

First Lesson

Rob Mayrick

2 Peter 1 Verses 16 - 21

For we did not follow cleverly devised stories when we told you about the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ in power, but we were eyewitnesses of his majesty.

He received honour and glory from God the Father when the voice came to him from the Majestic Glory, saying, "This is my Son, whom I love; with him I am well pleased."

We ourselves heard this voice that came from heaven when we were with him on the sacred mountain.

We also have the prophetic message as something completely reliable, and you will do well to pay attention to it, as to a light shining in a dark place, until the day dawns and the morning star rises in your hearts.

Above all, you must understand that no prophecy of Scripture came about by the prophet's own interpretation of things.

For prophecy never had its origin in the human will, but prophets, though human, spoke from God as they were carried along by the Holy Spirit.

This is the Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

Hymn 212 Christ, whose glory fills the skies *Dix TIS 314*

Second Lesson

Marian Kingham

Matthew Chapter 17 Verses 1 - 9

After six days Jesus took with him Peter, James and John the brother of James, and led them up a high mountain by themselves. ² There he was transfigured before them. His face shone like the sun, and his clothes became as white as the light. ³ Just then there appeared before them Moses and Elijah, talking with Jesus.

⁴ Peter said to Jesus, “Lord, it is good for us to be here. If you wish, I will put up three shelters—one for you, one for Moses and one for Elijah.”

⁵ While he was still speaking, a bright cloud covered them, and a voice from the cloud said, “This is my Son, whom I love; with him I am well pleased. Listen to him!”

⁶ When the disciples heard this, they fell facedown to the ground, terrified. ⁷ But Jesus came and touched them. “Get up,” he said. “Don’t be afraid.” ⁸ When they looked up, they saw no one except Jesus.

⁹ As they were coming down the mountain, Jesus instructed them, “Don’t tell anyone what you have seen, until the Son of Man has been raised from the dead.”

This is the Gospel of the Lord

Lord Jesus Christ we give you our praise.

Musical Interlude “Pie Jesu” (Holy Jesus - Andrew Lloyd Weber)
Sung by Sarah Brightman

Sermon “Close to God” Lawrence Peak

Responding to God’s Word.

Hymn 234 How good Lord, to be here! *Carlisle*

Offering

Doxology

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow,
praise him, all creatures here below,
praise him above, ye heavenly host,
praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost.

Prayer of Dedication

Prayers of the People

Annette Burne

The Lord's Prayer

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come, your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.

Give us this day 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 forever.

Amen.

Closing Hymn 143 Immortal, invisible, God only wise *St Denio*

Benediction *The Lord bless you and keep you,
The Lord make his face you shine upon you
and be gracious unto you,
The Lord lift up the light of his countenance upon you
And give you peace. Amen*

Blessing 779 May the feet of God walk with you *"Aubrey"*

May the feet of God walk with you
And his hand hold you tight.
May the eye of God rest on you
And his ear hear your cry.
May the smile of God be for you,
And his breath give you life.
May the child of God grow in you
And his love bring you home.

Postlude

Organist

John Hughes

