

Feb. 26 Intercessions Sunday before Lent last Sunday of Epiphany

In Jesus the full glory of God is revealed and encountered.

Today's congregational response, as printed in the bulletin:

Holy God: transform us and use us to your glory

As children together in the family of God, let us pray now to our Father in heaven. Lord we pray that as Christians we may listen more attentively and with greater urgency than ever before through the words of Jesus. Give us more awareness of your presence with us. In our worship and our daily ministry. Give us the courage to live out your truth with joy. (pause)

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We pray for those who do not know you or dismiss you as irrelevant to their yes.

We pray for those who influence and encourage others in what is evil, destructive or depraved and we ask for your protection of all who are vulnerable and in danger.

(pause) **Holy God: transform us and use us to your glory**

We pray for all who are adjusting to new relationships in the family, to new homes or new work and leisure patterns. We pray for growth through you, so that we are not thrown by the changes and troubles of everyday life, knowing the reality of your faithfulness. (pause) **Holy God: transform us and use us to your glory**

We pray for all those who are too exhausted or over whelmed by circumstances and pressures to be able to pray; surround all those who are troubled or heavily laden with the revitalizing assurance of your presence, your understanding and your love.

(pause) **Holy God: transform us and use us to your glory**

We pray that those who have gone through death may know the brightness of everlasting life in your company. May we, with them, come to experience the glory and joy of heaven. (pause) **Holy God: transform us and use us to your glory**

Father we thank you for the glimpses of glory you give us in this life. We thank you for your friendship and for you promise to be with us always.

Merciful Father, accept these prays for the sake of your Son Jesus Christ. Amen