



**St George's Church, Madrid. Sunday August 4th 2024**

**Tenth Sunday after Trinity**

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**Services today and through the summer: 08:30, 10:30**  
**Wednesday: Evening Prayer 19:30 held on Zoom during August**  
**Sunday school: Sunday school resumes on the 8th September.**  
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**Hymns**

**345** Christ is the King! O friends rejoice

**Psalm 51: 1-13** (said)

**246** Just as I am, without one plea

**256** Let all mortal flesh keep silence

**SSG 18** What a friend we have in Jesus



**Readings**

2 Samuel 11: 26-12: 13a

Psalm 51: 1-13

Ephesians 4: 1-16

John 6: 24-35



A warm welcome to all our visitors.

Please join us for  
refreshments on the patio after the 10:30 service.

**The Transfiguration and Mount Tabor**



The 6<sup>th</sup> August is the Feast of the Transfiguration, one of the very important milestones in Jesus' ministry. The account of the Transfiguration occurs in all three Synoptic Gospels, Matthew 17, Mark 9 and Luke 9. In all of these accounts Jesus goes up to a mountain accompanied by Peter, James and John where his true identity as Son of God is revealed in light and glory. He is accompanied by Moses and Elijah representing the law and the prophets and God's voice declares him as His son. It is a miraculous event, the only one with Jesus as its subject, but where did it take place? In none of the references to it in the Bible is the location identified and there is a great deal of debate as to which mountain it was. Many scholars think that it occurred on Mount Tabor. The mount itself has a very long history, being referred to in the Old Testament, for example I Judges 4:6. It has always been an important strategic site being at the crossroads of NS route to Galilee and EW route to the Jezreel Valley. For many years in the second Temple period (516 BC- 70 CE) it was used as a beacon hill to let people in the farmlands know when there was an important Jewish festival and also to let them know that a new month had started. The first identification of Mount Tabor as the site of the Transfiguration was in the third century by Origen, an early Christian scholar. The feast of the Transfiguration has been kept in Jerusalem since the 7<sup>th</sup> century and the date of 6<sup>th</sup> August was fixed in the calendar by Pope Calixtus III in 1457. There was a church built in commemoration of the event in the fifth century, and later, in the twelfth century, a Crusader church was built. Much later in 1919 a church was built on the ruins of the previous churches and, there are now two churches, a Roman Catholic and a Greek Orthodox Church, both of which have become important pilgrimage sites.

## 2 Samuel 11: 26-12:13a

26 When the wife of Uriah heard that her husband was dead, she made lamentation for him. <sup>27</sup>When the mourning was over, David sent and brought her to his house, and she became his wife, and bore him a son. But the thing that David had done displeased the LORD, <sup>12</sup><sup>1</sup>and the LORD sent Nathan to David. He came to him, and said to him, 'There were two men in a certain city, one rich and the other poor. <sup>2</sup>The rich man had very many flocks and herds; <sup>3</sup>but the poor man had nothing but one little ewe lamb, which he had bought. He brought it up, and it grew up with him and with his children; it used to eat of his meagre fare, and drink from his cup, and lie in his bosom, and it was like a daughter to him. <sup>4</sup>Now there came a traveller to the rich man, and he was loath to take one of his own flock or herd to prepare for the wayfarer who had come to him, but he took the poor man's lamb, and prepared that for the guest who had come to him.' <sup>5</sup>Then David's anger was greatly kindled against the man. He said to Nathan, 'As the LORD lives, the man who has done this deserves to die; <sup>6</sup>he shall restore the lamb fourfold, because he did this thing, and because he had no pity.' <sup>7</sup>Nathan said to David, 'You are the man! Thus says the LORD, the God of Israel: I anointed you king over Israel, and I rescued you from the hand of Saul; <sup>8</sup>I gave you your master's house, and your master's wives into your bosom, and gave you the house of Israel and of Judah; and if that had been too little, I would have added as much more. <sup>9</sup>Why have you despised the word of the LORD, to do what is evil in his sight? You have struck down Uriah the Hittite with the sword, and have taken his wife to be your wife, and have killed him with the sword of the Ammonites. <sup>10</sup>Now therefore the sword shall never depart from your house, for you have despised me, and have taken the wife of Uriah the Hittite to be your wife. <sup>11</sup>Thus says the LORD: I will raise up trouble against you from within your own house; and I will take your wives before your eyes, and give them to your neighbour, and he shall lie with your wives in the sight of this very sun. <sup>12</sup>For you did it secretly; but I will do this thing before all Israel, and before the sun.' <sup>13</sup>David said to Nathan, 'I have sinned against the LORD.' Nathan said to David, 'Now the LORD has put away your sin; you shall not die.'

### Psalms 51:1-13

- 1 Have mercy on me, O God, in your great goodness; ♦  
according to the abundance of your compassion  
blot out my offences.
- 2 Wash me thoroughly from my wickedness ♦  
and cleanse me from my sin.
- 3 For I acknowledge my faults ♦  
and my sin is ever before me.
- 4 Against you only have I sinned ♦  
and done what is evil in your sight,
- 5 So that you are justified in your sentence ♦  
and righteous in your judgement.
- 6 I have been wicked even from my birth, ♦  
a sinner when my mother conceived me.

- 7 Behold, you desire truth deep within me ♦  
and shall make me understand wisdom  
in the depths of my heart.
- 8 Purge me with hyssop and I shall be clean; ♦  
wash me and I shall be whiter than snow.
- 9 Make me hear of joy and gladness, ♦  
that the bones you have broken may rejoice.
- 10 Turn your face from my sins ♦  
and blot out all my misdeeds.
- 11 Make me a clean heart, O God, ♦  
and renew a right spirit within me.
- 12 Cast me not away from your presence ♦  
and take not your holy spirit from me.
- 13 Give me again the joy of your salvation ♦  
and sustain me with your gracious spirit

## Ephesians 4: 1-16

<sup>4</sup>I therefore, the prisoner in the Lord, beg you to lead a life worthy of the calling to which you have been called, <sup>2</sup>with all humility and gentleness, with patience, bearing with one another in love, <sup>3</sup>making every effort to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. <sup>4</sup>There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called to the one hope of your calling, <sup>5</sup>one Lord, one faith, one baptism, <sup>6</sup>one God and Father of all, who is above all and through all and in all. <sup>7</sup>But each of us was given grace according to the measure of Christ's gift. <sup>8</sup>Therefore it is said, 'When he ascended on high he made captivity itself a captive; he gave gifts to his people.' <sup>9</sup>(When it says, 'He ascended', what does it mean but that he had also descended\* into the lower parts of the earth? <sup>10</sup>He who descended is the same one who ascended far above all the heavens, so that he might fill all things.) <sup>11</sup>The gifts he gave were that some would be apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, some pastors and teachers, <sup>12</sup>to equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ, <sup>13</sup>until all of us come to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to maturity, to the measure of the full stature of Christ. <sup>14</sup>We must no longer be children, tossed to and fro and blown about by every wind of doctrine, by people's trickery, by their craftiness in deceitful scheming. <sup>15</sup>But speaking the truth in love, we must grow up in every way into him who is the head, into Christ, <sup>16</sup>from whom the whole body, joined and knitted together by every ligament with which it is equipped, as each part is working properly, promotes the body's growth in building itself up in love

## John 6: 24-35

<sup>24</sup>So when the crowd saw that neither Jesus nor his disciples were there, they themselves got into the boats and went to Capernaum looking for Jesus. <sup>25</sup>When they found him on the other side of the lake, they said to him, 'Rabbi, when did you come here?' <sup>26</sup>Jesus answered them, 'Very truly, I tell you, you are looking for me, not because you saw signs, but because you ate your fill of the loaves. <sup>27</sup>Do not work for the food that perishes, but for the food that endures for eternal life, which the Son of Man will give you. For it is on him that God the Father has set his seal.' <sup>28</sup>Then they said to him, 'What must we do to perform the works of God?' <sup>29</sup>Jesus answered them, 'This is the work of God, that you believe in him whom he has sent.' <sup>30</sup>So they said to him, 'What sign are you going to give us then, so that we may see it and believe you? What work are you performing?' <sup>31</sup>Our ancestors ate the manna in the wilderness; as it is written, "He gave them bread from heaven to eat." <sup>32</sup>Then Jesus said to them, 'Very truly, I tell you, it was not Moses who gave you the bread from heaven, but it is my Father who gives you the true bread from heaven. <sup>33</sup>For the bread of God is that which\* comes down from heaven and gives life to the world.' <sup>34</sup>They said to him, 'Sir, give us this bread always.'