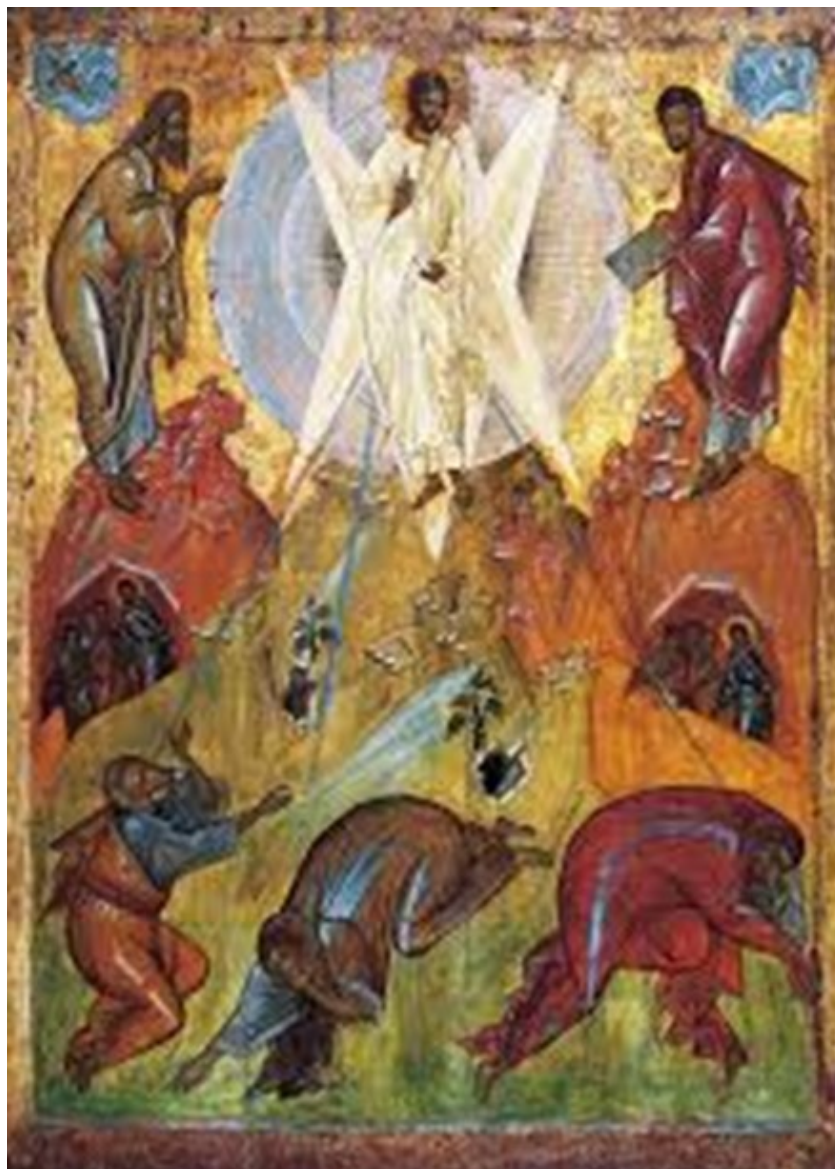


St. Andrew's by the Sea Uniting Church

Christian Community in the Heart of Glenelg

Rev. Christine Gilbert



Transfiguration Sunday

23 February 2020

You will do well to be attentive to this message about Jesus Christ
as to a lamp shining in a dark place.

—2 Peter 1:19

GATHERING

Preparing Our Space and Our Hearts

Call to Worship and Prayer of Invocation

We Sing “When morning gilds the skies” (TiS 227)

When morning gilds the skies,
my heart awaking cries:
May Jesus Christ be praised!
Alike at work and prayer
I know my Lord is there:
May Jesus Christ be praised!

Let earth’s wide circle round
in joyful notes resound:
May Jesus Christ be praised!
Let air and sea and sky,
from depth to height, reply:
May Jesus Christ be praised!

Be this, when day is past,
of all my thoughts the last,
May Jesus Christ be praised!
The night becomes as day
when from the heart we say:
May Jesus Christ be praised!

Be this while life is mine
my song of praise divine,
May Jesus Christ be praised!
Be this the eternal song
through all the ages long,
May Jesus Christ be praised!

Prayer of Confession

Your love shines in our world,
casting rays of hope, comfort and kindness
into our despair and roughness.

Yet we often prefer the dark to your light.

Lord, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

Your way promises freedom and life
unencumbered from the fleeting satisfactions of this world.
Yet we remain bound by the familiar and often unexamined life.
Christ, have mercy.

Christ, have mercy.

You call us from the shadows into your radiance.

But we fear what the light might reveal
and so, shy away from your transfiguring love.

Lord, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

Words of Forgiveness

Passing the Peace of Christ

The peace of Christ be with you.

And also with you.

ENCOUNTERING**Scripture Reading**

2 Peter 1:16-21

We Sing

“O radiant Christ, incarnate word”

O radiant Christ, incarnate Word,
 eternal love revealed in time:
 Come, make your home within our hearts,
 that we may dwell in light sublime.

Our battered, busy lives burn dim,
 too tired to care, too numb to feel.
 Come, shine upon our shadowed world:
 your radiance bathes with power to heal.

Your glory shone at Jordan’s stream,
 the font where we were born anew.
 Attune your church to know you near;
 illumine all we say and do.

O Light of Nations, fill the earth;
 our faith and hope and love renew.
 Come, lead the peoples to your peace,
 as stars once led the way to you.

Words: Ruth Duck
 Tune: O Waly, Waly

Gospel Reading

Matthew 17:1–9

(Those who are able are invited to stand for the Gospel reading.)

May your word live in us:
and bear much fruit to your glory.

Reflection on the Word**RESPONDING****Prayers of the People**

with “In our darkness”

(TiS 725)

In our darkness is no darkness with you, O Lord;
 the deepest night is clear as the day.

The Disciple's Prayer

*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.*

*Save us from the time of trial
and deliver us from evil.*

*For the kingdom, the power and the glory are yours,
now and forever. Amen.*

Offering and Song of Praise

(TiS 768 ii)

To God, all glorious heavenly Light,
to Christ revealed in earthly night,
to God the Spirit now we raise
our joyful songs of thankful praise.

Words: Charles Coffin, 1736

Prayer of Dedication

Christ has no body but ours,
no hands, no feet on earth but ours.

Ours are the eyes with which Christ looks compassion on this world,
the feet with which Christ walks to do good,
the hands with which Christ blesses the world.

Triune God,

we give thanks for your trust in us,

for your calling us into ministry,

for the gift of your Spirit who remains with and for us.

Renew our faith.

Form us to be people after your own heart.

Give us vision and courage for the world of love's making.

Amen.

JOURNEYING

We Sing “ We know that Christ is raised” (TiS 489)

We know that Christ is raised and dies no more.
Embraced by death, he broke its fearful hold,
and our despair he turned to blazing joy.
Alleluia!

We share by water in his saving death.
Re-born, we share with him an Easter life
as living members of a living Christ.
Alleluia!

A new creation comes to life and grows
as Christ’s new body takes on flesh and blood.
The universe restored and whole will sing
Alleluia!

Words: John Brownlow Geyer
Tune: ENGELBERG

Sung Benediction “May the kindness of our Lord, Jesus”

May the kindness of our Lord, Jesus
And the love of our God
And the friendship, and the unity
of the Spirit be with you.
Be with you.

Words and music: Andrew Dutney

Please gather for morning tea, in the hall after worship

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Birthday Cake

We will celebrate February birthdays during morning tea today. Everyone is invited to come along for the celebration.

Church door locks changed

As part of our ongoing implementation of safe church practices, the church door locks were changed on **Wednesday 19 February**. New keys are being distributed to those currently holding a role at St. Andrews. Please return your keys to Church Office during office hours and those holding roles will receive new keys at that time.

Evening Fellowship

St Andrew's Evening Fellowship is commencing this year with an informal meal on Thursday 27th February 2020. at 7:00 pm New members are always welcome.

Members A to D please bring salads, E to Y fruit plates, cost \$5 pp.

Sunday Lunch Group

Today a group from the Church will be going to the Jetty Hotel for lunch. All are welcome to join in this time of Fellowship. Please see Joy for bookings.

World Day of Prayer

Gather with other Christians to pray for peace and healing in our world. This year's World Day of Prayer service will focus on Zimbabwe and will be held on Friday 6 March at 10:00 am at St Peter's Anglican Church, Torrens Square Glenelg.

Quiet Day

Begin your Lent with intention and reflection. In lieu of an Ash Wednesday worship, we are invited to set aside time for intentional reflection on Saturday 29 February, 9:30 am – 12:30 pm.

Please let Christine know of your intention to participate for catering and set up purposes.

Exploring Friendship in Lent

Go deeper with the weekly Gospel reading each Wednesday in Lent from 7:30–9:00 pm beginning 4th March. Sandra Schneider's soulful commentary will mingle with Jean Vanier's pastoral voice to provide a rich background to John's narrative. Each gathering will include a brief check-in, exploration of Sunday's reading, and introduction and practice of a prayer form.

Communion During Lent

What better way to nurture our friendship with God and one another than around the communion table. Communion will be served each Sunday during the Season of Lent. We look forward to experiencing worship that includes both Word and Sacrament—a greater fullness of the gifts of grace given to us by Christ.

Study Leave

Christine will be on study leave in Melbourne from Monday—Thursday this week.

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Readings for Sunday 1 March 2020
First Sunday in Lent

Genesis 2:15-17; 3:1-7
 Psalm 232
 Romans 5:12-19
 Matthew 4:1-11

Rostered Duties:

Welcomer:
 Phil Wass

Scripture Reader:
 Avril Noy

Prayers of the People:
 Chris Croucher

Morning Tea:
 Elaine and Barry Mesecke

Birthday Cake—February
 Elaine Mesecke

This Week at St Andrews:

Sunday:

9:30 am	Worship
10:30 am	Morning tea
6:30 pm	Narcotics Anonymous

Monday:

Tuesday:

10:30 am	Open Church
11:00 am - 1:00 pm	Friendship Café
12:00 pm- 2:30 pm	Community Aid
6:00 pm—7:30 pm	Mary's Kitchen

Wednesday:

Thursday:

10:30 am	Open Church
11:00 am-1:00 pm	Friendship Cafe
12:00 pm	Community Aid
7:00 pm	Evening Fellowship

Friday:

10:30 am	Open Church
12:00 pm— 2:30pm	Community Aid

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