



Our Lent Course is starting this Monday at 7:30pm at 79 Shirley Way

We'll be looking at the Small Group Study Resources from Inclusive Church. The free study guides are available on their website: <https://www.inclusive-church.org/resources/small-study-resources/>

Disability: 7:30pm on Monday 16th Feb at 79 Shirley Way

Ethnicity: 7:30pm on Monday 23rd Feb at 79 Shirley Way

Gender: 7:30pm on Monday 2nd March at 79 Shirley Way

Mental Health: 7:30pm on Monday 9th March at 19 Greenview Avenue

Poverty: 7:30pm on Monday at 16th March at 79 Shirley Way

Sexuality: 7:30pm on Monday at 23rd March at 79 Shirley Way

You don't need to attend every week, you can dip in and out of this six week course. All are welcome!

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Sunday Next Before Lent

15th February 2026

GATHERING HYMN: 'Longing for Light' (401)

COLLECT:

Almighty God Father,
Whose Son was revealed in majesty
Before he suffered death upon the cross:
Give us the 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 forever.

Amen

FIRST READING

Exodus 24: 12 - end

The Lord said to Moses, Come up to me on the mountain, and wait there; and I will give you the tablets of stone, with the law and the commandment, which I have written for their instruction. So Moses set out with his assistant Joshua, and Moses went up to the Mountain of God. To the elders he had said: 'Wait here for us, until we come to you again; for Aaron and Hur are with you; whoever has a dispute may go to them.'

Then Moses went up on the mountain, and the cloud covered the Mountain. The glory of the Lord settled on Mount Sinai, and the cloud covered it for six days; on the seventh day he called to Moses out of the cloud. Now the appearance of the glory of the Lord was like a devouring fire on top of the mountain in the sight of the people of Israel. Moses entered the cloud, and went up on the mountain. Moses was on the mountain for forty days and forty nights.

For the word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

SECOND READING**2 Peter 1: 16 - end**

For we did not follow cleverly devised myths when we made known to you the power and coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, but we had been eye witnesses of his majesty. For he received honour and glory from God the Father when that voice was conveyed to him by the Majestic Glory, saying, This is my Son, my Beloved, with whom I am well pleased. We ourselves heard this voice come from heaven, while we were with him on the holy mountain. So we have the prophetic message more fully confirmed. You will do well to be attentive to this as to a lamp shining in a dark place, until the day dawns and the morning star rises in your hearts. First of all you must understand this, that no prophecy of scripture is a matter of ones own interpretation, because no prophecy ever came by human will, but men and women moved by the Holy Spirit spoke from God.

For the word of the Lord

Thanks be to God**GRADUAL HYMN:** Christ whose glory fills the skies (93)**We sing the final verse after the Gospel Reading****GOSPEL****Matthew 17: 1 - 9**

Six days later, Jesus took with him Peter and James and his brother John and led them up a high mountain, by themselves. And he was transfigured before them, and his face shine like the sun, and his clothes became dazzling white. Suddenly there appeared to them Moses and Elijah, talking with him. Then Peter said to Jesus, Lord, it is good for us to be here; if you wish, I will make three dwellings here, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah. While he was still speaking, suddenly a bright cloud overshadowed them, and from the cloud a voice said, ‘

‘This is my Son, the Beloved; with him I am well pleased; listen to him!’ When the disciples heard this they fell to the ground and were overcome with fear. But Jesus came and touched them, saying, ‘Get up and do not be afraid’. And when they looked up, they saw no one except Jesus himself alone.

This is the Gospel of the Lord

Praise to you O Christ**OFFERTORY HYMN:** Alleluia sing to Jesus (11)**COMMUNION HYMNS:**

Blest are the pure in heart (69)

Christ is the world's light (88)

Jesus shall take the highest honour (355)

POST COMMUNION

Holy God,

We see your glory in the face of Jesus Christ:
May we who are partakers at his table
Reflect his life in word and deed,
That all the world may know his power to change and save
This we ask though Jesus Christ our Lord

Amen

FINAL HYMN: Meekness and majesty (445)