



***The Transfiguration of the Beloved son,
Hiroshima Day, &
Prayer for World Peace***

4th Aug 2024

Notes from Yukiko's Desk



Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

This Sunday, we are observing the ***Feast of the Transfiguration of the Beloved Son*** (transferred from Tue 6 Aug).

The story of the ***Transfiguration*** is the story of Jesus climbing a mountain with his closest friends. There Jesus has a profound experience. There is a dazzling light, a cloud that overshadowed them, and they were terrified by the cloud, and a voice.

There are several days on which the Transfiguration may be celebrated. Symbolically, August 6 works well as it precedes the feast of the Exaltation of the ***Holy Cross*** on September 14 by 40 days. A recent tendency in the West is to commemorate the ***Transfiguration*** on the Sunday just before Lent, in accordance with the pattern found in the Synoptics.

In the light of the fact that we are Holy Cross Church, I thought it would be appropriate to observe this feast in August. But also, as you know, 6th of August is Hiroshima day. Being born and raised in Hiroshima, this day has been a very special day for me. Every year on that day, at 8:15 a.m, the exact time when the atomic bomb was dropped, the Peace Bell is rung and everyone in Hiroshima (wherever we are) offers silent prayers for one minute for the repose of the souls of the atomic bomb victims and for peace.

At both St. Michael's and Holy Cross, I am going to share korero (the story) of Hiroshima as a second generation of Hiroshima survivor. And I am also inviting you to pray for world peace.

Peace in Christ,

Yukiko

News & upcoming events



This week, we made a musical drum for bubs using formula tins. We used the materials (such as fabrics, papers, ribbons etc) some of you have donated. Mums are saying their babies love all the toys they made in Space.



Coffee Fellowship

Settler's Morning Tea:

Next meeting: **21st Aug Wednesday at 10 am** at Settler's Lounge.



VIDEO NEWS

Bishop Ross recently met with The Rev'd Ian Yong, who is my dear friend, at St Paul's Symonds Street to talk cross-cultural ministry and Ian's exciting new role as intercultural worker with NZCMS (New Zealand Church Missionary Society). I am going to meet Ian next week to discuss how we can help one another.

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Creative gifts Sunday-1st September

On the 1st September, we will display and celebrate our creative gifts (poetry, painting, floral arrangement, photography, quilting, knitting, writing, (or whatever forms!) in visual (or any other) form around the Church for all to enjoy. If you have something to present, please fill in the form (available from this Sunday) and pass it to In Cheol so that we can arrange the exhibits. If you are not sure, please feel free to talk to Yukiko or In Cheol.

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We pray for:

- A critical situation of shortage of medical doctors in New Zealand;
- The 8,000 individuals in New Zealand and the millions globally who are trapped in modern slavery.
- The world peace

This Week's Question

Name the two Old Testament people who appeared when Jesus was transfigured.

Readings

	<u>4th August</u>	<u>11th August</u>
1 st Reading:	Exod 24:12-18	2 Sam 18:5-9,15,31-33
Psalms	Ps 97	Ps 130
2 nd Reading:	2 Pet 1:16-21	Eph 4:25-5:2
Gospel:	Luke 9:28-36	John 6:35,41-51

This week's summary:

- 1st Reading: It describes Moses' encounter with the Lord on Mount Sinai, brings the season of Epiphany to conclusion.
- 2nd Reading: It is about the assurance and authority of the message of the prophets and apostles as inspired by the Holy Spirit, emphasizing the importance of clinging to the truth of Scripture in the face of false teachings and remaining steadfast in the faith.

Gospel: As Jesus prays on a mountain, his face and clothing become transformed. Moses and Elijah appear and converse with him. When Peter offers a confused response, God speaks to him, John, and James, declaring Jesus to be God's Son.

Sentence

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." (2 Pet 1:17)

Collect of the Day

**God of life and glory,
your Son was revealed in splendour
before he suffered death upon the cross;
grant that we, beholding his majesty,
may be strengthened to follow him
and be changed into his likeness from glory to glory;
for he lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God now and for ever.
Amen.**

This Week's Service Songs

Opening: Be thou my vision
Gospel: It is Well with my Soul
Offertory: Make me a channel of your peace
Recession: How great thou art

Rosters

Holy Cross

	<u>4th August</u>	<u>11th August</u>
Sacristan	Val Deas	Dorothy Shultz
Welcomer	Trish Duncan	Ria Gormley
1 Readings	Patrick Harris	Bernadette
2 Readings	Diana Harris	Dorothy Meyer
Presiding	Yukiko	Les
Prayers	Yukiko	Rhona Stace
TV Setup & Slides	Graham Wood	Gary Wells
Morning Tea	Karenne West	Dorothy & Ria
Flowers	Ria Gormley	Ria Gormley

St Michaels

	<u>4th August</u>	<u>11th August</u>
Welcomer& Prayers	Bruce Goertz	Bruce Goertz
Readings	Brian Simpson	Bruce Goertz
Presiding	Yukiko	Les

This Week's Answer:

Elijah and Moses

Liturgical Colour:

Liturgical Colour for this week is;

White

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