

# Church Alive Zoom and at Home Worship Sheet



Transfiguration - 14th February 2021

#### (For the Zoom service:

Welcome to Zoom Church Alive.

We will meet at 11am and start the service at 11.05am. Please use MUTE on your computer at 11.05am for the service, especially wherever we are singing together, except in the sections where marked. If you'd like to say something at other times, please 'raise your hand' (you will find this in the Participants section) or type it in under 'chat' and it will appear on the screen.)

Jesus invites his three closest disciples to go up a mountain with him. The disciples are dazzled by Jesus' altered appearance. In contrast to the voice that spoke to Jesus at his baptism, this time a voice speaks directly to the disciples and tells them to 'listen to him', before they then head back down the mountain.

**Opening Song**: Majesty, Worship His Majesty https://youtu.be/fl3MmM-MjhI

### Call to Worship & Opening Prayer:

Almighty God, we ask you to show us something more of who you are and how awesome your presence is.

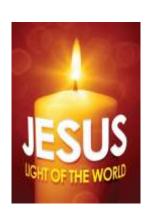
Overcome our fear of the unknown, and lead us into a new experience of you.

May our worship today be as on a mountain-top, a transforming encounter that empowers our discipleship.

Amen.

If you are able, and it is safe to do so, you might like to light your candle at this point as well and hold up your candle as we say our prayer together.

All: Lord, we light this candle,
to remind us that you are the light of the world.
As we gather together in spirit,
make our voices ready to sing your praise;
our hearts open to receive your love
and our minds alive to your Spirit.
Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.



# We seek God's healing and forgiveness:

Lord, we come before you to say sorry. Sorry for all the times we've let you, ourselves and others down.

Silence is kept for a time.

Forgive us when we not open to life-changing moments and just plod through life and get despondent with the mundane.

Father, forgive us.

Forgive us when we can at times get fixated on the spiritual mountain-tops and so miss out on what's happening below in the everyday.

Father, forgive us.

There are many voices tuned into today's world telling us how to live and what's best. Forgive us when we fail to test things against your word. **Father, forgive us.** 

## We hear words assuring us of God's forgiveness

May the Father of all mercies cleanse us from our sins, and restore us in his image to the praise and glory of his name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All: Amen.



**Thanksgiving:** When have we been really surprised by something. Did it change our mind about that thing? When has God surprised and changed us? How did we say thank you for being changed

## **Bible Reading** Mark 9:2-9 **The Transfiguration** – Good News Translation

<sup>2</sup> Six days later Jesus took with him Peter, James, and John, and led them up a high mountain, where they were alone. As they looked on, a change came over Jesus, <sup>3</sup> and his clothes became shining white—whiter than anyone in the world could wash them. <sup>4</sup> Then the three disciples saw Elijah and Moses talking with Jesus. <sup>5</sup> Peter spoke up and said to Jesus, "Teacher, how good it is that we are here! We will make three tents, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah." <sup>6</sup> He and the others were so frightened that he did not know what to say.

<sup>7</sup> Then a cloud appeared and covered them with its shadow, and a voice came from the cloud, "This is my own dear Son—listen to him!" <sup>8</sup> They took a quick look around but did not see anyone else; only Jesus was with them.

<sup>9</sup> As they came down the mountain, Jesus ordered them, "Don't tell anyone what you have seen, until the Son of Man has risen from death."

On Zoom - Talk

At Home - please use the separate Resources sheet.

**Song**: Open The Eyes Of My Heart Lord https://youtu.be/N4\_hEtENvfw

#### **Prayers**

(On zoom - We will play a very short piece of music, during which you can add your prayers to the chat and then they will be included in the prayer time).

Today we might particularly pray for:

The gift of faith and how we might share that.

All those who have been or are affected by the COVID-19 virus; those suffering illness, those providing care and treatment, those seeking long-term solutions. for the swift and safe deployment of the vaccine For the leaders of the nations as they deal with balancing health and economic pressures which will affect us all.

Our friends and families, especially those who finding it difficult as we go through this lockdown

Those we know who are sick or who need our prayers at this time.

All who have recently died and the families and friends that mourn them

All: Merciful Father, accept these prayers for the sake of your son, our Saviour, Jesus Christ. Amen

All: Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done on earth as in heaven.

Give us today our daily bread.

Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us. Lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil.

For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and for ever.

Amen.

**Song**: This Is Amazing Grace https://youtu.be/\_OoB8c1ZrkY

#### **Sending Out Prayer and Blessing**

Lord Jesus, raise our expectations of what it means to encounter God not just in this place but in every place, in all the places we shall be in the days ahead. Help us every day to discover something new about God's ways, about what God wants of us – and change the way we see the world, and the way we act. And the blessing...

## The Peace

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

(On zoom - We share the peace with each other using sign language Fellowship time – unmute. We will go around the group so that everyone has a chance to let us know how they are and any news they want to share).