

The Transfiguration of Our Lord Jesus Christ



The Introit Illuxerunt, Psalm 77:18 ; 84 :1. Ps 84 3,4,9-11 TONE VII



Antiphon: The sound of your thunder was in the whirlwind;↓
your lightnings lit up the world; *
the earth trembled and shook.

Psalm. How dear to me is your dwelling, O LORD of hosts! *
My soul has a desire and longing
for the courts of the LORD;↓
my heart and my flesh rejoice in the living God.

[Happy are they who dwell in your house! *
they will always be praising you.

Happy are the people whose strength is in you! *
whose hearts are set on the pilgrims' way.

For one day in your courts is better than
a thousand in my own room, *
and to stand at the threshold of the house of my God
than to dwell in the tents of the wicked.

For the LORD God is both sun and shield; *
he will give grace and glory;

No good thing will the LORD withhold *
from those who walk with integrity.]

Gloria Patri. Glo-ry to the Father, and to the Son, ↓
and to the Holy Spirit, *

As it was in the beginning, is now and ever,
for all ages of ages Amen

Antiphon:

The Kyrie or Litany

The Gloria

The Collect:

O God, in the glorious Transfiguration of your only-begotten Son you confirmed and strengthened the mysteries of the faith by the witness of the fathers, and, by the voice coming down in a shining cloud, wonderfully showed our complete adoption as your children. Mercifully grant that we may become co-heirs of the glory of this same King; through the same Jesus Christ your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, God, for all ages of ages. *Amen.*

Or

O God, who on the holy mount revealed to chosen witnesses your well-beloved Son, wonderfully transfigured, in raiment white and glistening: Mercifully grant that we, being delivered from the disquietude of this world, may by faith behold the Lord Jesus in his beauty; through the same Jesus Christ your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, God, for all ages of ages. *Amen.*

Or

O God, who before the passion of your only-begotten Son revealed his glory upon the holy mountain: Grant to us that we, beholding by faith the light of his countenance, may be strengthened to bear our cross, and be changed into his likeness from glory to glory; through the same Jesus Christ your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, God, for all ages of ages. *Amen.*

The First Reading: Exodus 34:29-35

Moses came down from Mount Sinai. As he came down from the mountain with the two tablets of the covenant in his hand, Moses did not know that the skin of his face shone because he had been talking with God. When Aaron and all the Israelites saw Moses, the skin of his face was shining, and they were afraid to come near him. But Moses called to them; and Aaron and all the leaders of the congregation returned to him, and Moses spoke with them. Afterward all the Israelites came near, and he gave them in commandment all that the LORD had spoken with him on Mount Sinai. When Moses had finished speaking with them, he put a veil on his face; but whenever Moses went in before the LORD to speak with him, he would take the veil off, until he came out; and when

he came out, and told the Israelites what he had been commanded, the Israelites would see the face of Moses, that the skin of his face was shining; and Moses would put the veil on his face again, until he went in to speak with him.

The Gradual **Speciosus, Psalm 45:2.1** TONE III



You are the fairest of men; *
 grace flows from your lips,
 because God has blessed you for ever.

My heart is stirring with a noble song; ↓
 let me recite what I have fashioned for the king; *
 my tongue shall be the pen of a skilled writer.

The Epistle: 2 Peter 1:16-19

Brethren: 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. For he received honor 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." We ourselves heard this voice come from heaven, while we were with him on the holy mountain. 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.

Alleluia

Candor est Lucis aeternae. Wisdom 7:26 *Laudate*



He is a reflection of eternal light,
a spotless mirror of the working of God,*
and an image of his goodness.

The Gospel

Matthew 17:1-9

At that time... Six days later, Jesus took with him Peter and James and his brother John and led them up a high mountain, by themselves. And he was transfigured before them, and his face shone like the sun, and his clothes became dazzling white. Suddenly there appeared to them Moses and Elijah, talking with him. 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." 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!" When the disciples heard this, they fell to the ground and were overcome by fear. But Jesus came and touched them, saying, "Get up and do not be afraid." And when they looked up, they saw no one except Jesus himself alone. 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."

The Nicene Creed

Offertory:

Gloria et divitiæ, Psalm 112:3,4

TONE III



Wealth and riches will be in their house, *
and their righteousness will last for ever.

Light shines in the darkness for the upright; *
the righteous are merciful and full of compassion.

Festal Hymn:

1. O wondrous type! O vision fair
of glory that the Church may share,
which Christ upon the mountain shows,
where brighter than the sun he glows!

2. With Moses and Elijah nigh
the incarnate Lord holds converse high;
and from the cloud, the Holy One
bears record to the only Son.

3. With shining face and bright array,
Christ deigns to manifest today
what glory shall be theirs above
who joy in God with perfect love.

4. And faithful hearts are raised on high
by this great vision's mystery;
for which in joyful strains we raise
the voice of prayer, the hymn of praise.

5. O Father, with the eternal Son,
and Holy Spirit, ever One,
we pray you bring us by your grace
to see your glory face to face. Amen

The Prayer over the gifts:

O Lord, sanctify our gifts through the glorious Transfiguration of your only-begotten Son, and as you cast the light of your revelation upon us, cleanse us from the stains of our sins; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, God, for all ages of ages. *Amen.*

Preface of the Nativity

It is truly right and just, our joy and helpful to salvation, that we, always and everywhere give thanks to you, O Lord, holy Father, Almighty and eternal God:

For by the mystery of the Word made flesh, a new light of your splendor has shone before the eyes of our mind, so that while we perceive God in visible form, through Him we may be transported to things invisible.

And therefore with the angels and archangels, with thrones and dominions, and with all the array of the heavenly choirs, we sing this hymn to your glory, evermore acclaiming:

The Seasonal Blessing:

The Lord's Prayer is said followed by Deliver us O Lord. The Priest turns to the People, stepping away to the Gospel side so as not to turn his back on the Holy Sacrament and prays:

Priest: May Almighty God, Who revealed on the mount the bright majesty of His glory, bless you with His mercy, and lift your minds and hearts to heavenly desires.

People: Amen

Priest: May our blessed Saviour, in Whom God the Father is well-pleased, adorn you with the holiness of His saints, that you may live in truth as His most beloved children.

People: Amen

Priest: May He so absolve you in His compassion from the bonds of sin, that coming at the last to the heavenly kingdom, you may with all the saints behold the vision of the Lord in His eternal glory.

People: Amen

Priest: May the Lord God Almighty, Whose glorious Kingdom endures for ever, be pleased to bestow these blessings upon you; and...

Priest: The ✠ Peace of The Lord be always with you.

People: And with your spirit.

Communion: *Visionem quam vidistis. Matthew 17:9* TONE I



V. When Christ appears we shall be like him, *
for we shall see him as he is.

The Postcommunion Collect:

Almighty God, having completed our solemn celebration of the mystery of the Transfiguration of your Son, we ask that we enjoy the knowledge revealed to minds made pure; through Jesus Christ your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, God, for all ages of ages. *Amen*

The Blessing:

The Celebrant turns to the people and says:

The blessing of God Almighty, ✠ the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you, and remain with you for ever. *Amen.*

THE BLESSING OF FIRST FRUITS

The people bring to the church fruits for the Blessing of the First Fruits of the Harvest.

The priest stands before the table set in the midst of the church with the harvest. The server stands beside him with holy water.

Priest: Let us pray.

Almighty Father,
grant to us grace to remember always the abundance of your goodness to us, and as stewards of your bounty to make a due return from the harvest of our lives. Through Jesus Christ your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, God, for all ages of ages. *Amen*

V. Our help is in the Name of the Lord

R. Who made heaven and earth.

V. The eyes of all look to you, O Lord.

R. And you give them their food in due season.

V. The Lord be with you.

R. And with your spirit.

Priest: Let us pray:
Bless ✠ O Father, these new fruits of the earth,
and grant that all who eat of them in your holy name
may obtain health of mind and body,
through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen*

*The first fruits of the harvest are shared by the congregation as a sign of
God's eternal caring for his people.
When pastoral need warrants, the Eastern prayers traditionally associated
with this blessing may be used:*

Priest: Let us pray.

Almighty and gracious Father, we give you thanks for the
fruits of the earth in their season and for the labors of
those who harvest them. Make us, we pray, faithful
stewards of your great bounty, for the provision of our
necessities and the relief of all who are in need, to the
glory of your Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who
lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, God, for all
ages of ages. *Amen*

People: Amen.

For Grapes

Priest: Let us pray to the Lord

People: Lord, have mercy.

Priest: Bless, O Father, this new fruit of the vine, which you have
graciously brought to maturity, through the seasons,
drops of rain, and warm weather. May we joyfully partake
of this offspring of the vine; and may we offer it in Liturgy

as a gift to you for the purification of our sins, through the sacred and all-holy body of your Christ: with whom you are praised, together with your all-holy, good, and life-giving Spirit, now and ever, and for all ages of ages.

People: Amen!

For Vegetables

Priest: O Lord our God, you have commanded that we should bring an offering of each of your own creation. Give us, we pray, the gift of your eternal good things. Lord, you graciously accepted the offering of the widow, according to her ability, accept now also these things which are offered to you by your servants (N.) and grant us a place among your eternal treasures; granting us an abundant harvest of your blessings and all things profitable to our health and salvation.

For blessed is your name, and glorified is your kingdom, of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, now and ever, and for all ages of ages.

People: Amen!

The Priest blesses the fruits with holy water and censes them saying nothing.

At the conclusion of the blessing of fruit (and vegetables), the priest blesses the people and dismisses them, distributing a portion of that which has been blessed to each.

TRANSFIGURATION OF OUR LORD GOD AND SAVIOR JESUS CHRIST

Troparion - Tone 7

Russian Imperial Court Chant
arr. from Lvov/Bakhmetev

Soprano
Alto

Tenor
Bass

You were trans-fig-ured on the mountain, O Christ God,

Detailed description: This system shows the first two staves of the musical score. The Soprano and Alto parts are written on a single grand staff with a treble clef. The Tenor and Bass parts are written on a single grand staff with a bass clef. The music is in a minor key (one flat) and consists of a series of chords. The lyrics are: "You were trans-fig-ured on the mountain, O Christ God,"

revealing Your glory to Your disciples as far as they could

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O Giv - er of Light, glo - ry to You!

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