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*Dynamic worshippers committed to Jesus Christ;
serving and worshipping in the power of the Holy Spirit*

*The Transfiguration
of Our Lord*

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THE READING

Reader: The Gospel of Christ.

People: **Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

HYMN 382 “Praise to the Lord”

SERMON

The Creed

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The Intercessions

In Jesus the full glory of God is revealed and encountered.

As children together in the family of God, let us pray now to our Father in heaven.

Lord, we pray that as Christians we may listen more attentively and with greater urgency than ever before to the words of Jesus; give us more awareness of your presence with us, both in our worship and in our daily ministry, giving us the courage to live out your truth with joy.

Holy God:

transform us and use us to your glory.

We pray for those who do not know you or dismiss you as irrelevant to their lives; we pray for those who influence and encourage others in what is evil, destructive or depraved, and ask for your protection of all who are vulnerable and in danger.

Holy God:

transform us and use us to your glory.

We pray for all who are adjusting to new relationships in the family, new homes or new work and leisure patterns; we pray for stronger root growth in you, so that we are not thrown by the changes and troubles of everyday life, knowing the reality of your faithfulness.

Holy God:

transform us and use us to your glory.

We pray for all who are too exhausted or overwhelmed by circumstances and pressures to be able to pray; surrounded all those who are troubled and heavily laden with the revitalising assurance of your presence, your understanding and your love.

Holy God:

transform us and use us to your glory.

We pray that those who have gone through death may know the brightness of everlasting life in your company; may we, with them, come to experience the glory and joy of heaven.

Holy God:

transform us and use us to your glory.

Father, we thank you for the glimpses of glory you give us in this life, for your friendship and your promise to be with us always.

Merciful Father,

accept these prayers

for the sake of your Son,

our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.

Confession and Absolution

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The Peace

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

OFFERTORY HYMN 465 “Here In This Place New Light Is Streaming”

THE CELEBRATION OF THE EUCHARIST

Prayer over the Gifts

Holy God, receive all we offer you this day, and bring us to that radiant glory which we see in the transfigured face of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Eucharistic Prayer 2

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The Lord’s Prayer

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The Breaking of the Bread #2

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The Agnus Dei

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world:
have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world:
have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world:
grant us peace.

The Communion

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Holy Eucharist is a joyful celebration of our life together in Jesus Christ. All baptized Christians are welcome to receive communion here. The response to receiving the bread and wine is 'Amen'. If you would like to come forward and receive a blessing instead of the bread and wine, please cross your arms as you come to the rail.

HYMNS DURING COMMUNION:

313 "Laudate Dominum"

73 "One Bread, One Body"

Prayer after Communion

Holy God, we see your glory in the face of Jesus Christ. May we who are partakers of his table reflect his life in word and deed, that all the world may know his power to change and save. We ask this in his name. **Amen.**

CLOSING HYMN #34 CC Song Book "There's A Spirit In The Air"

TODAY

Immediately following the service this morning you are invited to the Parish Hall for the Annual General Meeting, followed by a parish potluck luncheon. Everyone is welcome to attend! Don't worry about not bringing anything, there is always plenty for everyone!

THIS WEEK

Wednesday, March 1st - Ash Wednesday

10:30 a.m. - Bible Study

12:00 p.m. - Imposition of Ashes Service

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Hot cross buns, cheese, tea and coffee will be provided after both Ash Wednesday services.

Thursday, March 2nd

6:30 p.m.- Choir Practice

Saturday, March 4th

9:30 a.m. - 2:30 p.m. - Parish Council Retreat

Parish Council Retreat to be held at the home of Charlotte Ross and Jeff Marshall, 1204 Blair Lake Road. (902-667-3169) Come relax and learn together.

Sunday, March 5th

8:30 a.m.- Holy Communion

10:00 a.m. - Sunday School / Coffee Hour

11:00 a.m. - Holy Eucharist

Lent at Christ Church

Lent is a time of holy discipline, a time to work on our own spiritual practices, and try new things. This Lent we're engaging as a community in a number of different practices, and everyone is welcome to join.

Sunday Mornings – 10:00 in the rector's office:

Questions of Faith – an informal discussion group about the whys and wonderings of faith. This is for everyone – those who have been at church for a long time, and those who are new. It's a chance to ask the questions you've always had, and to hear other's questions.

Tuesday Evenings – 6:30-7:45 we will be working through the course "Just Walk Across the Room", presented by Bill Hybels. This is an introductory course on how to talk about faith in the wider world, and how to live as a person of faith in the world. We will discuss what it means to be missional, and what it means to share our faith.

Wednesday Noon – 12:00- 12:45 in the church, we will be celebrating a service of Holy Communion. We will be using a liturgy from the Iona Community in Scotland, and focusing on the life and witness of the saints of the church.

