

ORDER OF SERVICE
SUNDAY 13th March 2022

Kingussie intimations

Monday 14th March 2022. Craft Group 19:00 - 21:00

Wednesday 16th March 2022. Mothers and Toddlers from 09:00

Thursday 17th March 2022 Church Open Day from 10:00 until 13:00

Tuesday 22nd March 2022 Session Meeting from 19:00

Welcome to our Service this morning, in Laggan/ Newtonmore

THEY SAW HIS GLORY

Our call to worship for this morning

They saw his glory. It was him, the carpenter, the teacher, the one they followed the one they knew. Yet it was more than him, and more than the one they knew. His face was changed. His clothes shone lightening bright. He walked and talked with Moses and Elijah, law-bringer and prophet, heroes of their faith. And then they heard God speak: 'This is my son, whom I have chosen, listen to him.

1st Hymn 132 Immortal, Invisible, God only Wise.

1st Reading Philippians Ch 3 v 17 - 21 Ch 4 v 1

Join together in following my example, brothers and sisters, and just as you have us as a model, keep your eyes on those who live as we do. For, as I have often told you before and now tell you again even with tears, many live as enemies of the cross of Christ. Their destiny is destruction, their god is their stomach, and their glory is in their shame. Their mind is set on earthly things. But our citizenship is in heaven. And we eagerly await a Savior from there, the Lord Jesus Christ, who, by the power that enables him to bring everything under his control, will transform our lowly bodies so that they will be like his glorious body.

Therefore, my brothers and sisters, you whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, stand firm in the Lord in this way, dear friends!

2nd Hymn 513 Courage brother, do not stumble

2nd Reading Luke Ch 9 v 28 - 36

The Transfiguration

About eight days after Jesus said this, he took Peter, John and James with him and went up onto a mountain to pray. As he was praying, the appearance of his face changed, and his clothes became as bright as a flash of lightning. Two men, Moses and Elijah, appeared in glorious splendor, talking with Jesus. They spoke about his death, which he was about to bring to fulfillment at Jerusalem. Peter and his companions were very sleepy, but when they became fully awake, they saw his glory and the two men standing with him. 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.)

While he was speaking, a cloud appeared and covered them, and they were afraid as they entered the cloud. A voice came from the cloud, saying, "This is my Son, whom I have chosen; listen to him." 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.

Prayer of approach

Dazzling God of the heights and the depths, all creation is full of your glory, all the signs are there to read, all the warnings made in love, all the encouragement, all the guidance. Though the path be steep, and new ways needed to get there and things look different; still with Christ, we do not face them alone. Called together, we can listen and share, we can grow ourselves - but from a new perspective our world – beloved through the chosen son.

Amen

THOUGHT FOR THE DAY

Therefore, my beloved and longed-for brethren, my joy and crown, so stand fast in the Lord

Transfiguration – the Dazzling, in a set of notes about the Transfiguration opens with this bold statement –

Few in the congregation will lack any experience at all of 'the mountain'. Maybe the view out of an aeroplane window, or coming round a hilly path to a view that took their breath away. But what did they do with the experience? Did it change their life, and the way they looked at the world? Or did they just take a picture and file it away?

Need I ask you this morning what experience do we attending worship this morning have of 'the mountain'? How many of you can say that you have been to the top of a local mountain, Craig Beag, Kingussie, Craig Dhu, Newtonmore / Laggan, Ben Nevis Fort William and of course I certainly can't omit the Cairngorms!

The environment in which we're set, even in prayer, is never silent. Never without a perspective to share. In the Bible, God calls Creation (Heaven and Earth, Sky and Soil) to be witness to the acts of justice and injustice of humanity. With good reason, for we're made of the Earth; the land suffers when the poor and the wild creatures are oppressed.

When we hear of Abram and his worries about his family's future we recognise that we can't own or control that, but we can take notice – perhaps, like the 'dark skies' experience in parts of Scotland where light pollution does not dazzle out the glory of the planets and the Milky Way, this can help put things into perspective.

Immersion, not isolation is the scenario for Abram's receipt of the promise. The promise of a future through his descendants. We miss out when we neglect the natural setting. God calls us to keep faith with him and to keep faith with fellow creatures.

Jesus took Peter, John and James up on the mountain to pray and as he prayed the appearance of his face was altered, and his robe became white and dazzling. Here Jesus talked with Moses and Elijah they appeared in glory and spoke of his death which he was about to accomplish at Jerusalem. Peter and those with him were sleeping and when they were fully awake, they saw his glory and the two men who stood with them. Then Peter said to Jesus, " Master it is good for us to be here, and let us make three tabernacles: One for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah" Not knowing what he said. While he was saying this, a cloud came and overshadowed them: and they were fearful as they entered the cloud. And a voice came out of the cloud, saying, 'This is my beloved son. Hear him!' When the voice ceased, Jesus was found alone. But they kept quite, and told no one in those days any of the things they had seen.
Amen

Prayers of Intercession

In our pray we have a response

Lord, in your mercy, (Minister)

Hear our prayer (all)

Loving Father,

As we think of ourselves so we think also of those in trouble, those for whom these last weeks, have brought disaster and tragedy, those whose lives are in turmoil.

Especially we pray for those Ukrainians whose lives have been thrown into turmoil by the war that has ravaged their land.

Lord, in your mercy,

Hear our prayer

We pray for the families of those who have lost their lives –

Give them comfort, support and the knowledge of your eternal love.

Lord in your
Hear our prayer

We pray for those injured or maimed;
those who will face the rest of their days
coming to terms with physical scars
or deeper mental and spiritual wounds –
grant healing and help to each one.

Lord in your mercy,
hear our prayer

We pray for all those striving to give support
amid the devastation, whether to body, mind or soul –
equip them with compassion, wisdom and skill in all their work.

Lord in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

We pray for those still searching among the chaos
as hope runs out for any last survivors –
their homes lost, their town or city destroyed,
their country still in shock – give them encouragement to persevere.

Lord in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

Living God, we believe you grieve and suffer whenever your people are in need.
Reach out then to these people in their sorrow and despair, and grant them help to
rebuild their shattered lives and hopes.

Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer,**
in the name of Christ.
Amen

3rd Hymn (Communion Hymn) 655 For your generous providing

Book of Common Order- Communion

Our closing Hymn this morning is Hymn 715
Behold the mountain of the Lord

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