



Sunday 14 February, 2021

The Sunday before Lent

*If a household are praying together,
one person may act as leader and the
others as the congregation and they
join in the words in bold type.*

If alone, read all the words aloud.

*You may want to light a candle before you begin, and
have a Bible, cross or crucifix hand.*

*You might prepare for this act of worship by listening to
some music, or by being still.*

Preparation

Today we encounter the mysterious Transfiguration Gospel at a watershed in the Christian year as we prepare to revisit Jesus' saving work through Lent. Today is a good day to reflect on where God has led us thus far and to rejoice that God accepts us as we are and to listen to our Saviour as we set our face towards Jerusalem.

In the name of the Father, and of the Son,
and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

The Lord is here.
His Spirit is with us.

The Act of Penitence

Your unfailing kindness, O Lord, is in the heavens,
and your faithfulness reaches to the clouds:

Lord, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

Your righteousness is like the strong mountains,
and your justice as the great deep:

Christ, have mercy.

Christ, have mercy.

For with you is the well of life
and in your light shall we see light:

Lord, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

Words of forgiveness

May the God of love and power
forgive us and free us from our sins,
heal and strengthen us by his Spirit,
and raise us to new life in Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The Special Prayer for this week

Holy God,
you know the disorder of our sinful lives:
set straight our crooked hearts,
and bend our wills to love your goodness
and your glory
in Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

The Word of the Lord

First Reading | 2 Corinthians 4. 3-6

A reading from the letter to the Corinthians

Even if our gospel is veiled, it is veiled to those who are perishing. In their case the god of this world has blinded the minds of the unbelievers, to keep them from seeing the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God. 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.

This is the word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

The Holy Gospel | Mark 9. 2-9

Hear the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke

Glory to you, O Lord

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.

This is the Gospel of the Lord
Praise to you, O Christ.

Affirmation of faith

Let us declare our faith in God.

**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**

Prayers of intercession

*You may wish to offer prayer in your own words,
or be prompted by the words here*

*We pray for our world, especially at this time of anxiety
and fear...*

We pray for our nation and its well-being...

*We pray for neighbours, family and friends and we
remember all those self-isolating at the moment...*

*We pray for all who are sick, worried or anxious, and for
those who feel cut off from friends and family...*

*We pray for those who have died in recent days, and all
whom we remember with love and affection*

The Lord's Prayer

Joining with Christians throughout the world,
we pray:

Our Father....

Or

Our Father in heaven....

The Grace

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

Readings for the coming week:

Monday	Psalm 44	Mark 8.11-13
Tuesday	Psalm 48	Mark 8. 14-21

Ash Wednesday

**Holy God,
our lives are laid open before you:
rescue us from the chaos of sin
and through the death of your Son
bring us healing and make us whole
in Jesus Christ our Lord.**

**Isaiah 58.1-12
Psalm 51.1-18
Matthew 6.1-6, 16-21**



Thursday	Psalm 77	Luke 9. 22-25
Friday	Psalm 3	Matthew 9.14-15
Saturday	Psalm 71	Luke 5.27-32