



St John the Baptist  
Scottish Episcopal Church, Perth  
*Welcome to our worship*  
11<sup>th</sup> February, 2024, Transfiguration

8.30 a.m. **Holy Communion** (Scottish Prayer Book Page 326)  
Celebrant, The Very Revd Graham Taylor, Rector

10.30 a.m. **Sung Eucharist** (Revised Scottish Liturgy 1982)  
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### *Order of Service*

<b>Processional hymn</b>	<b>573 Praise to the Lord, the Almighty</b>
Welcome	
Gloria	Page 6 and 7
Collect	Overleaf
First Readings	2 Kings 2. 1-12; 2 Corinthians 4. 3-6
<b>Gradual Hymn</b>	<b>86 Bright the vision that delighted</b>
Gospel	Mark 9. 2-9
Sermon	Bishop Bruce Cameron
Nicene Creed	Page 7
Intercessions	Alan McPherson
Peace	Page 8
<b>Offertory Hymn</b>	<b>105 Christ, whose glory fills the skies</b>
Eucharistic Prayer I	See Pages 9 - 11
Lord's Prayer	Page 28
Communion Song	Page 29
Communion	<i>All are welcome</i>
<b>Communion Hymn</b>	<b>67 Be still, for the presence of the Lord</b>
Post Communion Prayer	Overleaf and pages 29-30
<b>Recessional Hymn</b>	<b>295 How lovely on the mountains</b>
Dismissal	Page 30

*You are welcome to join us for tea and coffee  
in the Threshold after the 10.30 am service*

## *The Collect*

**Almighty God, whose Son was revealed in majesty before he suffered death upon the cross, give us faith to perceive his glory, that being strengthened by his grace we may be changed into his likeness, from glory to glory; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen**

## *A reading from 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 prophets 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 prophets 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.  
**Thanks be to God**

## ***A reading from 2 Corinthians 4. 3-6***

And even if our gospel is veiled, it is veiled to those who are perishing. In their case the god of this world has blinded the minds of the unbelievers, to keep them from seeing the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God. For we do not proclaim ourselves; we proclaim Jesus Christ as Lord and ourselves as your slaves for Jesus' sake. For it is the God who said, 'Let light shine out of darkness', who has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.

This is the word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God**

## ***The Gospel Reading***

***Hear the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark 9. 2-9***

Glory to Christ our Saviour

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.

Give thanks to the Lord for his glorious Gospel.

**Praise to Christ our Lord.**

## ***Post Communion Prayer***

**Holy God, we see your glory in the face of Jesus Christ. May we who are partakers of his table reflect his life in word and deed, that all the world may know his power to change and save. We ask this in his name. Amen**

# *Forthcoming Services and Events*

Every Thursday, 11 a.m. ***Holy Communion*** followed by coffee and chat.

## **Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> February**

7.00 p.m.

Ash Wednesday Service

## **Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> February**

8.30 a.m.

**First Sunday of Lent**

10.30 a.m.

Holy Communion

Sung Eucharist and healing prayers

## **Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> February**

8.30 a.m.

**Second Sunday of Lent**

10.30 a.m.

Holy Communion

Sung Eucharist

**Monday 12<sup>th</sup> February** at 2.30 pm. ***St John's Fellowship*** in the Threshold. Everyone is welcome to join us.

**Monday 12<sup>th</sup> February** at 7 – 8 p.m. ***International Café*** in the Civic Hall, 2 High Street, Perth PH1 5PH. Refugee Festival Scotland 2024 – Information Session. All Welcome.

**Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> February** at 10.30 a.m. ***The Prayer Group*** will meet at 35 St Mary's Drive, Perth. As always new members very welcome, if possible please let Ruth know. Email: [ruth42caroline@gmail.com](mailto:ruth42caroline@gmail.com)

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Thursdays 1 – 4 pm

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