

## ST MARK AND ALL SAINTS, READING

SUNDAY 15TH FEBRUARY 2026  
THE TRANSFIGURATION

Whoever you are,  
wherever you are on life's journey  
you are welcome here.

### THE GATHERING

*All the words are in this service sheet. Please join in with the words printed in bold type.  
At the start of the service a bell is rung and the procession enters as we stand to sing the opening hymn.*

### ENTRANCE HYMN

God of grace and God of glory,  
on your people pour your power;  
now fulfil Thy church's story,  
bring her bud to glorious flower.  
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,  
for the facing of this hour,

Lo! the hosts of evil round us  
scorn the Christ, assail his ways!  
From the fears that long have bound us  
free our hearts to faith and praise.  
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,  
for the living of these days,

Cure your children's warring madness;  
bend our pride to your control;  
shame our wanton, selfish gladness,  
rich in things and poor in soul.  
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,  
lest we miss your kingdom's goal,

Set our feet on lofty places;  
gird our lives that they may be  
armoured with all Christ-like graces  
as we set your people free.  
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,  
lest we fail the world or thee

## THE GREETING

✠ In the name of the Father,  
and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**  
The Lord be with you  
**and also with you.**

*The priest welcomes us and introduces the theme of the service.*

## PRAYER OF PENITENCE

God so loved the world  
that he gave his only Son Jesus Christ  
to save us from our sins,  
to be our advocate in heaven,  
and to bring us to eternal life.

Let us confess our sins in penitence and faith,  
firmly resolved to keep God's commandments  
and to live in love and peace with all.

**Almighty God, our heavenly Father,  
we have sinned against you  
and against our neighbour  
in thought and word and deed,  
through negligence, through weakness,  
through our own deliberate fault.  
We are truly sorry  
and repent of all our sins.  
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,  
who died for us,  
forgive us all that is past  
and grant that we may serve you  
in newness of life  
to the glory of your name.  
Amen.**

Almighty God, who forgives all who truly repent  
have mercy upon 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.**

*Knowing that we are forgiven for our sins we sing this song of praise to God.*

**Glory to God, Glory to God,  
Glory to God in the highest.**

**Glory to God in the highest,  
and peace to his people on earth.  
Lord God, heavenly 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 . . .**

*The priest invites us to pray silently and then prays the collect:*

Almighty Father,  
whose Son was revealed in majesty  
before he suffered death upon the cross:  
give us grace to perceive his glory,  
that we may be strengthened to suffer with him  
and be changed into his likeness, from glory to glory;  
who is alive and reigns with you,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever

**Amen**

*Please sit*

## **THE LITURGY OF THE WORD**

### **FIRST READING**

Exodus 24.12-18

The LORD said to Moses, ‘Come up to me on the mountain, and wait there; and I will give you the tablets of stone, with the law and the commandment, which I have written for their instruction.’ So Moses set out with his assistant Joshua, and Moses went up into the mountain of God. To the elders he had said, ‘Wait here for us, until we come to you again; for Aaron and Hur are with you; whoever has a dispute may go to them.’

Then Moses went up on the mountain, and the cloud covered the mountain. The glory of the LORD settled on Mount Sinai, and the cloud covered it for six days; on the seventh day he called to Moses out of the cloud. Now the appearance of the glory of the LORD was like a devouring fire on the top of the mountain in the sight of the people of Israel. Moses entered the cloud, and went up on the mountain. Moses was on the mountain for forty days and forty nights

This is the word of the Lord  
**Thanks be to God.**

**GRADUAL HYMN PSALM 99**  
**Herongate**

*Our gradual Hymn is a congregational setting of today's psalm.  
As we stand and sing the Gospel Book is carried into the midst of the congregation, reflecting God's coming among us in Christ. Please turn to face it.*

**How I rejoiced that we should go,  
to see the temple of the Lord!  
And now our feet are standing here,  
Jerusalem, within your ward.**

**Jerusalem, a city built,  
and altogether unified;  
in her the thrones of judgement, for  
the house of David, still reside.**

**The tribes of Israel ascend,  
his tribes ascending to the Lord,  
according to his covenant here,  
to praise his name with one accord.**

**So pray prosperity and peace,  
for those who love Jerusalem;  
in citadel and hall be peace,  
prosperity in all of them.**

**To friend and neighbour I will say,  
The peace of God rest in your doors!  
And, from the temple of the Lord,  
may goodness come to you and yours.**

**THE GOSPEL**  
Matthew 17.1-9

**Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia  
Speak Lord, for your servant is listening.  
You have the words of eternal life.  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

**The Lord be with you  
And also with you  
Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ  
according to Matthew.**

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

Jesus took with him Peter and James and his brother John and led them up a high mountain, by themselves. And he was transfigured before them, and his face shone like the sun, and his clothes became dazzling white. Suddenly there appeared to them Moses and Elijah, talking with him. Then Peter said to Jesus, ‘Lord, it is good for us to be here; if you wish, I will make three dwellings here, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah.’ While he was still speaking, suddenly a bright cloud overshadowed them, and from the cloud a voice said, ‘This is my Son, the Beloved; with him I am well pleased; listen to him!’ When the disciples heard this, they fell to the ground and were overcome by fear. But Jesus came and touched them, saying, ‘Get up and do not be afraid.’ And when they looked up, they saw no one except Jesus himself alone. As they were coming down the mountain, Jesus ordered them, ‘Tell no one about the vision until after the Son of Man has been raised from the dead.’

This is the Gospel of the Lord

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

*Sit*

## **THE SERMON**

*A brief period of silence may follow for us to reflect on the address and the readings today, then the priest invites us to stand to declare our faith.*

## **THE CREED**

**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 from the Holy Spirit and the  
Virgin Mary and was made man.**

**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.

*Sit or kneel to pray*

#### THE INTERCESSIONS

*During the prayers these or other responses may be used*  
**Lord, in your mercy**  
hear our prayer.

*And at the end of the prayers we say*  
Merciful Father,  
accept these prayers  
for the sake of your Son,  
our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.

#### THE LITURGY OF THE SACRAMENT

*Stand*

#### THE PEACE

We are the Body of Christ.  
In the one Spirit we were all baptized into one body.  
**Let us then pursue all that makes for peace and builds up our common life.**

The peace of the Lord be always with you.  
**and also with you.**

*We greet those around us in the peace of Christ, shaking hands and saying "Peace be with you"*

#### OFFERTORY HYMN

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,<sup>6</sup>  
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.**

*When the altar is prepared and the offerings received the president leads the offertory prayers.*

Blessed are you, Lord God of all creation:  
through your goodness we have this bread  
to set before you,  
which earth has given and human hands have made.  
It will become for us the bread of life.  
**Blessed be God for ever.**

Blessed are you, Lord God of all creation:  
through your goodness we have this wine to set before you,  
fruit of the vine and work of human hands.  
It will become for us the cup of salvation.  
**Blessed be God for ever.**

Generous God, as we gather around your table called and welcomed by Christ we present this  
money, symbol of all the gifts you give to us.  
**use it, use us, in the service of your world  
to the glory of your name. Amen.**

#### **THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER**

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 thanks and praise.**

Father, we give you thanks and praise

through your beloved Son Jesus Christ, your living Word, through whom you have created all things;

who was sent by you in your great goodness to be our Saviour.  
By the power of the Holy Spirit he took flesh;  
as your Son, born of the blessed Virgin,  
he lived on earth and went about among us;  
he opened wide his arms for us on the cross;  
he put an end to death by dying for us;  
and revealed the resurrection by rising to new life;  
so he fulfilled your will and won for you a holy people.

And now we give you thanks because you are the source of light and life; you made us in your image and called us to new life in him.

Therefore with all the angels of heaven  
we lift our voices to proclaim the glory of your name  
and sing our joyful hymn of praise:

**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.**

Lord, you are holy indeed, the source of all holiness;  
grant that by the power of your Holy Spirit,  
and according to your holy will,  
these gifts of bread and wine  
may be to us the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ; who, in the same night that he was  
betrayed,  
took bread and gave you thanks;  
he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying:  
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 and gave you thanks;  
he gave it to them, saying:

Drink this, all of you;  
this is my blood of the new covenant,  
which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins.

Do this, as often as you drink it,  
in remembrance of me.

Great is the mystery of faith  
**Christ has died:**  
**Christ is risen:**  
**Christ will come again.**

And so, Father,  
calling to mind his death on the cross,

his perfect sacrifice made once for the sins of the whole world;  
rejoicing in his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension,  
and looking for his coming in glory,  
we celebrate this memorial of our redemption.

As we offer you this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving,  
we bring before you this bread and this cup  
and we thank you for counting us worthy  
to stand in your presence and serve you.

Send the Holy Spirit on your people  
and gather into one in your kingdom  
all who share this one bread and one cup,  
so that we, in the company of [N and] all the saints,  
may praise and glorify you for ever,  
through Jesus Christ our Lord;  
by whom, and with whom, and in whom,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
all honour and glory be yours, almighty Father,  
for ever and ever.

**Amen**

*We kneel or sit as silence is kept before 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.**

*The priest breaks the consecrated bread, saying*

We break this bread to share in the body of Christ.  
**Though we are many, we are one body,**  
**because we all share in one bread.**

*The priest invites the people to receive Communion, and says*

Jesus is the Lamb of God  
who takes away the sin of the world.  
Blessed are those who are called to his supper.  
**Lord, I am not worthy to receive you,**  
**but only say the word, and I shall be healed.**

*We sing together*

**Lamb of God,  
you take away the sin of the world  
have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God,  
you take away the sin of the world  
have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God,  
you take away the sin of the world  
grant us your peace.**

#### **COMMUNION HYMN**

**How lovely on the mountains are the feet of him  
who brings good news, good news,  
proclaiming peace, announcing news of happiness:  
*our God reigns, our God reigns!*  
*Our God reigns, our God reigns,*  
*our God reigns, our God reigns!***

**You watchmen, lift your voices joyfully as one,  
shout for your King, your King;  
see eye to eye, the Lord restoring Zion:  
*our God reigns, our God reigns!*  
*Our God reigns, our God reigns,*  
*our God reigns, our God reigns!***

**Waste places of Jerusalem, break forth with joy!  
We are redeemed, redeemed;  
the Lord has saved and comforted his people:  
*our God reigns, our God reigns!*  
*Our God reigns, our God reigns,*  
*our God reigns, our God reigns!***

**Ends of the earth, see the salvation of our God!  
Jesus is Lord, is Lord!  
Before the nations, he has bared his holy arm:  
*our God reigns, our God reigns!*  
*Our God reigns, our God reigns,*  
*our God reigns, our God reigns!***

#### **POST COMMUNION PRAYER**

*Once communion has been shared we stand when the priest invites us to pray.*

Holy God,

we see your glory in the face of Jesus Christ:  
may we who are partakers at his table  
reflect his life in word and deed,  
that all the world may know his power to change and save.  
This we ask through Jesus Christ our Lord.  
**Amen.**

**God of gentleness and love**  
**draw near to us as we draw near to you.**  
**Dwell in every heart and conversation.**  
**Fashion in us the likeness of your Son, Jesus Christ.**  
**Help us to discern together**  
**all that you are calling us to be**  
**and all that you are calling us to do.**  
**Assist us by your Spirit**  
**to become a more contemplative,**  
**more compassionate**  
**and more courageous Church,**  
**for the building of your kingdom**  
**and the glory of your Son.**  
**Amen.**

## NOTICES

*We sit to listen to any notices about parish events.  
Banns of Marriage may be announced.*

*If your Birthday falls this week please tell us we would love to celebrate with you.*

## THE DISMISSAL

*Stand*

## THE BLESSING

The Lord be with you  
**And also with you**

Christ the Son of God perfect in you the image  
of his glory and gladden your hearts with the  
good news of his kingdom; and the blessing  
of God almighty, the Father, the Son, and the  
Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always.  
**Amen**

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.  
**In the name of Christ..**

## CLOSING HYMN

**Come, let us join our cheerful songs  
with angels round the throne;  
ten thousand thousand are their tongues,  
but all their joys are one.**

**'Worthy the Lamb that died,' they cry,  
'to be exalted thus';  
'Worthy the Lamb,' our lips reply,  
'for he was slain for us.'**

**Jesus is worthy to receive  
honour and power divine;  
and blessings, more than we can give,  
be, Lord, for ever thine.**

**Let all that dwell above the sky,  
and air, and earth, and seas,  
conspire to lift thy glories high,  
and speak thine endless praise.**

**The whole creation joins in one  
to bless the sacred name  
of him that sits upon the throne,  
and to adore the Lamb.**

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