



Inverurie West Parish Church

Order of Service: Sunday 11 February 2024

Welcome to worship with Inverurie West Parish Church. Whether you are joining us online or in-person; as a newcomer, occasional visitor, or regular, we are delighted to have you with us. This morning is Transfiguration Sunday when we remember how Jesus' divinity was revealed to three of his disciples on the mountaintop. This year we are also looking at the lead up to the Transfiguration in Mark's gospel and asking ourselves the question 'Who do we say Jesus is?'

Welcome and notices

Call To Worship

SHINE, JESUS, SHINE (CH4 448)

Opening Prayer (Including the Lord's prayer)

Our heavenly father
May your holy name be honoured
May your kingdom come
May your will be done on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us today what we really need
Forgive us the wrong we do
as we forgive those who wrong us

Lead us away from temptation
Keep us safe from evil

For the kingdom, the power and the glory are yours forever
Amen

Intro to the word

MEEKNESS AND MAJESTY (CH4 356)

Reading 1: Mark 8: 27- 38 read by Biff Barrow

27 Jesus and his disciples went on to the villages around Caesarea Philippi.

On the way he asked them, "Who do people say I am?"

28 They replied, "Some say John the Baptist; others say Elijah; and still others, one of the prophets."

29 "But what about you?" he asked. "Who do you say I am?"

Peter answered, "You are the Messiah."

30 Jesus warned them not to tell anyone about him.

31 He then began to teach them that the Son of Man must suffer many things and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests and the teachers of the law, and that he must be killed and after three days rise again. 32 He spoke plainly about this, and Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him.

33 But when Jesus turned and looked at his disciples, he rebuked Peter. "Get behind me, Satan!" he said. "You do not have in mind the concerns of God, but merely human concerns."

34 Then he called the crowd to him along with his disciples and said:

"Whoever wants to be my disciple must deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. 35 For whoever wants to save their life will lose it, but whoever loses their life for me and for the gospel will save it.

36 What good is it for someone to gain the whole world, yet forfeit their soul? 37 Or what can anyone give in exchange for their soul? 38 If anyone is ashamed of me and my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, the Son of Man will be ashamed of them when he comes in his Father's glory with the holy angels."

Reflection part I

WHEN THE MUSIC FADES (MP 1016)

Reading 2: Mark 9: 1-8

2 After six days Jesus took Peter, James and John with him and led them up a high mountain, where they were all alone. There he was transfigured before them. 3 His clothes became dazzling white, whiter than anyone in the world could bleach them. 4 And there appeared before them Elijah and Moses, who were talking with Jesus.

5 Peter said to Jesus, "Rabbi, it is good for us to be here. Let us put up three shelters—one for you, one for Moses and one for Elijah." 6 (He did not know what to say, they were so frightened.)

7 Then a cloud appeared and covered them, and a voice came from the cloud: "This is my Son, whom I love. Listen to him!"

8 Suddenly, when they looked around, they no longer saw anyone with them except Jesus.

Reflection part 2

Prayer

BE THOU MY VISION (CH4 465)

Grace

Blessing

News

Bible study - our Lent bible study continues this week on Wednesday 14 Feb at 730 pm. We meet via zoom so you can stay cosy at home! Our discussions are wide ranging and always entertaining. All welcome. No previous bible knowledge expected or required! Contact Rhona if you would like the link.

Christian Aid Soup and Sweet Lunch - Saturday, 24 February in St Andrew's Hall 12.00 noon - 2.00 pm. Tickets available after the service.

Quiz night - Join us for this social and fundraising evening. Friday 1 March at 700pm in the Acorn Centre. Come as a team, or put one

together on the night. £5 per person. BYOB. Snacks provided. Tickets available from Joyce Petrie.

Hall clear out - If you've ever watched Sort Your Life Out and thought, 'that looks like fun', here's a date for your diary! On Saturday 23 March we're planning a clear out day in order to clear and sort the various items currently stored in the hall. We could use as many volunteers as possible to share the task so if you can spare a few hours please let Mark and Gillian know, or just come along. All welcome. It's a good way to get to know folks!

Foodbank - This month's wish list includes: UHT Milk (semi-skimmed or full cream), 1 litre long life fruit juice, tinned tomatoes, jars of sauce, tinned fruit, jam/marmalade/choc spread, tinned vegetables

Practical help - if you, or anyone you know need shopping, errands etc done, we have lots of volunteers keen to help. For assistance ring Joyce Petrie on 01467 620932 or email help@inveruriewestchurch.org

For prayer requests, joys and concerns, or content which you would like shared on Sunday, please email Rhona on r.cathcart@inveruriewestchurch.org by Saturday night, or you can text her on her mobile.

Donations to the work of the church (either nationally or to an individual congregation like ours) can be made online at <https://cos.churchofscotland.org.uk/donate/11>