

SUNDAY 14TH FEBRUARY 2021
SUNDAY NEXT BEFORE LENT

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A warm welcome to everyone whether you are
regular or visiting.

COLLECT:

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 . **Amen.**

2 KINGS 2.1-12

Now when the Lord was about to take Elijah up to heaven by a
whirlwind, Elijah and Elisha were on their way from Gilgal. Elijah
said to Elisha, 'Stay here; for the Lord has sent me as far as Bethel.'
But Elisha said, 'As the Lord lives, and as you yourself live, I will not
leave you.' So they went down to Bethel. The company of proph-
ets who were in Bethel came out to Elisha, and said to him, 'Do you
know that today the Lord will take your master away from you?'
And he said, 'Yes, I know; keep silent.'

Elijah said to him, 'Elisha, stay here; for the Lord has sent me to
Jericho.' But he said, 'As the Lord lives, and as you yourself live, I
will not leave you.' So they came to Jericho. The company of proph-
ets who were at Jericho drew near to Elisha, and said to him, 'Do
you know that today the Lord will take your master away from
you?' And he answered, 'Yes, I know; be silent.'

Then Elijah said to him, 'Stay here; for the Lord has sent me to the
Jordan.' But he said, 'As the Lord lives, and as you yourself live, I
will not leave you.' So the two of them went on. Fifty men of the
company of prophets also went, and stood at some distance from
them, as they both were standing by the Jordan. Then Elijah took
his mantle and rolled it up, and struck the water; the water was
parted to the one side and to the other, until the two of them
crossed on dry ground.

When they had crossed, Elijah said to Elisha, 'Tell me what I may do
for you, before I am taken from you.' Elisha said, 'Please let me
inherit a double share of your spirit.' He responded, 'You have
asked a hard thing; yet, if you see me as I am being taken from you,
it will be granted you; if not, it will not.' As they continued walking
and talking, a chariot of fire and horses of fire separated the two of
them, and Elijah ascended in a whirlwind into heaven. Elisha kept
watching and crying out, 'Father, father! The chariots of Israel and
its horsemen!' But when he could no longer see him, he grasped his
own clothes and tore them in two pieces.

This is the Word of the Lord *All Thanks be to God*

GOSPEL:

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark
All Glory to you, O Lord.

MARK 9.2-9

Six days later, Jesus took with him Peter and James and John,
and led them up a high mountain apart, by themselves. And he
was transfigured before them, and his clothes became dazzling
white, such as no one on earth could bleach them. And there
appeared to them Elijah with Moses, who were talking with
Jesus. Then Peter said to Jesus, 'Rabbi, it is good for us to be
here; let us make three dwellings, one for you, one for Moses,
and one for Elijah.' He did not know what to say, for they were
terrified. Then a cloud overshadowed them, and from the cloud
there came a voice, 'This is my Son, the Beloved; listen to
him!' Suddenly when they looked around, they saw no one
with them any more, but only Jesus.

As they were coming down the mountain, he ordered them to
tell no one about what they had seen, until after the Son of
Man had risen from the dead.

This is the Gospel of the Lord. *All Praise to you, O Christ*

PRAYERS:

We pray for our communities and in particular this week all the
people who live on:

Hawthorn Road, Hillcrest Avenue and Keats Avenue

We pray for those who are sick or in need at this time:
Margaret Whitely, Terry Davey, Jean Wilson, Margaret Pinkney,
Stephen, Jean Hollingdrake

We hold before God those who have recently died and pray for
their families and friends: Jean Knowles, Wendy Oldham,
Jeff Timms, Gordon Macleod, Maisie Wilson, Alison MacNeil,
Betty Atkinson, Liam Peck

From our book of remembrance, we remember in prayer:
Anne Skene-Smith, Gertie Simpson, Mary Thistlethwaite,
Betty Burrows, Bernard Nelson, baby Elizabeth Tennant,
Charles Brookes Parker, James (Jim) Partington, Pat Bateson,
William Hayton Whiteside, Nora Wallwork, Thomas Park Hill,
Arthur Naylor, Peggy Naylor, Edith Lancaster

POST COMMUNION PRAYER:

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 through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**