



# St Ives Uniting Church

2 March 2025

## Transfiguration of Jesus

Call to worship and welcome

Lighting the Christ Candle

Hymn: 133 O worship the King

Prayer of adoration

Psalm – Psalm 99:1-3;5-9

<sup>1</sup> The Lord reigns,

**let the nations tremble;**

he sits enthroned between the cherubim,

**let the earth shake.**

<sup>2</sup> Great is the Lord in Zion;

**he is exalted over all the nations.**

<sup>3</sup> Let them praise your great and awesome name—

**he is holy.**

<sup>5</sup> Exalt the Lord our God and worship at his footstool;

**he is holy.**

<sup>6</sup> 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.**

<sup>7</sup> He spoke to them from the pillar of cloud;

**they kept his statutes and the decrees he gave them.**

<sup>8</sup> Lord our God,

you answered them;

**you were to Israel a forgiving God,**

**though you punished their misdeeds.**

<sup>9</sup> Exalt the Lord our God

and worship at his holy mountain,  
**for the Lord our God is holy.**

**Amen**

## **Prayer of confession**

### **Assurance of forgiveness**

Our sins are forgiven.

**Thanks be to God.**

**Hymn:** 717 Give thanks with a grateful heart

## **Bible readings**

### **Exodus 34:29-35**

Mike Tickell

<sup>29</sup> When Moses came down from Mount Sinai with the two tablets of the covenant law in his hands, he was not aware that his face was radiant because he had spoken with the Lord. <sup>30</sup> When Aaron and all the Israelites saw Moses, his face was radiant, and they were afraid to come near him. <sup>31</sup> But Moses called to them; so Aaron and all the leaders of the community came back to him, and he spoke to them. <sup>32</sup> Afterward all the Israelites came near him, and he gave them all the commands the Lord had given him on Mount Sinai.

<sup>33</sup> When Moses finished speaking to them, he put a veil over his face.

<sup>34</sup> But whenever he entered the Lord's presence to speak with him, he removed the veil until he came out. And when he came out and told the Israelites what he had been commanded, <sup>35</sup> they saw that his face was radiant. Then Moses would put the veil back over his face until he went in to speak with the Lord.

For the word of the Lord

**Thanks be to God**

## **Luke 9:28-43a**

Pam Tickell

<sup>28</sup> About eight days after Jesus said this, he took Peter, John and James with him and went up onto a mountain to pray. <sup>29</sup> As he was praying, the appearance of his face changed, and his clothes became as bright as a flash of lightning. <sup>30</sup> Two men, Moses and Elijah, appeared in glorious splendour, talking with Jesus. <sup>31</sup> They spoke about his departure, which he was about to bring to fulfillment at Jerusalem. <sup>32</sup> Peter and his companions were very sleepy, but when they became fully awake, they saw his glory and the two men standing with him. <sup>33</sup> As the men were leaving Jesus, Peter said to him, “Master, it is good for us to be here. Let us put up three shelters—one for you, one for Moses and one for Elijah.” (He did not know what he was saying.)

<sup>34</sup> While he was speaking, a cloud appeared and covered them, and they were afraid as they entered the cloud. <sup>35</sup> A voice came from the cloud, saying, “This is my Son, whom I have chosen; listen to him.”

<sup>36</sup> When the voice had spoken, they found that Jesus was alone. The disciples kept this to themselves and did not tell anyone at that time what they had seen.

<sup>37</sup> The next day, when they came down from the mountain, a large crowd met him. <sup>38</sup> A man in the crowd called out, “Teacher, I beg you to look at my son, for he is my only child. <sup>39</sup> A spirit seizes him and he suddenly screams; it throws him into convulsions so that he foams at the mouth. It scarcely ever leaves him and is destroying him. <sup>40</sup> I begged your disciples to drive it out, but they could not.”

<sup>41</sup> “You unbelieving and perverse generation,” Jesus replied, “how long shall I stay with you and put up with you? Bring your son here.”

<sup>42</sup> Even while the boy was coming, the demon threw him to the ground in a convulsion. But Jesus rebuked the impure spirit, healed the boy and gave him back to his father. <sup>43</sup> And they were all amazed at the greatness of God.

For the word of the Lord  
**Thanks be to God**

**Sermon:** After the mountain

**Hymn:** 228 Crown him with many crowns (verses 1,2,5,6)

**Notices**

**Offering**

**Offering response:** 768 Praise God from whom all blessings flow

**Prayers of the people and the Lord's prayer** Ross Lorenz

**Hymn:** 276 There's a light upon the mountains

**Benediction**

**Threefold Amen**

**Postlude** Organist John Hughes