

**Morning Worship Service**  
**Sunday 14th February 2021**  
**2<sup>nd</sup> before Lent**

**Introduction**

We have come to the city of the living God,  
to the heavenly Jerusalem,  
with thousands of angels in joyful assembly.

**Alleluia**

We have come to God the judge of all,  
to Jesus the mediator of the new covenant.

**Alleluia**

**SONG**

Together we pray:

Lord, direct our thoughts,  
teach us to pray,  
lift up our hearts to worship you  
in Spirit and in truth,  
through Jesus Christ. Amen.

**Confession**

The grace of God has dawned upon the world with healing for all.  
Though we have grieved him, yet he will heal us if we confess our sins in penitence  
and faith.

Together we confess our sins to Almighty God:

God our Father, we come to you in sorrow for our sins:  
For turning away from you and ignoring your will for our lives:  
For behaving just as we wish, without thinking of you:  
For failing you by what we do, think and say:  
For letting ourselves be drawn away from you by temptations in the world around us:  
For living as if we were ashamed to belong to your Son:  
Father, forgive us, save us and help us. Amen.

**Absolution**

May God who is both power and love,  
Forgive us and free us from our sins,  
Heal and strengthen us by his Spirit,  
And raise us to new life in Christ our Lord. Amen.

**Collect**

## **Reading**

### **Mark 9:2-9**

Six days later Jesus took with him Peter, James, and John and led them alone up a high mountain privately. And he was transfigured before them, and his clothes became radiantly white, more so than any launderer in the world could bleach them. Then Elijah appeared before them along with Moses, and they were talking with Jesus. So Peter said to Jesus, "Rabbi, it is good for us to be here. Let us make three shelters - one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah." (For they were afraid, and he did not know what to say.) Then a cloud overshadowed them, and a voice came from the cloud, "This is my one dear Son. Listen to him!" Suddenly when they looked around, they saw no one with them any more except Jesus.

As they were coming down from the mountain, he gave them orders not to tell anyone what they had seen until after the Son of Man had risen from the dead.

## **Sermon**

The sermon for this week has been recorded and can be found on our website <https://stjamesroundsgreen.com/videos>

## **Creed**

**We believe and trust in God the Father,  
who made all things.**

**We believe and trust in his Son Jesus Christ,  
who redeemed the world.**

**We believe and trust in his Holy Spirit,  
who gives life to the people of God.**

**This is the faith of the Church.**

**This is our faith.**

**We believe and trust in one God,  
Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Amen.**

## **Intercessions**

### **Intercessions for Sunday before Lent (2021)**

Lord God, we ask you to open our eyes of faith more fully and deepen our vision of you so that we see your splendour more clearly.

Bathe your worldwide Church, of all denominations, in your glory and light so that we will shine out your love and grace into the world wherever we go.

Anoint leaders especially with the gift of seeing you as you really are and give them the courage, the passion, and the honesty to reveal you faithfully to their congregations.

Renew all of us in our commitment to tell others of your wonder and glory.

Lord God, we ask you to have mercy on the nations of the world. In your goodness raise up political leaders who are resistant to corruption and shun self-importance and personal elevation; instead give them a zeal for your justice and harmony, always seeking the best for everyone under their governance, regardless of status.

Initiate a new unity between governments with a common purpose of promoting peace, implementing policies which protect our precious planet, and ensuring that the vulnerable, the weak and the marginalised are properly cared for.

Lord God, we ask you to give us fresh eyes of faith to be able to see the good in our neighbours around this church, whatever their age. We give you thanks for all those whose hopefulness transforms everyone they meet: may we who profess to love you be real bringers of hope to any who come into our orbit.

In this time of isolation and separation may we all take responsibility for ensuring that the welfare of those around us is being monitored and that no-one is forgotten. And again, we ask that those whom you are calling into the Kingdom from the homes around this church will hear the call and come when we are open once more.

Lord God, we hold before you all who feel under a cloud of anxiety or despair; all who are suffering great physical pain; all who are grieving the loss of loved ones; all who have come to the end of their tether and are considering taking their own life. We silently, urgently and humbly name those we know before you now.....Bless them we pray and pour out your transforming healing and love upon them to bring wholeness.

Let us continue in prayer saying together the words our Saviour taught us:

**Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven.**

**Give us today our daily bread.**

**Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.**

**Lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil.**

**For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and for ever. Amen.**

## **SONG**

### **Blessing**

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

In the name of Christ. Amen.