

## Christ Church, Ipswich

*Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> February 2026  
 Transfiguration Sunday Family Worship  
 Led by Neil  
 Organist: Stephen*

Hello, I hope you are well.  
 Let us worship God together:

### Call to worship

Jesus' glory and identity  
 was revealed to his disciples.  
 We come today to see the glory of God.  
 We come to know Jesus, the Son of God.  
 We come to be dazzled  
 by God's presence among us.  
 We come for all to be revealed  
 that we might listen more closely to God's Word.

### A gathering prayer

Lord, we want to see your glory!  
 Help us to be prepared to meet you,  
 to experience those places  
 where we can hear your voice  
 and see your radiance.  
 Make us open to recognising you,  
 that we may treasure your presence.  
 Give us the strength of faith  
 to share our joy with others,  
 that they too may know themselves  
 to be loved by you. **Amen.**

### R&S 67 Immortal, invisible, God only wise

1 Immortal, invisible, God only wise,  
 in light inaccessible hid from our eyes,  
 most blessed, most glorious, the Ancient of Days,  
 almighty, victorious, Thy great name we praise.

2 Unresting, unhasting, and silent as light,  
 nor wanting, nor wasting, Thou rulest in might;  
 thy justice like mountains high soaring above  
 thy clouds which are fountains  
 of goodness and love.

3 To all life Thou givest, to both great and small;  
 in all life Thou livest, the true life of all;  
 we blossom and flourish as leaves on the tree,  
 And wither and perish; but  
 naught changeth Thee.

4 Great Father of glory: O help us to see  
 'tis only the splendour of light hideth thee.  
 And so let thy glory, Almighty, impart,  
 through Christ in the story, thy Christ to the heart.

Walter Chalmers Smith. (1824-1908)

### A prayer of adoration

Most mighty and exalted Lord,  
 we come today to praise and worship you.  
 We thank you for your glory,  
 for your power and your majesty  
 that transforms our lives into your likeness.  
 You shone like the noonday sun;  
 as you revealed your glory on the mountaintop,  
 reveal yourself and shine on us today.  
 We worship you most beloved Son of God. **Amen.**

### A prayer of confession

Transforming God,  
we come to the foot of your cross  
and say sorry when we don't listen.  
We are sorry when we miss you in the midst of our lives,  
when we fail to glimpse you,  
even when you are shining so bright before us.  
We are sorry when we are afraid and don't trust you,  
when we fall asleep, absorbed in our own lives,  
when we make our own conclusions and don't involve you,  
when we think we know best.  
Help us to always seek refuge in you,  
to be transformed by your brightness,  
and draw closer to you. **Amen.**

### Assurance of forgiveness

Awesome God,  
we are your beloved and our home is in you.  
We are forgiven and transformed into your likeness.  
You make us whole. **Amen**

### A prayer of thanksgiving

O Morning Star,  
we thank you that we can be completely changed by you.  
We thank you that you have called us to yourself  
to be transformed and made whole.  
Thank you that we can draw aside and  
spend time in your presence,  
worshipping you and praising you for your love.  
You transform us day by day.  
You draw us closer to you,  
so that we can shine bright and be your children of light.  
O Morning Star, we praise you! **Amen.**

### The Lord's Prayer

#### Family Talk

#### G to G 118 Lord, the light of your love is shining

1 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!*

2 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.

3 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.

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**Old Testament Reading****Exodus 24:12-18****(OT page 66)**

<sup>12</sup> 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.’ <sup>13</sup> So Moses set out with his assistant Joshua, and Moses went up into the mountain of God. <sup>14</sup> 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.’

<sup>15</sup> Then Moses went up on the mountain, and the cloud covered the mountain. <sup>16</sup> 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. <sup>17</sup> 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. <sup>18</sup> Moses entered the cloud, and went up on the mountain. Moses was on the mountain for forty days and forty nights.

**Gospel Reading****Matthew 17:1-9****(NT page 17)***The Transfiguration*

**17** Six days later, Jesus took with him Peter and James and his brother John and led them up a high mountain, by themselves. <sup>2</sup> And he was transfigured before them, and his face shone like the sun, and his clothes became dazzling white. <sup>3</sup> Suddenly there appeared to them Moses and Elijah, talking with him. <sup>4</sup> Then Peter said to Jesus, ‘Lord, it is good for us to be here; if you wish, I<sup>[a]</sup> will make three dwellings<sup>[b]</sup> here, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah.’ <sup>5</sup> While he was still speaking, suddenly a bright cloud overshadowed them, and from the cloud a voice said, ‘This is my Son, the Beloved;<sup>[c]</sup> with him I am well pleased; listen to him!’ <sup>6</sup> When the disciples heard this, they fell to the ground and were overcome by fear. <sup>7</sup> But Jesus came and touched them, saying, ‘Get up and do not be afraid.’ <sup>8</sup> And when they looked up, they saw no one except Jesus himself alone.

<sup>9</sup> 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.’

**Reflection***A moment for reflection as Stephen plays the organ***G to G 2 Be still, for the presence of the Lord**

1 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.

2 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.

3 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.

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## Our prayers of intercession

Almighty God, aware that there is so much in our world today which needs your transforming love, we trust that you will hear our heartfelt prayers, even when we can't find the words to express them.

Many of us feel unsettled as we witness news reports and images recently. We see influential people involved in scandal and wrongdoing and we don't know whom to trust. We see the powerful running rough-shod over the most vulnerable in society and we don't know how to stand against them. We see international disunity, division and conflict and we wonder what will happen next. Take pity on us, Lord, and strengthen those who work for peace, for reconciliation, for compassion and for truth.

Ever-present God, **may we witness the transforming light of your love.**

We bring before you all victims of those who abuse or have abused their position of power in any way. May their voices be heard and wrongs righted. And we ask that you will fill all those in leadership with wisdom and a desire truly to follow your way with integrity.

Ever-present God, **may we witness the transforming light of your love.**

Loving God, with poverty levels in this country at just over one in five and food price inflation over 4%, we think of those affected by the increasing poverty in our communities and those who struggle to make ends meet. We remember those who struggle to get employment because of disability or ill health, criminal records, unpaid caring roles, homelessness, or due to discrimination. We pray for those facing redundancy or the collapse of their workplace. Bring them hope and relief from anxiety; enable those who can offer them practical and emotional support; and open up ways to change their circumstances. We pray that the most vulnerable will be prioritised in political decision making at all levels and that those with economic influence might promote a more equitable distribution of resources.

Ever-present God, **may we witness the transforming light of your love.**

God of those who mourn, we pray for those who struggle with illness of body, mind or spirit and for those who care for them, whether as professionals or as those who love them. Bring comfort and healing, patience and endurance into those lives. We pray for insight and clarity for those who work to find new ways of improving life for those who suffer or struggle in any way. We ask your blessing on those known to us who are in any kind of trouble.

Ever-present God, **may we witness the transforming light of your love.**

God of the everyday, we pray for our community, our church, our friends and families, and for ourselves. You alone know the thoughts of our hearts and the concerns we carry; the deepest need of those around us, spoken and unspoken. Where there is need, Lord, bring your transforming love. and help us to serve, not for our own wellbeing, reputation and gratification but in your name. **Amen.**

## G to G 8 Christ triumphant, ever reigning

1 Christ triumphant, ever reigning,  
Saviour, Master, King,  
Lord of heaven, our lives sustaining,  
hear us as we sing:

*Yours the glory and the crown,  
the high renown, the eternal name.*

2 Word incarnate, truth revealing,  
Son of Man on earth!  
power and majesty concealing  
by your humble birth:

*Yours the glory...*

3 Suffering servant, scorned, ill-treated,  
victim crucified!  
death is through the cross defeated,  
sinners justified:

*Yours the glory...*

4 Priestly King, enthroned for ever  
high in heaven above!  
sin and death and hell shall never  
stifle hymns of love:  
*Yours the glory...*

5 So, our hearts and voices raising  
through the ages long,  
ceaselessly upon You gazing,  
this shall be our song:  
*Yours the glory...*

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**A sending out prayer**

As you journey between the mountaintops and the plains of life,  
may the transforming power of God inspire you.

May the challenging and comforting grace of Jesus guide you,  
and may the companionship of the Holy Spirit walk with you.  
Go knowing the love of God within you, today and every day.

And may the blessing of God Almighty  
Father, Son and Holy Spirit  
Be upon you, and those whom you love,  
this day and always. **Amen.**

**The Grace**

**May the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,  
the love of God,  
and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit,  
be with us all evermore. Amen.**