

15<sup>th</sup> February 2026

*God of glory and grace,  
open our eyes to see,  
our hearts to listen,  
and our lives to follow Christ.  
Amen.*



## Weekly Pastoral Reflection

On the mountain, the disciples glimpse the glory of God in the face of Jesus. It is a moment of light, clarity, and awe — and then they must come back down. Faith is often like this. God grants us moments of insight and reassurance, not so we can stay in them, but so we can be strengthened for the ordinary days that follow. As we listen to Jesus, we are shaped for faithful living — marked by grace, humility, and courage. May the light we glimpse in worship guide our steps in the week ahead, as we walk with Christ into everyday life.

## Sentence & Prayer of the Day

**Sentence:** Suddenly a bright cloud overshadowed them, and from the cloud a voice said, 'This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased; listen to him!'  
Matthew 17.5

**Prayer of the Day:** Almighty God, you gave the law to guide our lives: grant that we may never shrink from your commandments, but, as we are taught by your Spirit, may fulfil your law in perfect love; through Christ our Lord and Master, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God now and for ever. Amen.

## Readings

### First Reading from Exodus 24.12-18

<sup>12</sup>The Lord said to Moses, 'Come up to me on the mountain, and wait there; and I will give you the tablets of stone, with the law and the commandment, which I have written for their instruction.' <sup>13</sup>So Moses set out with his assistant Joshua, and Moses went up into the mountain of God. <sup>14</sup>To the elders he had said, 'Wait here for us, until we come to you again; for Aaron and Hur are with you; whoever has a dispute may go to them.' <sup>15</sup>Then Moses went up on the mountain, and the cloud covered the mountain. <sup>16</sup>The glory of the Lord settled on Mount Sinai, and the cloud covered it for six days; on the seventh day he called to Moses out of the cloud. <sup>17</sup>Now the appearance of the glory of the Lord was like a devouring fire on the top of the mountain in the sight of the people of Israel. <sup>18</sup>Moses entered the cloud, and went up on the mountain. Moses was on the mountain for forty days and forty nights.

**Hear the Word of the Lord.**

**THANKS BE TO GOD.**

**Biblical background:** Following Israel's unfaithfulness, God renews the covenant with Moses. The Lord reveals God's holy presence and calls Israel to live distinctly, faithful to the covenant relationship.

**Meaning & relevance today:** God's grace offers renewal and calls for faithfulness. We are reminded that encountering God's glory leads to transformed living and renewed commitment.

**Reflect:** • Where is God inviting me to renew my faithfulness? • What distractions draw my heart away from God?

## Psalm 2

<sup>1</sup> Why are the nations in tumult:  
and why do the peoples cherish a vain dream?

<sup>2</sup> **The kings of the earth rise up  
and the rulers conspire together:  
against the Lord and against his anointed, saying,**

<sup>3</sup> 'Let us break their bonds asunder:  
let us throw off their chains from us.'

<sup>4</sup> **He that dwells in heaven shall laugh them to scorn:  
the Lord will hold them in derision.**

<sup>5</sup> Then will he speak to them in his wrath, and terrify them in his fury:  
'I, the Lord, have set up my king on Zion my holy hill.'

<sup>6</sup> **I will announce the Lord's decree, that which he has spoken:  
'You are my son, this day have I begotten you.**

<sup>7</sup> 'Ask of me, and I will give you the nations for your inheritance:  
the uttermost parts of the earth for your possession.

<sup>8</sup> **'You may break them with a rod of iron:  
and shatter them in pieces like a potter's vessel.'**

<sup>9</sup> Now therefore be wise, O kings:  
be advised, you that are judges of the earth.

<sup>10</sup> **Serve the Lord with awe, and govern yourselves in fear and trembling:  
lest he be angry, and you perish in your course.**

<sup>11</sup> For his wrath is quickly kindled:  
blessed are those that turn to him for refuge.

## Second Reading from 2 Peter 1.16-21

<sup>16</sup>For we did not follow cleverly devised myths when we made known to you the power and coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, but we had been eyewitnesses of his majesty.

<sup>17</sup>For he received honour and glory from God the Father when that voice was conveyed to him by the Majestic Glory, saying, 'This is my Son, my Beloved, with whom I am well pleased.'

<sup>18</sup>We ourselves heard this voice come from heaven, while we were with him on the holy mountain. <sup>19</sup>So we have the prophetic message more fully confirmed. You will do well to be attentive to this as to a lamp shining in a dark place, until the day dawns and the morning star rises in your hearts. <sup>20</sup>First of all you must understand this, that no prophecy of scripture is a matter of one's own interpretation, <sup>21</sup>because no prophecy ever came by human will, but men and women moved by the Holy Spirit spoke from God.

**Hear the Word of the Lord.**

**THANKS BE TO GOD**

**Biblical background:** The writer affirms the Transfiguration as a real, witnessed event and stresses that Scripture is inspired by the Holy Spirit, not human invention.

**Meaning & relevance today:** In a confusing world, God's word is a trustworthy light. Scripture helps us discern God's voice and remain grounded in truth and hope.

**Reflect:** • How do I make space for God's word in my daily life? • What voices compete with God's truth for my attention?

### The Holy Gospel

#### The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew 5.17-1-9

#### Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ

<sup>1</sup>Six days later, Jesus took with him Peter and James and his brother John and led them up a high mountain, by themselves. <sup>2</sup>And he was transfigured before them, and his face shone like the sun, and his clothes became dazzling white. <sup>3</sup>Suddenly there appeared to them Moses and Elijah, talking with him. <sup>4</sup>Then Peter said to Jesus, 'Lord, it is good for us to be here; if you wish, I will make three dwellings here, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah.' <sup>5</sup>While he was still speaking, suddenly a bright cloud overshadowed them, and from the cloud a voice said, 'This is my Son, the Beloved; with him I am well pleased; listen to him!' <sup>6</sup>When the disciples heard this, they fell to the ground and were overcome by fear. <sup>7</sup>But Jesus came and touched them, saying, 'Get up and do not be afraid.' <sup>8</sup>And when they looked up, they saw no one except Jesus himself alone. <sup>9</sup>As they were coming down the mountain, Jesus ordered them, 'Tell no one about the vision until after the Son of Man has been raised from the dead.'

**For the Gospel of the Lord**

**Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ**

**Biblical background:** Jesus is transfigured before Peter, James, and John. His divine glory is revealed, and God's voice calls the disciples to listen to him.

**Meaning & relevance today:** Moments of clarity and encounter strengthen us for faithful discipleship. We are called not only to see Christ's glory, but to listen and follow him in everyday life.

**Reflect:** • Where do I glimpse God's glory in ordinary life? • What might it mean for me to truly listen to Jesus this week?

## News & Notices

**HYMN FEST:** 15th February at 2.30 pm at Uniting 4570, Red Hill Road, Gympie

**ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICES:** 18<sup>th</sup> Feb at Rainbow Bch 9.30 am & Gympie 12 noon  
The Lentent Study will be AMB's "Holiday" by Stephen & Vanessa Daughtry and is available at the back of the church. The book is free, however donations welcome.

**COMMUNITY PRAYER BREAKFAST:** The annual gathering will be held at Memorial Park, Gympie on Friday, 20<sup>th</sup> February at 6.30 am. **Free event and all are welcome.**

**MU GATHERING:** 24<sup>th</sup> February at 9.30 am – Guest Speaker is Kate Clues from Gympie Winter Shelter. All welcome to come and hear Kate speak about the Shelter.

**PARISH AGM:** Our Annual General Meeting will be held on Sunday, 1<sup>st</sup> March at 9.30 am in St Peter's. Nomination forms are at the back of the church.

**WORLD DAY OF PRAYER:** Friday, 6<sup>th</sup> Mary at 10 am at St Peter's Gympie and Good Shepherd in Rainbow Beach and in Kandanga at 81 Main St at 9.30 am

**Sunday's 5.30 pm ZOOM Link: Zoom information is the same each week**

**Web address:** <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/7246788483> **Meeting ID:** 724 678 8483

### PARISH PANTRY - DONATIONS



Non-perishable food items: canned foods, pasta & sauce, snack foods, long life milk, etc Please leave at St Peter's or church office (Tues-Fri).

*Thank you for your support of this community outreach.*

## Prayers for those in need

*Jim Alford; David Arthur; Azzrah; Nicholas Barrett; Pam Dorman; Joyce Gall; Allan Gall; Peter Gall; Glennys; Louis Lochel; Jenny; Yvonne Manger & Family; Marnie Richards; Shirley Summerville; Graham and Beris Trainer; Robyn Vagg; Melodie Zylstra.*

## How to contribute to our Church financially

**Deposits may be made by internet transfer from your bank direct to our Church**

*Bank Account using the following information:*

**Account Name:** Anglican Parish Gympie **BSB:** 704-901 **Acnt Number:** 0000 5910

**Please use all the four zeros when entering the Acct No..**

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