

Beaminster Area Team

God our Father, renew our hope. By the Holy Spirit's power, strengthen us to pray readily serve joyfully and grow abundantly rejoicing in Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Week: 14th February 2021, Sunday next before Lent

Old Testament: 2 Kings 2: 1-12

Psalm: Psalm 50: 1-6

New Testament: 2 Corinthians 4: 3-6

Gospel: Mark 9: 2-9

Reflection on the Gospel reading, by Sarah Keen

The Transfiguration is one of the 'Wow!' moments in the Bible. So far in Mark's Gospel we, like the disciples, have seen Jesus the man, albeit a man with very special gifts. Now Jesus takes Peter, James and John up a mountain where he is revealed in all his dazzling divine glory, flanked by Moses and Elijah. Not only that, but God himself speaks to the disciples out of a cloud, reminding them that Jesus is his son and telling them to listen to him.

The disciples are amazed but Jesus swears them to secrecy. The Transfiguration has given them (and us) a sneak preview of the glory of the Resurrection. Only then will others understand what the disciples now know. We too, as we embark on the sombre season of Lent, can draw hope from glimpsing the glory that is to come when we reach Easter. We can take comfort that God's glory is open to all of us. We can be sure that whilst Jesus incarnate in human form suffers along with us, as the Son of God he will lift us up to share in the divine glory.

Collect for the Sunday next before Lent.

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, in the unity
of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and
for ever.

A Useful Telephone Link from The Church of England. This is a free number where you can listen to prayers, reflections and hymns and join in worship with others.



Worship to enjoy at home

BBC Radio 4, 8.10am Sunday Morning Worship, Songs of Praise BBC1 1.15pm