

# Sunday Morning Worship

14<sup>th</sup> January 2021

*The Sunday before Lent*

## *The Transfiguration*



*Please come with us on a journey of prayer, praise and worship this morning.  
Join in with us at home by using this service sheet.*

*"The Lord, the most mighty God, has spoken and called the world from the rising of  
the sun to its setting.*

*Psalm 50:1*

### Opening Prayer

Grace, mercy and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ be with  
you this morning.

Loving God, we have come to worship you.  
Help us to pray to you in faith,  
to sing your praise with gratitude,  
and to listen to your word with eagerness;  
through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

*Opening Worship – I the Lord of Sea and Sky*

I, the Lord of sea and sky,  
I have heard My people cry.  
All who dwell in dark and sin,  
My hand will save.  
I who made the stars of night,  
I will make their darkness bright.  
Who will bear My light to them?  
Whom shall I send?

Here I am Lord, Is it I Lord?  
I have heard You calling in the night.  
I will go Lord, if You lead me.  
I will hold Your people in my heart

I, the Lord of snow and rain,  
I have born my peoples pain.  
I have wept for love of them, They turn away.  
I will break their hearts of stone,  
Give them hearts for love alone.  
I will speak My word to them,  
Whom shall I send?

Here I am Lord, Is it I Lord?  
I have heard You calling in the night.  
I will go Lord, if You lead me.  
I will hold Your people in my heart.

I, the Lord of wind and flame,  
I will tend the poor and lame.  
I will set a feast for them,  
My hand will save  
Finest bread I will provide,  
Till their hearts be satisfied.  
I will give My life to them,  
Whom shall I send?

Here I am Lord, Is it I Lord?

I have heard You calling in the night.  
I will go Lord, if You lead me.  
I will hold Your people in my heart.

Confession

*The gospel calls us to turn away from sin and be faithful to Christ. As we offer ourselves to him in penitence and faith, we renew our confidence and trust in his mercy.*

Heavenly Father,  
we have sinned against you and against our neighbour  
in thought and word and deed,  
through negligence, through weakness,  
through our own deliberate fault;  
by what we have done  
and by what we have failed to do.  
We are truly sorry and repent of all our sins.  
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ who died for us,  
forgive us all that is past;  
and grant that we may serve you in newness of life  
to the glory of your name. *Amen.*

Absolution

Almighty God, who forgives all who truly repent,  
have mercy on you,  
pardon and deliver you from all your sins,  
confirm and strengthen you in all goodness,  
and keep you in eternal life;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

*Kids Slot*  
*Psalm 50: 1-6*

Affirmation of Faith

If you are able please stand as we affirm our faith:  
We join together to say:  
**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.*

*Bible Reading –  
Sermon*

Collect of the Day

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 forever. **Amen.**

Prayers and Intercessions

*In our prayers and intercessions this morning, the response to 'Master, we hear your call' will be 'help us to follow.'*

Master, we hear Your call:  
**help us to follow.**

We pray for God's strength to keep Jesus' commandment:  
'Love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your mind, with all your soul  
and with all your strength.'  
Lord, help us to hear and obey.  
In your mercy strengthen us  
and move our hearts to do Your will.

Jesus said: 'If one of you wants to be great,  
you must be the servant of the rest –'  
Master, we hear Your call:  
**help us to follow.**

Jesus said: 'Unless you change  
and become humble like little children,

you can never enter the Kingdom of Heaven –'  
Master, we hear Your call:  
**help us to follow.**

Jesus said: 'Happy are those who are humble;  
they will receive what God has promised –'  
Master, we hear Your call:  
**help us to follow.**

Jesus said: 'Be merciful just as your Father is merciful;  
love your enemies and do good to them –'  
Master, we hear Your call:  
**help us to follow.**

Jesus said: 'Love one another, just as I love you;  
the greatest love a person can have for their friends  
is to give their life for them –'  
Master, we hear Your call:  
**help us to follow.**

Jesus said: 'Go to all peoples everywhere  
and make them my disciples,  
and I will be with you always,  
to the end of the age –'  
Master, we hear Your call:  
**help us to follow.**

Lord, You have redeemed us and called us into Your service:  
give us grace to hear Your word  
and to obey Your commandments;  
for Your mercy's sake. *Amen.*

We continue in a time of quiet, personal prayer. We remember before God our NHS,  
key workers and all those who care, treat and protect us.

On this special Day of Prayer for Young People and Youth Ministry we pray and  
give thanks for our young people, for Lucy and Alan and all those who make our  
youth ministries what they are.

We also pray for all those known to us who are unwell, suffering, bereaved or distressed...

Lord, in Your mercy:  
**hear our prayer.**

*The Lord's Prayer*

Let's say together:

**Our Father, who art in heaven,  
hallowed be thy name;  
thy kingdom come;  
thy will be done;  
on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread.  
And forgive us our trespasses,  
as we forgive those who trespass against us.  
And lead us not into temptation;  
but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom,  
the power and the glory,  
for ever and ever.  
Amen.**

*Closing Worship – O, God our Help in Ages Past*

O God, our help in ages past,  
Our hope for years to come,  
Our shelter from the stormy blast,  
And our eternal home.

Under the shadow of Thy throne  
Thy saints have dwelt secure;  
Sufficient is Thine arm alone,  
And our defence is sure.

Before the hills in order stood,  
Or earth received her frame,  
From everlasting Thou art God,  
To endless years the same.

A thousand ages in Thy sight  
Are like an evening gone;  
Short as the watch that ends the night  
Before the rising sun.

Time, like an ever-rolling stream,  
Bears all its sons away;  
They fly, forgotten, as a dream  
Dies at the opening day.

O God, our help in ages past,  
Our hope for years to come,  
Be Thou our guard while troubles last,  
And our eternal home.

*Closing Prayers and Blessing*

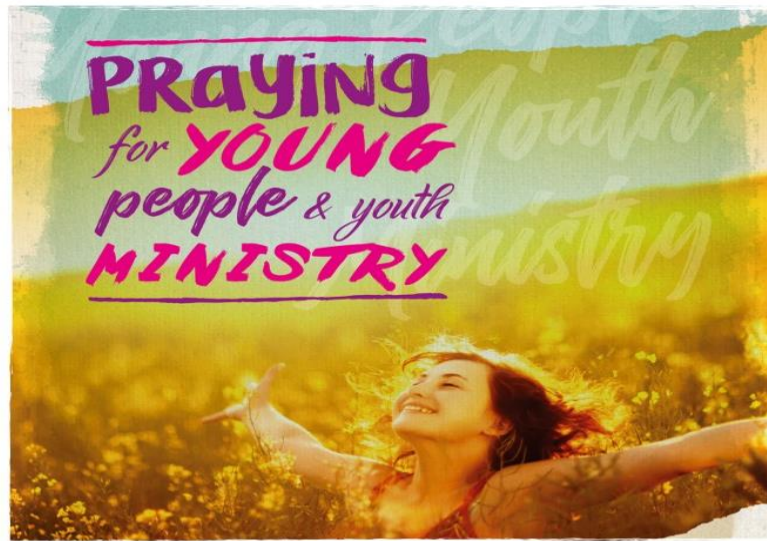
Lord Jesus Christ,  
redeemer, friend and brother:  
may we know You more clearly,  
love You more dearly,  
and follow You more nearly,  
day by day. **Amen.**

Keep us, Father, in this community of faith,  
the Church of Your Son Jesus Christ,  
and help us to confess Him as Messiah and Lord  
in all we say and do.  
We ask this in His name...

And the blessing of God Almighty, Father, Son and Holy Spirit,  
be among you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

*Don't forget – Today is the Church of Ireland's Day of Prayer for Young People and Youth Ministry. Remember to pray for young people in our church community and all those who serve them through our youth ministries. Keep an eye on our Facebook page and our YouTube channel as we pray for the young people of Ballymena Parish.*

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**DAY OF PRAYER FOR YOUNG  
PEOPLE AND YOUTH MINISTRY**

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