



Sunday Worship Service

27 February 2022 (Transfiguration of Jesus)

How are we going? As the Covid restrictions have been way eased, are we really moving forward to the next phase in life or ministry? We, Wallumetta Country Boronia Park Uniting Church will gather together on-site this Wednesday to have Ash Wednesday service and Sunday 6 March the first face to face Sunday worship service. More freedom and easy way to see each other at church is just around the corner.

This Sunday edition will invite us to think about where the love of God lives and where we should bring God's love to? His love is for us and for many and found in us and ultimately Jesus Christ. Let us find God's love in the story of Transfiguration of Jesus.

A Prayer for Transfiguration Sunday: You Come to Us in the Broken Places

God of glory,

you took your friends with you
when you went to pray on the mountain.
You revealed to them
the glory of Jesus,
your beloved Son,
on his way to the cross.

We do not live on mountaintops,
but we, too, would glimpse your glory
in the ordinary days of our lives,
and in the community of your Son
in which you have chosen to dwell.

We look for you among people who have
no power
no rights
no voice.

We look for you among those who
live on the streets of our city,
whose housing is inadequate,
whose homes are not safe.

We look for you among those who
grieve a past that is no more
and fear a future that seems full of loss.

God who meets us
in the broken places,
shine the light of Christ deep into our lives,
so we may carry that light into dark places
and point to the One
whose brokenness is our salvation. **Amen.**

Attributed to Christine Jerrett

Song: I Will Give Thanks to You

I will give thanks to you,
O Lord, among the peoples.
I will sing praises to you
among the nations.
For your steadfast love is great,
is great to the heavens,
and your faithfulness,
your faithfulness to the clouds.

Be exalted, O God, above the heavens.

Let your glory be over all the earth.

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Brent Chambers

Prayer of Adoration

O come, let us adore him, Christ the Lord!

Lord Jesus, preaching good tidings to the people,
proclaiming release to captives,
setting at liberty those who are bound:

We adore you.

Lord Jesus, friend of the outcast and the poor,
feeder of the hungry,
healer of the sick:

We adore you.

Lord Jesus, denouncing the oppressor,
exposing the hypocrite,
overcoming evil with good:

We adore you.

Lord Jesus, pattern of gentleness,
teacher of holiness,
prophet of the kingdom:
We adore you.

Lord Jesus, dying to save us from our sin,
rising to give us eternal life,
ascending to prepare our heavenly home:
We adore you.

Almighty and loving God, you loved the world so much that you gave your only Son to be our Saviour. You allowed him to empty himself of his heavenly glory and become a suffering servant. Yet by your grace we have beheld his glory, such glory as befits the Father's only Son, full of grace and truth. **Amen.**

Attributed to Bruce Prewer

Scripture Reading: Luke 9:28-36 (New International Version)

The Transfiguration

²⁸ About eight days after Jesus said this, he took Peter, John and James with him and went up onto a mountain to pray. ²⁹ As he was praying, the appearance of his face changed, and his clothes became as bright as a flash of lightning. ³⁰ Two men, Moses and Elijah, appeared in glorious splendor, talking with Jesus. ³¹ They spoke about his departure, which he was about to bring to fulfillment at Jerusalem. ³² Peter and his companions were very sleepy, but when they became fully awake, they saw his glory and the two men standing with him. ³³ As the men were leaving Jesus, Peter said to him, “Master, it is good for us to be here. Let us put up three shelters—one for you, one for Moses and one for Elijah.” (He did not know what he was saying.)

³⁴ While he was speaking, a cloud appeared and covered them, and they were afraid as they entered the cloud. ³⁵ A voice came from the cloud, saying,

“This is my Son, whom I have chosen; listen to him.”³⁶ When the voice had spoken, they found that Jesus was alone. The disciples kept this to themselves and did not tell anyone at that time what they had seen.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Song: I Will Worship You

Perfect You are my God
Righteous and Holy in all of Your ways
Revealing Your glory in all that You do
All men will worship You

I will worship You
I will praise Your name
For You are the only Lord and King
I will worship You
I will praise Your name
My desire is to honor You Lord

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Sermon

Let us pray:

Let's go up the mountain.
Let's go up to the place where the land meets the sky
where the earth touches the heavens,
to the place of meeting,
to the place of mists,
to the place of voices and conversations,
to the place of listening.

O God,

We open our eyes and we see Jesus,
the months of ministry transfigured to a beam of light,
the light of the world,
your light.
May your light shine upon us.

We open our eyes and we see Moses and Elijah,
your word restoring us, showing us the way,
telling a story,
your story, his story, our story.
May your word speak to us.

We open our eyes and we see mist,
the cloud of your presence
which assures us of all we do not know
and that we do not need to fear that.
Teach us to trust.

We open our eyes and we see Peter's constructions,
his best plans, our best plans,
our missing the point,
our missing the way.
Forgive our foolishness and sin

We open our eyes and we see Jesus,
not casting us off,
but leading us down, leading us out -
to ministry, to people.
Your love endures forever.

We open our ears and we hear your voice,
'This is my beloved Son, listen to him!'
And we give you thanks. **Amen.**

Saturday 26 February, we went to a family friend's wedding ceremony. We have a life-long relationship with the wedding family who helped a lot when Grace and I raised particularly Joshua and Daniel. Also we were encouraged by the family always especially as a overseas student couple we received material aids including their financial donations for our study and visa status. For more than 20 years, our relationship has been through all good times



and bad times, but it is true that we are the recipients of love, mercy and grace of the family in Australia. Grace's jazz trio contributed musical items for the service of marriage, and our three children and I attended the whole ceremony.

To me, the highlight of the ceremony was the first dance, especially when the father of the bride danced with the bride. The father-daughter dance was just a beautiful moment that symbolised their appreciation for the love and guidance they had received throughout their



life. In his speech, he had already told his love story toward his daughter that expresses how much he loved and missed his daughter so much while he worked overseas. The father and the daughter began talking to each other while they danced with a slow music. The bride's eyes became teary and I believed her father's were too. To me, their faces looked shiny. And the wedding dress seemed glittering white. I have known to them since the bride was 6. This was the first time ever that her face and his face were so bright like shiny stars. Like Jesus on the mountain and his appearance changed and

then surprised his followers – Peter, John and James. The bride and her father who danced highlighted my understanding of the love that the family and the bride and her father have formed so far and that transformed many lives like Grace and me and my family. Then he handed over the bride to the groom and let them continue their first dance. He seemed to prepare the time and the space for the groom, stepping down from his role as prime carer and allowing his son-in-law to take over his role in the new chapters of the bride. I believe that he has been up the mountain, and is now realising that he will never stand there again. He has to come down from the role of a little girl's father and face reality – his grown-up daughter's future journey that she would create with her husband and discover who she really is. The moment was in a life transition – becoming a person who would have more responsibilities, allow others to handle matters in life, or prepare the next. This is a question that I have here: Am I allowing life transitions this moment?

In the transfiguration story, Jesus is fully in sacred but human form. He communicated with Peter, John, James, and God in prayer. He went up with them to the mountain, occupying the space and the time to pray. While he was praying, the appearance of his human face changed, and his garments became as bright as a flash of lightning. Jesus prepared God's space to work in him and allowed him to speak to the world. Luke says Moses and Elijah were speaking with Jesus about "his departure, which he was about to bring to fulfillment at Jerusalem." Jesus went through the mountain-top experience, knowing that it was preparing him to follow where Moses' law and Elijah's prophecies had pointed – the plain, the valley, the lake and seashore, villages and cities where people suffer and weep and he himself will be handed over to be crucified. Transfiguration of Jesus is not an end but a new beginning of his saving and rescuing works in the midst of all human history. God began unpacking his purpose through Jesus. As a sign, the appearance of Jesus' face changed mysteriously. But nothing changes and separates us from the love of God. The transfiguration is a celebration of who Jesus is – the Son of God revealed in human form. So a voice from the cloud says, "This is my Son, whom I have chosen; listen to him." Listen to

him. The voice speaking from the cloud would have called once again three disciples who were very tired physically and spiritually to go unpack God's mission among others than put up shelters for comfortable life. In the transfiguration story, Jesus reveals himself fully as human and unveils what God's love look like. He prepares himself for many lives. As the father of the bride expressed his endless love to her and to his son-in-law, God's love stays always in the midst of his people down here. Not above or somewhere over the rainbow. In taking care of our family, telling story about the love of God and offering prayers for others, we would know how to understand God's story of everlasting love and Jesus. Then people might see your face shine and find your life full of God's love and mercy.

Amen.

Lord's Prayer in Time of War

Our Father, who art in heaven,

我們在天上的父，

하늘에 계신 우리 아버지，

slow to anger, and of great mercy, lover of all peoples of the earth,

hallowed be thy name.

願人都尊祢的名為聖，

아버지의 이름을 거룩하게 하시며，

Remind us that “all the nations are as nothing before thee,”
their governments but a shadow of passing age;

Thy kingdom come on earth.

願祢的國降臨，

아버지의 나라가 오게 하시며，

Grant to thy children throughout the world,
and especially to the leaders of the nations,
the gift of prayerful thought and thoughtful prayer;

that following the example of our Lord,
we may discern what is right, and do it;

*Thy will be done on earth,
as it is in heaven.*

願祿的旨意行在地上，
如同行在天上。

아버지의 뜻이 하늘에서와 같이
땅에서도 이루어지게 하소서.

Help us to protect and to provide for all who are hungry and homeless,
especially those who are deprived of food and shelter,
family and friends, by the tragedy of war;

Give us this day our daily bread.

我們日用的飲食

今日賜給我們，

오늘 우리에게

일용할 양식을 주시고，

Forgive us for neglecting to “seek peace and pursue it,”
and finding ourselves in each new crisis,
more ready to make war than to make peace.

“We have not loved thee with our whole heart;
we have not loved our neighbours as ourselves”;

Forgive us our trespasses,

as we forgive those who trespass against us.

免我們的債

如同我們免了人的債

우리가 우리에게 잘못한 사람을 용서하여 준 것같이

우리 죄를 용서하여 주시고，

Let us not seek revenge, but reconciliation;

Let us not delight in victory, but in justice;

Let us not give ourselves up to pride, but to prayer;



Lead us not into temptation.

不叫我們遇見試探，
우리를 시험에 빠지지 않게 하시고

Be present to all thy children ravaged by war:

Be present to those who are killing and to those who are being killed;

Be present to the loved ones of those who are killing
and to the loved ones of those who are being killed;

Deliver us from evil.

救我們脫離兇惡，
악에서 구하소서.

Subdue our selfish desires to possess and to dominate,
and forbid us arrogance in victory;

*For thine is the kingdom,
and the power, and the glory, forever and ever.*

因為國度，權柄，榮耀，
全是祢的，直到永遠。

나라와 권능과 영광이
영원히 아버지의 것입니다.

Amen.

Attributed to Wendy Lyons

Dedication of the Offering

The offering will be used for the congregation's continuing mission and ministry in these changing times. Please make your offering through a Bank Deposit or a personal cheque whichever is convenient to you.

Account Name: Boronia Park Uniting Church

BSB: 634-634

Account: 100023784

Reference: Offering

Mail to: Mrs. Robyn Harvey

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Please contact Robyn Harvey, Treasurer on 0418 783 290 or
robyn.49@bigpond.net.au for more information about Direct Debit.

Next Sunday Service Participants

PA:	Carmen Lam
Scripture Reading (Luke 4:1-13):	Carmen Lam
Kids Talk:	Jenny Keast

Prayers of the People:

Rosemary Brook

Key Dates in March

Wednesday 2 March – Ash Wednesday Service at 10:30AM. This service includes the imposition of ashes and holy communion.

Sunday 13 March – Farewell to Father Kevin and meet Father Brian at Holy Name of Mary Parish, Hunters Hill. See the poster attached.

Saturday 26 March – Mystery Bus Trip will resume! See M. Treble to book your seat and for more information.

Sunday 6 and 27 March, 10 April –Formation Day for Confirmation candidates, mentors and families

Song: Shine Jesus Shine

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

Lord, I come to your awesome presence
From the shadows into your radiance

By the blood I may enter your brightness
Search me, try me, consume all my darkness
Shine on me, shine on me
Shine, Jesus, shine ...

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
Shine, Jesus, shine ...

Kendrick Graham

Benediction

In the coming week,
may you experience the presence of God with joy.
May the holy cloud comfort you.
May the divine voice encourage you.
May the power of the Spirit transform you,
transform us,
transform our world. **Amen.**

Attributed to Joanna Harader

The blessing of God almighty,
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,
be upon us and remain with us always.
Amen.

parish picnic day

**SUNDAY 13TH MARCH
2022
11AM**

**LOCATION: JOEYS OVAL
CLOSEST TO THE PARSH HALL.**

COFFEE VAN & MR WHIPPY



**FAREWELL TO FATHER KEVIN
AND MEET FATHER BRIAN**

BYO FOOD, DRINKS & PICNIC RUGS

LIMITED BBQ FACILITIES AVAILABLE



**COME AND ENJOY A
DAY WITH OUR PARISH
COMMUNITY TO
CELEBRATE FATHER
KEVIN'S TIME AT HOLY
NAME OF MARY PARISH
AND WELCOME FATHER
BRIAN.**

***Rain, hail or shine- Parish Hall
available if weather inclement!***

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