



Sunday next before Lent The Transfiguration 2021

Introduction: *A Sonnet for the Transfiguration by Malcolm Guite*

Gathering

We meet in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

Hymn: Christ, whose glory fills the skies

Prayer

May we recognise and be always open to your glory;
open to the mystery of faith,
open to growth in belief,
and open to who you truly are,
as mountain top followers,
and valley companions:
open to you infinite, mysterious and glorious God.

Amen

Confession

Loving God, you have brought us out of darkness and into your glorious light.
Hear us as we confess those times when we have continued to live as though we were still in darkness.

God is our judge, and sees all things.
We have not loved God with all our heart and mind and soul and strength;
we have not loved our neighbours as ourselves.
We ask for forgiveness and restoration to grace.
Lord, we are sorry – forgive us.

Lord, you are right to judge us, for we have sinned.
We have done things that have hurt others,
damaged your creation and limited our potential;
we have not done things that build up others.
We ask for forgiveness and restoration to grace.
Lord, we are sorry – forgive us.

May the God of all healing and forgiveness
draw you to himself,
and cleanse you from all your sins
that you may behold the glory of his Son,
the Word made flesh,
Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

Reading: Mark 9.2-9

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.

Hymn: Bright the vision that delighted

Reflection

Intercessions

The Lord's Prayer

Our Father, who art in heaven,

hallowed be thy name;
thy kingdom come;
thy will be done;
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation;
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom,
the power and the glory,
for ever and ever. **Amen.**

Affirmation of faith:

We believe in God the Father,
from whom every family
in heaven and on earth is named.

We believe in God the Son,
who lives in our hearts through faith,
and fills us with his love.

We believe in God the Holy Spirit,
who strengthens us
with power from on high.

We believe in one God; Father, Son and Holy Spirit. **Amen**

The Peace

‘Where two or three are gathered together in my name,’
says the Lord, ‘there am I in the midst of them.’

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

Act of Spiritual Communion

Thanks be to you, Lord Jesus Christ, for all the benefits you have given me, for all the pains and insults you have borne for me. Since I cannot now receive you sacramentally, I ask you to come spiritually into my heart. O most merciful redeemer, friend and brother, may I know you more clearly, love you more dearly, and follow you more nearly, day by day. **Amen.**

Conclusion

The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make his face to shine upon you,
and be gracious to you.
The Lord lift up his countenance upon you,
and give you peace;
and the blessing of god Almighty,
the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit,
be among you and remain with you always. **Amen**

Hymn: Shine, Jesus, shine

Christ, whose glory fills the skies

Christ, whose glory fills the skies,
Christ, the true, the only light,
sun of righteousness, arise,
triumph o'er the shades of night;
day-spring from on high, be near;
day-star, 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.

Charles Wesley (1707-1788)

Bright the vision that delighted

Bright the vision that delighted
once the sight of Judah's seer;
sweet the countless tongues united
to entrance the prophet's ear.

Round the Lord in glory seated
cherubim and seraphim
filled his temple, and repeated
each to each the alternate hymn:

'Lord, thy glory fills the heaven;
earth is with its fulness stored;
unto thee be glory given,
holy, holy, holy, Lord.'

Heaven is still with glory ringing,
earth takes up the angels' cry,
'Holy, holy, holy,' singing,
'Lord of hosts, the Lord most high.'

With his seraph train before him,
with his holy Church below,
thus unite we to adore him,
bid we thus our anthem flow:

'Lord, thy glory fills the heaven;
earth is with its fulness stored;
unto thee be glory given,
holy, holy, holy, Lord.'

Richard Mant (1776-1848)

Shine, Jesus, shine

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 the blood I may enter Your brightness:
set us free by the truth You now bring us
shine on me, shine on me.

Chorus

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.

Chorus

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