

Wesley Uniting Church
February 11th, 2024 10.45am
Transfiguration of Jesus



The Gathering of God's People

Prelude

Andante in E Minor by Samuel Sebastian Wesley (1810-1876)

Introit

music: Thurlow Weed (b. 1966); words: Michael Hudson

Every pilgrim has a mountain that is hers alone to climb,
rising from the deepest places, standing with the rush of time.

Every mountain has a summit calling out to him who seeks,
though the way is often winding and the summoning oblique.

Every summit has a threshold with a path from either side,
where the hopeful meet the Hoped-for and the guided know their Guide.

Guide us now and guide us always, God of pilgrimage and peak,
Source of all that draws and drives us, Sum of everything we seek.

Welcome and Lighting of the Community Candle

Call to Worship

The mighty one, God the Lord, speaks and summons the earth from the rising of the sun to its setting.

Out of Zion, the perfection of beauty, God shines forth.

God's glory fills the earth, but sometimes we, like Elisha, do not think we are ready to encounter glory.

And yet, God's glory showed up anyway.

Sometimes we are like the disciples who witnessed Jesus' transfiguration and wanted to cling to that one glorious moment.

And yet, God called them down from the mountain.

So, we gather today, some of us feeling ready and some of us feeling wholly unprepared, yet all are called together to worship and to be led by glory out into the world.

God, may we perceive your glory all around us, pointing us in the way you would have us go. Amen.

Hymn 433 Christ is our cornerstone

Prayers of Adoration

Prayers of Confession

God of all glory, beauty, and grace,
we have tried to hide from you—
to hide our faces, to hide our sin—
yet you have never hidden your love for us.

We have tried to search for you—
in temples, in clouds, on mountaintops—
**yet you have already revealed yourself to us
in the face of Jesus Christ.**

**Forgive us, and transform us
so that our lives may shine
with your glory, beauty, and grace;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Assurance of Forgiveness

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. (2 Corinthians 4:6) The good news is that we are not

only enlightened by our belief in Christ, but we are also cleansed, and we are forgiven!

Thanks be to God!

Doxology 290 v 4

In the heights of heaven adore him,
angel hosts his praises sing,
all dominions bow before him
and extol our God and king;
let no tongue on earth be silent,
every voice together sing
evermore and evermore.

The Peace

The Service of the Word

Prayer for Understanding

Old Testament: 2 Kings 2: 1 - 12 page 290

Epistle: 2 Corinthians 4: 3 - 6 page 939

Hymn 243 Christ upon the mountain peak

Gospel: Mark 9: 2 - 9 page 820

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

Anthem Music: Kathryn Rose words: Thomas Thurman

What's seen is seen, and cannot be unknown;
and so he turned my soul, and turns it still.
We'd walk a while, just him and us alone;
we'd wandered up some ordinary hill.
The air was cold. The conversation died.
I wondered if I'd left the stove alight.
The curtains of the world were torn aside;
and naked glory overwhelmed my sight:
and oh, the voice that called to him by name,
so comforting, so terrible to hear:
that man I knew, the same, yet not the same,
touches my arm and tells me not to fear;
but as I raise my eyes, the light is gone,
and life, and something more, must carry on.

Preaching

Hymn 643 I want to walk as a child of the light

Offering

Organ solo - *Voluntary in G* by Samuel Wesley (1766-1837)

Prayers of Thanksgiving and Intercession

Liturgist: Lord, by your Spirit,
Response: **grant what we ask.**

The Sending Forth of the People of God

Announcements

Hymn 461 God, your glory we have seen in your Son

Commission and Blessing

Postlude *Prelude in C Minor (Op 37 no 1)* by Felix Mendelssohn (1809-1847)



Liturgist: Graeme Brown
Preacher: Rev'd Dr Geoff Dornan
Music Coordinator: Jade McFaul
Organist: Dr Lorraine Macknight
Wesley Music Scholar: Martin Magill (choral)
Bible Reader: Rev'd Ian Diamond
Flowers arranged by: Ann Sutton OAM