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THE TRANSFIGURATION OF OUR LORD

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This worship folder is designed to be placed inside the back of the hymnal to aid in following the order of service.

Introit (Psalm 99:1-5; antiphon: v.9)

P: Exalt the LORD our God, and worship at his holy mountain;

C: for the LORD our God is holy!

P: The LORD reigns; let the peoples tremble!

C: He sits enthroned upon the cherubim; let the earth quake!

P: The LORD is great in Zion;

C: he is exalted over all the peoples.

P: Let them praise your great and awesome name!

C: Holy is he!

P: The King in his might loves justice.

C: You have established equity; you have executed justice and righteousness in Jacob.

P: Exalt the Lord our God; worship at his footstool!

C: Holy is he!

(we continue with the Gloria Patri on page 186)



Reading: Isaiah 2:1–5

¹The word that Isaiah the son of Amoz saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem.

²It shall come to pass in the latter days
that the mountain of the house of the LORD
shall be established as the highest of the mountains,
and shall be lifted up above the hills;
and all the nations shall flow to it,
³and many peoples shall come, and say:
“Come, let us go up to the mountain of the LORD,
to the house of the God of Jacob,
that he may teach us his ways
and that we may walk in his paths.”
For out of Zion shall go the law,
and the word of the LORD from Jerusalem.
⁴He shall judge between the nations,
and shall decide disputes for many peoples;
and they shall beat their swords into plowshares,
and their spears into pruning hooks;
nation shall not lift up sword against nation,
neither shall they learn war anymore.
⁵O house of Jacob,
come, let us walk
in the light of the LORD.

A This is the Word of the Lord.
C Thanks be to God.

Gradual

A Praise the LORD, all nations!
C Extol him, all peoples!

A For great is his steadfast love toward us,
C and the faithfulness of the LORD endures forever.

A Ascribe to the LORD the glory due his name;
C bring an offering, and come into his courts!

Second Reading: 2 Peter 1:16–21

¹⁶For we did not follow cleverly devised myths when we made known to you the power and coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, but we were eyewitnesses of his majesty. ¹⁷For when he received honor and glory from God the Father, and the voice was borne to him by the Majestic Glory, “This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased,” ¹⁸we ourselves heard this

very voice borne from heaven, for we were with him on the holy mountain. ¹⁹And we have something more sure, the prophetic word, to which you will do well to pay attention as to a lamp shining in a dark place, until the day dawns and the morning star rises in your hearts, ²⁰knowing this first of all, that no prophecy of Scripture comes from someone’s own interpretation. ²¹For no prophecy was ever produced by the will of man, but men spoke from God as they were carried along by the Holy Spirit.

A This is the Word of the Lord.
C Thanks be to God.

Alleluia and Verse: Verse

C Alleluia. You are the most handsome of the sons of men; grace is poured upon your lips. Alleluia.

Holy Gospel: Matthew 17:1–9

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the seventeenth chapter.
C Glory be to Thee, O Lord.

¹After six days Jesus took with him Peter and James, and John his brother, and led them up a high mountain by themselves. ²And he was transfigured before them, and his face shone like the sun, and his clothes became white as light. ³And behold, there appeared to them Moses and Elijah, talking with him. ⁴And Peter said to Jesus, “Lord, it is good that we are here. If you wish, I will make three tents here, one for you and one for Moses and one for Elijah.” ⁵He was still speaking when, behold, a bright cloud overshadowed them, and a voice from the cloud said, “This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased; listen to him.” ⁶When the disciples heard this, they fell on their faces and were terrified. ⁷But Jesus came and touched them, saying, “Rise, and have no fear.” ⁸And when they lifted up their eyes, they saw no one but Jesus only. ⁹And as they were coming down the mountain, Jesus commanded them, “Tell no one the vision, until the Son of Man is raised from the dead.”

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.
C Praise be to Thee, O Christ.

✠ In the Name of Jesus ✠

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