

St. Nicholas Buccleuch Parish Church  
Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> February, 2017

Transfiguration Sunday

Order of Service

*Preparing for Worship*

*Please take a moment to read over the Order of Service printed below.  
Hymn books are available in each seat. As we prepare to worship Almighty God,  
read through the hymns, particularly any which may be unfamiliar to you. They have  
been carefully chosen to help us to experience the glory and majesty of God and to  
reflect upon the theme of the service.*

*You are invited to join in saying in unison the items printed in **bold italics**.  
If you are comfortable doing so,  
please stand for the items marked with an asterisk (\*).*

GATHERING

**Organ prelude**

*\*The Bible is carried into Church.*

**\*Greeting**

Minister: The Lord be with you.  
All: ***And also with you.***

**\*Call to Worship**

**\*Praise:** Hymn 353 Bright the cloud and bright the glory  
*(Tune: Lux Tremenda)*

**Welcome**

APPROACH

**Scripture Sentence**

**Prayer for the Day**

THE WORD OF GOD

**The Story for the Day**

**\*Praise:** Hymn 609 Come, living God, when least expected  
*(Tune: Sunset)*

*Activities for children have been arranged. This would be an appropriate point in  
the service for any children wishing to participate to go out with the Children's  
work leaders, returning to the church just after the sermon.*

**Prayer for Illumination**

**Old Testament Reading:** Exodus 24: 12-18 (p. )

**Gospel Reading:** Matthew 17: 1-9 (p. )

*At the conclusion of the Readings:*

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

CONFESSION AND PARDON

**Call to Confession**

**Prayers of Approach, Confession and Assurance of Forgiveness**

**Declaration of Forgiveness**

**\*Praise:** Hymn 96 You are before me Lord, you are behind  
*(Tune: Sursum Corda)*

## Sermon

### Time for Reflection

#### RESPONSE TO GOD'S WORD

#### \*Affirmation of Faith *(unison)*

*I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.*

*I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead.*

*I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.*

*Amen.*

#### Prayers of Intercession

\*Praise: Hymn 606 Lord, you sometimes speak in wonders  
*(Tune: Stuttgart)*

#### Offering

#### Doxology

*As the offering is brought forward to be placed on the communion table, we stay seated and sing:*

*(Tune: Tallis' Canon)*

*Praise God, the Source of life and birth;  
praise God, the Word who came to earth;  
praise God the Spirit, holy flame:  
all glory, honour to God's name.*

## Prayer of Thanksgiving and Dedication

### The Lord's Prayer *(unison)*

*Our Father who art in heaven,  
Hallowed be thy Name.*

*Thy Kingdom come.*

*Thy will be done on earth, as it is in heaven.*

*Give us this day our daily bread.*

*And forgive us our debts,  
as we forgive our debtors.*

*And lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil:*

*For thine is the Kingdom, and the power,  
and the glory, forever.*

*Amen.*

### Intimations

\*Praise: Hymn 355 You, Lord, are both Lamb and Shepherd  
*(Tune: Triumph)*

#### CHARGE AND BLESSING

#### \*Charge

#### \*Benediction

\*Threefold Sung *Amen* *(unison)*

#### Organ Voluntary

*If you have found this service meaningful, encouraging or enjoyable, tell someone about it and invite them to come with you next Sunday.*