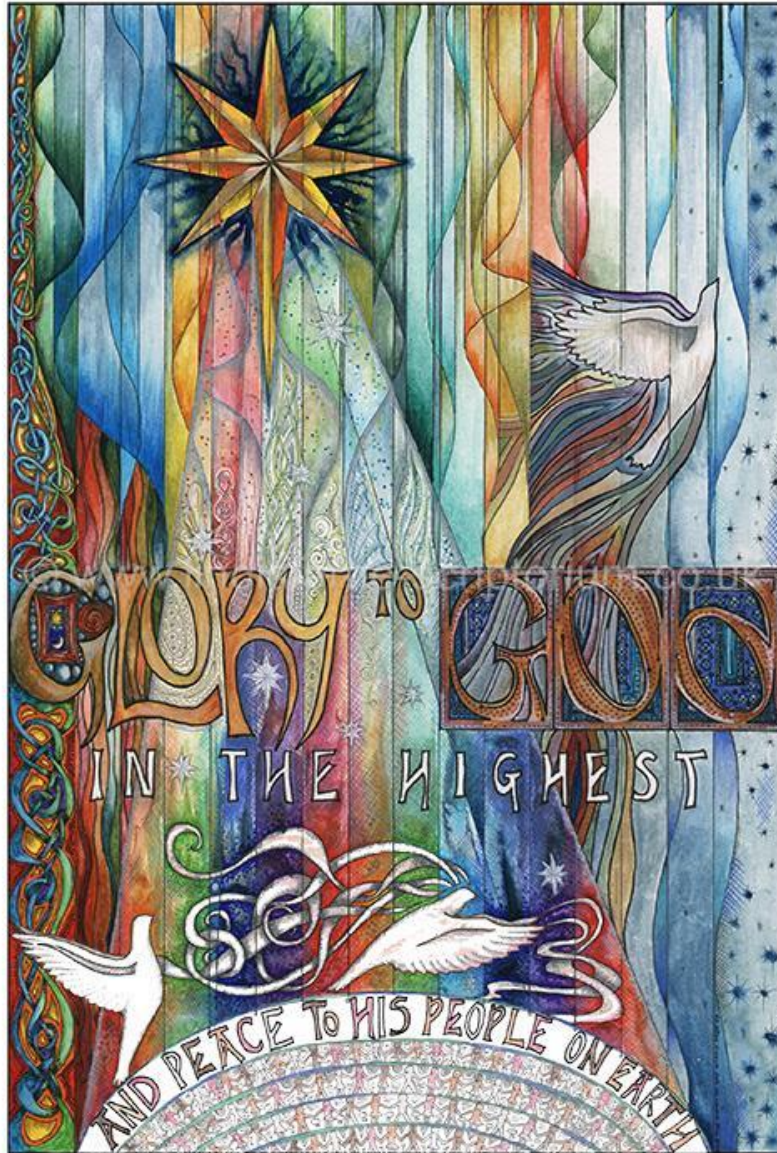


St Andrew's and St George's West
Order of Service, 27 February 2022
Transfiguration Sunday

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Gathering music

Welcome

Call to worship

We come to worship declaring God's glory
and decrying when it is obscured.

We come to worship grieving the war mongering in our world
where the sound of singing has been replaced by the sound of sirens

(ringing of a singing bowl)

May God equip us, through our worship:
to stand with those who live in the firing line
to open our doors and our hearts to those who enter them
to seek to forgive as we have been forgiven
to love in Jesus' name, the One who is called the Prince of Peace.

Hymn Be still, for the presence of the Lord

Be still,
for the presence of the Lord,
the Holy One, is here;
come bow before him now
with reverence and fear:
in him no sin is found –
we stand on holy ground.

Be still,
for the presence of the Lord,
the Holy One, is here.

Be still,
for the glory of the Lord
is shining all around;
he burns with holy fire,
with splendour he is crowned:
how awesome is the sight –
our radiant king of light!

Be still,
for the glory of the Lord
is shining all around.

Be still,
for the power of the Lord
Is moving in this place;
he comes to cleanse and heal,
to minister his grace:
no work too hard for him –
in faith receive from him.

Be still,
for the power of the Lord
is moving in this place.

Opening Prayer

The Lord's Prayer

Our Father in heaven.
Hallowed be your name
Your kingdom come,
Your will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those who sin against us.
Save us in the time of trial
and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours
now and forever. Amen.

Facing our fears.... a conversation

Scripture Dramatic reading of Luke 9:28-36

Anthem Christ whose glory fills the sky,
fill us with radiance and scatter darkness from our path.
Christ the dayspring on high,
draw near to guide our feet into the way of peace. Music: A. Carvel

Scripture reading and reflection

2 Corinthians 3:12 - 18

Since, then, we have such a hope, we act with great boldness, 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 was being set aside. 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. Indeed, to this very day whenever Moses is read, a veil lies over their minds; but when one turns to the Lord, the veil is removed. Now the Lord is the Spirit, and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom. 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.

2 Corinthians 4:5-7

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.

Prayer

Dear Jesus, help us to spread Your fragrance everywhere we go.
Flood our souls with Your Spirit and Life.
Penetrate and possess our whole being so utterly
that our lives may only be a radiance of Yours.
Shine through us and be so in us
that every soul we come in contact with may feel Your presence in our souls.
Let them look up, and see no longer us, but only Jesus!
Stay with us and then we shall begin to shine as You shine,
so to shine as to be a light to others.
The light, O Jesus, will be all from You; none of it will be ours.
It will be You, shining on others through us.
Let us thus praise You in the way You love best, by shining on those around us.
Let us preach You without preaching, not by words but by example,
by the catching force, the sympathetic influence of what we do,
the evident fullness of the love our hearts bear for You. Amen.

Cardinal John Henry Newman

Hymn

Lord, the light of your love is shining

Lord, the light of your love is shining
in the midst of the darkness, shining ;
Jesus, Light of the world, shine upon us,
set us free by the truth you now bring us.
Shine on me, shine on me.
*Shine, Jesus, shine,
fill this land with the Father's glory ;
blaze, Spirit, blaze,
set our hearts on fire.
Flow, river, flow,
flood the nations with grace and mercy ;
send forth your word, Lord,
and let there be light !*

Lord, I come to your awesome presence,
from the shadows into your radiance ;
by your blood I may enter your brightness,
search me, try me, consume all my darkness.
Shine on me, shine on me.

As we gaze on your kingly brightness,
so our faces display your likeness,
ever changing from glory to glory,
mirrored here may our lives tell your story.
Shine on me, shine on me.

Dedication of offerings

**We are awake to the glory of God
shining around us in gifts both great and small.
Thankful for God's faithful presence,
we give our offerings in return
as symbols of our faithfulness.
May they help bring healing where there is brokenness,
peace where there is chaos,
and justice wherever there is a need. Amen.**

Sharing the Peace

Jesus says: Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled, and do not let them be afraid. (John 14:27)

The peace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you all
And also with you

Prayers of the People

Lord, may the light of your love
shine bright in the world

'Practising' Lent

Hymn All the wonder

All the wonder that surrounds us
springs from God's care:
All that marvels or confounds us,
Raw, rich or rare;
touch and texture, sights and voices,
nature's countless forms and choices,
all in which the heart rejoices
springs from God's care.

Every creature every human
lives by God's grace;
every family, man and woman,
culture and race;
those whom fortune seems to favour,
those exploited for their labour;
those who need to know a neighbour
live by God's grace.

How can we revere God's goodness
meant for all time?
How ensure that each uniqueness
keeps in its prime?
How can we revere with pleasure

all God gives for life and leisure?
How preserve each earthly treasure
Meant for all time?

God has willed that peace and justice
walk hand in hand.
Those, with love, shall build foundations
on which we'll stand:
love for lover, friend and stranger,
love defying death and danger,
love as firstborn in a manger -
heaven close at hand.

Sending and blessing

This season closes.
Another begins with its own journey,
leading to a cross,
and through that cross to new life.
But there is much we must encounter
before we reach that empty tomb.
We travel onward claiming the wonder that,
wherever we are,
we are in the presence and glory of the Christ,
the Prince of Peace.

The Lord bless you and keep you;
the Lord make his face shine on you
and be gracious to you;
the Lord turn his face toward you
and give you peace.

Numbers 6:24-26 (NIV)

Sung Response Threefold Amen

Sending music

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