





Transfiguration of Christ 1480-1485, Giovanni, 1426?-1516 Building:National Museum of Capodimonte City:Naples

The Sunday before Lent. Transfiguration.

Welcome to Saint John's especially all who are visiting today! An audio loop system is in operation for those with hearing aids. The order of service is available to download form the website and the 10.30am is livestreamed on St John's Malone YouTube channel.

- Today: Sunday 27th February 2022
- 9:00am Eucharist in the Side Chapel
- 10.30am Sung Eucharist & Holy Baptism
- 6:30pm Choral Evensong

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Motet	My eyes for beauty pine - Howells
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Blessing	
Dismissal	
Organ	Psalm Prelude (Set 2, No.1) - Howells
Office Setting: Shephard/Haydn	

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 and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Epistle Reading 2 Corinthians 3: 12 - 4: 2

12 Since, then, we have such a hope, we act with great boldness, ¹³not like Moses, who put a veil over his face to keep the people of Israel from gazing at the end of the glory that[±] was being set aside. ¹⁴But their minds were hardened. Indeed, to this very day, when they hear the reading of the old covenant, that same veil is still there, since only in Christ is it set aside. ¹⁵Indeed, to this very day whenever Moses is read, a veil lies over their minds; ¹⁶but when one turns to the Lord, the veil is removed. ¹⁷Now the Lord is the Spirit, and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom. ¹⁸And all of us, with unveiled faces, seeing the glory of the Lord as though reflected in a mirror, are being transformed into the same image from one degree of glory to another; for this comes from the Lord, the Spirit. ⁴Therefore, since it is by God's mercy that we are engaged in this ministry, we do not lose heart. ²We have renounced the shameful things that one hides; we refuse to practise cunning or to falsify God's word; but by the open statement of the truth we commend ourselves to the conscience of everyone in the sight of God.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 99 page 705

Gospel Reading

Hear the Gospel of our Saviour Christ, according to Luke chapter 9 beginning at verse 28 Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ. Luke 9: 28-36, 37-43

28 Now about eight days after these sayings Jesus⁺ took with him Peter and John and James, and went up on the mountain to pray. ²⁹And while he was praying, the appearance of his face changed, and his clothes became dazzling white. ³⁰Suddenly they saw two men, Moses and Elijah, talking to him. ³¹They appeared in glory and were speaking of his departure, which he was about to accomplish at Jerusalem. ³²Now Peter and his companions were weighed down with sleep; but since they had stayed awake, they saw his glory and the two men who stood with him. ³³Just as they were leaving him, Peter said to Jesus, 'Master, it is good for us to be here; let us make three dwellings, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah'—not knowing what he said. ³⁴While he was saying this, a cloud came and overshadowed them; and they were terrified as they entered the cloud. ³⁵Then from the cloud came a voice that said, 'This is my Son, my Chosen; listen to him!' ³⁶When the voice had spoken, Jesus was found alone. And they kept silent and in those days told no one any of the things they had seen.

37 On the next day, when they had come down from the mountain, a great crowd met him. ³⁸Just then a man from the crowd shouted, 'Teacher, I beg you to look at my son; he is my only child. ³⁹Suddenly a spirit seizes him, and all at once he⁻ shrieks. It throws him into convulsions until he foams at the mouth; it mauls him and will scarcely leave him. ⁴⁰I begged your disciples to cast it out, but they could not.' ⁴¹Jesus answered, 'You faithless and perverse generation, how much longer must I be with you and bear with you? Bring your son here.' ⁴²While he was coming, the demon dashed him to the ground in convulsions. But Jesus rebuked the unclean spirit, healed the boy, and gave him back to his father. ⁴³And all were astounded at the greatness of God.

Everyone was amazed at all that he was doing, he said to his disciples,

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

Post Communion Prayer

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**

READINGS:

Psalm 99: A psalm of praise for God's holiness and glory, for God's love of justice, and for God's guidance and discipline of God's people.

<u>2 Corinthians 3:12-4:2</u>: In Christ, believer's hearts are unveiled to receive the truth, and we are able to reflect God's glory, being changed to be more and more like Christ.

Luke 9:28-36 (37-43): Jesus takes Peter, James and John up a mountain where his face is transfigured, his clothes shine white, and the disciples, who had fallen asleep, wake up to find Jesus speaking with Moses and Elijah.

REFLECTIONS ON THEME:

There are two main facets to the Scriptures this week. The most obvious one is that of Jesus' own transfiguration, which reveals his glory as Messiah, but which also points to the cross – the ultimate glory of Christ. The truth of what the Messianic age means – the fulfilment of the law and the prophets, and the establishment of God's reign among people – is reflected and proclaimed here. The second facet is the transformation of those who encounter God – Moses, Jesus, and then those who believe in Christ. The week then, is a celebration of Christ's transfiguration, but also of ours. And like Christ, our true transformation comes by embracing the way of the cross.

Services this week

Ash Wednesday 2nd March

10:30 am Eucharist; 7:30pm Sung Eucharist both services with Imposition of Ashes **7.30pm Zoom Compline** Mid-week prayer. Passcodes for Zoom are emailed in the Latest Update to parishioners.

Thursday 3rd March 10.30am with prayer for those in need *A cup of tea/coffee is now available after this service.*

Next Sunday: First Sunday in Lent | 6th March 9.00 a.m. Eucharist 10.30 a.m. Sunday First for Lent



Notices:

- Welcome to all our visitors. If you need assistance with anything, please ask one of the churchwardens or stewards
- Under GDPR guidance we need to tell you that we will be recording the service and/or livestreaming today. The cameras will point towards the nave altar and pulpit and only on occasion, towards the entrance doors. Those

coming to and from the side areas and exiting will be in the camera view for a short time.

• We are collecting for South Belfast Food Bank again. Please leave your contributions in the vestibule on the way in. Thank you.

A reminder about some of our in-church worship protocols:

- Please remain in your seat that has been assigned to you unless it's absolutely necessary to move out of it.
- A one way system remains in place in church as does mandatory handwashing at the cleansing stations on entry and exit. Masks are also worn during worship, on entry and exit and during singing. We ask you to continue to play your part in keeping each other safe. Thank you for your continued cooperatio.
- Observe two metres spacing on the way in and out of church. Inside the nave distancing is 1 metre in the pews.
- If you display any of Covid19 related symptoms you should not come to church. Please observe government testing guidelines and isolation requirements. If you have been at church and then contract Covid-19 please inform the Rector by Tel:028 9066 6644 or by email malone@connor.anglican.org
- If you're gathering outside please follow government guidance.
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- Prayers for the sick are offered on Thursday morning at the Eucharist. Please send names for the list to the Rector via email.
- If you're new to the parish please ask the Churchwardens or a member of the clergy about registering (GDPR, Free Will Offering Scheme, Magazine), organisations or wanting to know more about life at St John's. We'd be delighted to help and to get to know you.

PLEASE NOTE

- We have recently decided to discontinue Track and Trace
- When leaving the church through the north porch please maintain 2m distancing until outside and move away from the exit door to allow others out.
- Stewarding at <u>Sunday services</u> has been discontinued as restrictions ease. Members of the congregation will no longer be allocated a seat. You are once again free to choose!
- Distancing in the pews between people or bubbles is set at a reduced 1m <u>throughout</u> the church. There can be a family bubble in one pew. OR two people in a bubble at one end and one person at the other. This allows for the 1 metre spacing required in our Risk Assessment.

The Select Vestry



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