

# FEAST OF THE TRANSFIGURATION OF THE LORD

Cycle B

## ENTRANCE HYMN

1. Jesu, the very thought of thee  
With sweetness fills my breast;  
But sweeter far thy face to see,  
And in thy presence rest.
2. Nor voice can sing, nor heart can frame,  
Nor can the memory find  
A sweeter sound than thy blest name,  
O Saviour of mankind!
3. Jesu, our only joy be thou,  
As thou our prize wilt be;  
Jesu, be thou our glory now,  
And through eternity.

## GLORIA

Glory to God in the highest,  
and on earth peace to people of good will.

We praise you, we bless you,  
we adore you, we glorify you,  
we give you thanks for your great glory,  
Lord God, heavenly King,  
O God, almighty Father.

Lord Jesus Christ, Only Begotten Son,  
Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,  
you take away the sins of the world:  
have mercy on us;  
you take away the sins of the world,  
receive our prayer;  
you are seated at the right hand of the Father:  
have mercy on us.

For you alone are the Holy One,  
You alone are the Lord,  
You alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ,  
with the Holy Spirit,  
in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

## FIRST READING

A reading from the book of Daniel 7:9-10. 13-14

*His robe as white as snow.*

As I watched:  
Thrones were set in place  
and one of great age took his seat.  
His robe was white as snow,  
the hair of his head as pure as wool.  
His throne was a blaze of flames,  
its wheels were a burning fire.  
A stream of fire poured out,  
issuing from his presence.  
A thousand thousand waited on him,  
ten thousand times ten thousand stood before him.  
A court was held and the books were opened.  
I gazed into the visions of the night.  
And I saw, coming on the clouds of heaven,  
one like a son of man.  
He came to the one of great age

and was led into his presence.  
On him was conferred sovereignty,  
glory and kingship,  
and men of all peoples, nations and languages  
became his servants.  
His sovereignty is an eternal sovereignty  
which shall never pass away,  
nor will his empire ever be destroyed.

The word of the Lord.

## RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 96:1-2. 5-6. 9. R] vv. 1. 9

**R. The Lord is king,  
most high above all the earth.**

1. The Lord is king, let earth rejoice,  
let all the coastlands be glad.  
Cloud and darkness are his raiment;  
his throne, justice and right. (R.)
2. The mountains melt like wax  
before the Lord of all the earth.  
The skies proclaim his justice;  
all peoples see his glory. (R.)
3. For you indeed are the Lord  
most high above all the earth  
exalted far above all spirits. (R.)

## SECOND READING

A reading from the second letter of St. Peter 1:16-19

*We heard this ourselves, spoken from heaven.*

It was not any cleverly invented myths that we were repeating when we brought you the knowledge of the power and the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ; we had seen his majesty for ourselves. He was honoured and glorified by God the Father, when the Sublime Glory itself spoke to him and said, 'This is my Son, the Beloved; he enjoys my favour.' We heard this ourselves, spoken from heaven, when we were with him on the holy mountain.

So we have confirmation of what was said in prophecies; and you will be right to depend on prophecy and take it as a lamp for lighting a way through the dark until the dawn comes and the morning star rises in your minds.

The word of the Lord.

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Mt 17:5

Alleluia, alleluia!  
This is my Son, the Beloved,  
He enjoys my favour;  
listen to him.  
Alleluia!



## GOSPEL

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark  
9:2-10

*This is my Son, the Beloved.*

Jesus took with him Peter and James and John and led them up a high mountain where they could be alone by themselves. There in their presence he was transfigured: his clothes became dazzlingly white, whiter than any earthly bleacher could make them. Elijah appeared to them with Moses; and they were talking with Jesus. Then Peter spoke to Jesus. 'Rabbi', he said 'it is wonderful for us to be here; so let us make three tents, one for you, one for Moses and one for Elijah.' He did not know what to say; they were so frightened. And a cloud came, covering them in shadow; and there came a voice from the cloud, 'This is my Son, the Beloved. Listen to him.' Then suddenly, when they looked round, they saw no one with them anymore but only Jesus.

As they came down the mountain he warned them to tell no one what they had seen, until after the Son of Man had risen from the dead. They observed the warning faithfully, though among themselves they discussed what 'rising from the dead' could mean.

The Gospel of the Lord.

## OFFERTORY HYMN

1. Take these gifts we offer, Lord,  
take these gifts we offer you.  
Take these gifts and help us, Lord,  
to see you more clearly.
2. Take this bread we offer, Lord,  
take this bread we offer you.  
Take this bread and help us, Lord,  
to love you more dearly.
3. Take this wine we offer, Lord,  
take this wine we offer you.  
Take this wine and help us, Lord,  
to follow you more nearly.

## COMMUNION HYMNS

1. O bread of heaven, beneath this veil  
thou dost my very God conceal;  
my Jesus, dearest treasure, hail  
I love thee and adoring kneel;  
Each loving soul by thee is fed  
with thine own self in form of bread.
2. O food of life, thou who dost give  
the pledge of immortality;  
I live; no, 'tis not I that live;  
God gives me life, God lives in me:  
He feeds my soul, he guides my ways,  
and every grief with joy repays.



3. O bond of love that dost unite  
The servant to his living Lord;  
Could I dare live and not requite  
Such love - then death were meet reward:  
I cannot live unless to prove  
Some love for such unmeasured love.
4. O Mighty Fire, Thou that dost burn  
To kindle every mind and heart!  
For Thee my frozen soul doth yearn;  
Come, Lord of love, Thy warmth impart;  
If thus to speak too bold appear,  
'Tis love like Thine has banished fear.
5. O Sweetest dart of love Divine!  
If I have sinned, then vengeance take;  
Come pierce this guilty heart of mine,  
And let it die for His dear sake  
Who once expired on Calvary,  
His heart pierced through for love of me.
6. Beloved Lord in heaven above,  
there, Jesus, thou awaitest me;  
to gaze on thee with changeless love,  
yes, thus I hope, thus shall it be:  
for how can he deny me heaven  
who here on earth himself hath given?

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1. Blessed assurance, Jesus is mine!  
O what a foretaste of glory divine!  
Heir of salvation, purchase of God,  
Born of His Spirit, washed in His blood.  
*This is my story, this is my song,  
Praising my Saviour, all the day long.* } 2
2. Perfect submission, perfect delight,  
Visions of rapture burst on my sight;  
Angels descending, bring from above  
Echoes of mercy, whispers of love.
3. Perfect submission, all is at rest  
I in my Saviour am happy and blest,  
Watching and waiting, looking above,  
Filled with His goodness, lost in His love.

## RECESSIONAL HYMN

1. Christ be beside me, Christ be before me,  
Christ be behind me, King of my heart  
Christ be within me, Christ be below me  
Christ be above me, never to part.
2. Christ on my right hand, Christ on my left  
hand,  
Christ all around me, shield in the strife  
Christ in my sleeping, Christ in my sitting  
Christ in my rising, light of my life.