

# *The Transfiguration of our Lord*

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## 671 Sing with All the Saints in Glory

- 1 Sing with all the saints in glory, Sing the resurrection song!  
Death and sorrow, earth's dark story, To the former days belong.  
All around the clouds are breaking; Soon the storms of time shall cease;  
In God's likeness we awaken, Knowing everlasting peace.
  
- 2 Oh, what glory, far exceeding All that eye has yet perceived!  
Holiest hearts for ages pleading Never that full joy conceived.  
God has promised, Christ prepares it; There on high our welcome waits.  
Ev'ry humble spirit shares it, Christ has passed the\_ eternal gates.
  
- 3 Life eternal! Heav'n rejoices: Jesus lives who once was dead.  
Shout with joy, O deathless voices! Child of God, lift up your head!  
Life eternal! Oh, what wonders Crowd on faith; what joy unknown,  
When, amid earth's closing thunders, Saints shall stand before the throne!

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*The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.*

**P** In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C** Amen.

**P** Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

**P** Our help is in the name of the Lord,

**C** who made heaven and earth.

**P** I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,

**C** and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.

**P** O almighty God, merciful Father, **C** I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.

**P** Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the  $\text{†}$  Son and of the Holy Spirit. **C Amen.**

### **Introit**

The lightnings lightened the world:  
**the earth trembled and shook.**

How amiable are Thy tabernacles, O Lord of hosts:  
**my soul longeth, yea, even fainteth for the courts of the Lord.**

**Glory be to the Father and to the Son  
and to the Holy Ghost;  
as it was in the beginning,  
is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.**

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**the earth trembled and shook.**

### **Kyrie**

*LSB 186*

**C Lord, have mercy upon us. Christ, have mercy upon us.  
Lord, have mercy upon us.**

### **Gloria in Excelsis**

*LSB 187*

**P** Glory be to God on high: **C** and on earth peace, goodwill toward men. We praise Thee, we bless Thee, we worship Thee, we glorify Thee, we give thanks to Thee, for Thy great glory. O Lord God, heav'nly King, God the Father Almighty. O Lord, the only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ; O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us. Thou that takest away the sin of the world, receive our prayer. Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy upon us. For Thou only art holy; Thou only art the Lord. Thou only, O Christ, with the Holy Ghost, art most high in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

## Salutation and Collect of the Day

**P** The Lord be with you.

**C** And with thy spirit.

**P** Let us pray: O God, who in the glorious transfiguration of Thine only-begotten Son hast confirmed the mysteries of the faith by the testimony of the fathers, and who, in the voice that came from the bright cloud, didst in a wonderful manner foreshow the adoption of sons : mercifully vouchsafe to make us coheirs with the King of His glory, and bring us to the enjoyment of the same; through the same Jesus Christ, Thy Son, our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with Thee and the Holy Ghost, ever one God, world without end.

**C** Amen.

## Old Testament Reading

*Exodus 34:29–35*

<sup>29</sup>When Moses came down from Mount Sinai, with the two tablets of the testimony in his hand as he came down from the mountain, Moses did not know that the skin of his face shone because he had been talking with God.

<sup>30</sup>Aaron and all the people of Israel saw Moses, and behold, the skin of his face shone, and they were afraid to come near him. <sup>31</sup>But Moses called to them, and Aaron and all the leaders of the congregation returned to him, and Moses talked with them. <sup>32</sup>Afterward all the people of Israel came near, and he commanded them all that the LORD had spoken with him in Mount Sinai.

<sup>33</sup>And when Moses had finished speaking with them, he put a veil over his face. <sup>34</sup>Whenever Moses went in before the LORD to speak with him, he would remove the veil, until he came out. And when he came out and told the people of Israel what he was commanded, <sup>35</sup>the people of Israel would see the face of Moses, that the skin of Moses' face was shining. And Moses would put the veil over his face again, until he went in to speak with him.

**A** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

## Epistle

*2 Peter 1:16–21*

<sup>16</sup>For 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. <sup>17</sup>For 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,” <sup>18</sup>we ourselves heard this very voice borne from heaven, for we were with him on the holy mountain. <sup>19</sup>And 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, <sup>20</sup>knowing this first of all, that no prophecy of Scripture comes from someone's own interpretation. <sup>21</sup>For 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**

*LSB 190*

**C** Alleluia. Alleluia. 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.

<sup>1</sup>After six days Jesus took with him Peter and James, and John his brother, and led them up a high mountain by themselves. <sup>2</sup>And he was transfigured before them, and his face shone like the sun, and his clothes became white as light. <sup>3</sup>And behold, there appeared to them Moses and Elijah, talking with him. <sup>4</sup>And 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." <sup>5</sup>He 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." <sup>6</sup>When the disciples heard this, they fell on their faces and were terrified. <sup>7</sup>But Jesus came and touched them, saying, "Rise, and have no fear." <sup>8</sup>And when they lifted up their eyes, they saw no one but Jesus only. <sup>9</sup>And 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.

**Nicene Creed**

**C** I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible.

**And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one**

substance with the Father, by whom all things were made; who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried. And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father. And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, whose kingdom will have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, who spoke by the prophets. And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church, I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, and I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life ✝ of the world to come. Amen.

#### 413 O Wondrous Type! O Vision Fair

- 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 Thee, bring us by Thy grace  
To see Thy glory face to face.

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## Sermon

### Offertory

*LSB 192*

**C** Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me. Cast me not away from Thy presence, and take not Thy Holy Spirit from me. Restore unto me the joy of Thy salvation, and uphold me with Thy free spirit. Amen.

### [ Offering ]

### Prayer of the Church

### Preface

*LSB 194*

**P** The Lord be with you.

**C** And with thy spirit.

**P** Lift up your hearts.

**C** We lift them up unto the Lord.

**P** Let us give thanks unto the Lord, our God.

**C** It is meet and right so to do.

**P** It is truly meet, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who at His transfiguration revealed His glory to His disciples that they might be strengthened to proclaim His cross and resurrection and with all the faithful look forward to the glory of life everlasting. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company

of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

### **Sanctus**

*LSB 195*

**☩ Holy, holy, holy Lord God of Sabaoth; heav'n and earth are full of Thy glory. Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest. Blessed is He, blessed is He, blessed is He that cometh in the name of the Lord. Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.**

### **Lord's Prayer**

*LSB 196*

**Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name, Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven; give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us ✠ from evil. For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.**

### **The Words of Our Lord**

*LSB 197*

**☐** Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My ✠ body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My ✠ blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

### **Pax Domini**

*LSB 197*

**☐** The peace of the Lord be with you always. **☩ Amen.**

**☐ O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us. O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us. O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, grant us Thy peace. Amen.**

**Distribution**

**621 Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence**

- 1 Let all mortal flesh keep silence And with fear and trembling stand;  
Ponder nothing earthly-minded, For with blessing in His hand  
Christ our God to earth descending Comes our homage to demand.
  
- 2 King of kings yet born of Mary, As of old on earth He stood,  
Lord of lords in human vesture, In the body and the blood,  
He will give to all the faithful His own self for heav'nly food.
  
- 3 Rank on rank the host of heaven Spreads its vanguard on the way  
As the Light of Light, descending From the realms of endless day,  
Comes the pow'rs of hell to vanquish As the darkness clears away.
  
- 4 At His feet the six-winged seraph, Cherubim with sleepless eye,  
Veil their faces to the presence As with ceaseless voice they cry:  
"Alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia, Lord Most High!"

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**548 Thanks to Thee, O Christ, Victorious**

- 1 Thanks to Thee, O Christ, victorious! Thanks to Thee, O Lord of Life!  
Death hath now no power o'er us, Thou hast conquered in the strife.  
Thanks because Thou didst arise And hast opened paradise!  
None can fully sing the glory Of the resurrection story.
  
- 2 Thou hast died for my transgression, All my sins on Thee were laid;  
Thou hast won for me salvation, On the cross my debt was paid.  
From the grave I shall arise And shall meet Thee in the skies.  
Death itself is transitory; I shall lift my head in glory.

- 3 For the joy Thine advent gave me, For Thy holy, precious Word;  
For Thy Baptism, which doth save me, For Thy blest Communion board;  
For Thy death, the bitter scorn, For Thy resurrection morn,  
Lord, I thank Thee and extol Thee, And in heav'n I shall behold Thee.  
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### **585 Lord Jesus Christ, with Us Abide**

- 1 Lord Jesus Christ, with us abide, For round us falls the eventide.  
O let Your Word, that saving light, Shine forth undimmed into the night.
- 2 In these last days of great distress Grant us, dear Lord, true steadfastness  
That we keep pure till life is spent Your holy Word and Sacrament.
- 3 To hope grown dim, to hearts turned cold Speak tongues of fire and make  
us bold To shine Your Word of saving grace Into each dark and loveless  
place.
- 4 May glorious truths that we have heard, The bright sword of Your mighty  
Word, Spurn Satan that Your Church be strong, Bold, unified in act and  
song.
- 5 Restrain, O Lord, the human pride That seeks to thrust Your truth aside  
Or with some man-made thoughts or things Would dim the words Your  
Spirit sings.
- 6 Stay with us, Lord, and keep us true; Preserve our faith our whole life  
through— Your Word alone our heart's defense, The Church's glorious  
confidence.

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### **395 O Morning Star, How Fair and Bright**

- 1 O Morning Star, how fair and bright!  
You shine with God's own truth and light, Aglow with grace and mercy!  
Of Jacob's race, King David's son, Our Lord and master, You have won  
Our hearts to serve You only! Lowly, holy!  
Great and glorious, All victorious,  
Rich in blessing! Rule and might o'er all possessing!

2 Come, heav'nly Bridegroom, Light divine,  
And deep within our hearts now shine; There light a flame undying!  
In Your one body let us be As living branches of a tree,  
Your life our lives supplying. Now, though daily  
Earth's deep sadness May perplex us  
And distress us, Yet with heav'nly joy You bless us.

3 Lord, when You look on us in love,  
At once there falls from God above A ray of purest pleasure.  
Your Word and Spirit, flesh and blood Refresh our souls with heav'nly  
food.  
You are our dearest treasure! Let Your mercy  
Warm and cheer us! O draw near us!  
For You teach us God's own love through You has reached us.

4 Almighty Father, in Your Son  
You loved us when not yet begun Was this old earth's foundation!  
Your Son has ransomed us in love To live in Him here and above:  
This is Your great salvation. Alleluia!  
Christ the living, To us giving  
Life forever, Keeps us Yours and fails us never!

5 O let the harps break forth in sound!  
Our joy be all with music crowned, Our voices gladly blending!  
For Christ goes with us all the way— Today, tomorrow, ev'ry day!  
His love is never ending! Sing out! Ring out!  
Jubilation! Exultation!  
Tell the story! Great is He, the King of Glory!

6 What joy to know, when life is past,  
The Lord we love is first and last, The end and the beginning!  
He will one day, oh, glorious grace, Transport us to that happy place  
Beyond all tears and sinning! Amen! Amen!  
Come, Lord Jesus! Crown of gladness!  
We are yearning For the day of Your returning!

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## Nunc Dimittis

*LSB 199*

**☩** Lord, now lettest Thou Thy servant depart in peace according to Thy word, for mine eyes have seen Thy salvation, which Thou hast prepared before the face of all people, a light to lighten the Gentiles and the glory of Thy people Israel. Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

## Thanksgiving

*LSB 200*

**☩** O give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good,

**☩** and His mercy endureth forever.

**☩** Let us pray: We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **☩** Amen.

**☩** The Lord be with you.

**☩** And with thy spirit.

## Benedicamus

*LSB 202*

**☩** Bless we the Lord.

**☩** Thanks be to God.

## Benediction

*LSB 202*

**☩** The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious unto you. The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and ✠ give you peace. **☩** Amen, amen, amen.

## 417 Alleluia, Song of Gladness

- 1 Alleluia, song of gladness, Voice of joy that cannot die;  
Alleluia is the anthem Ever raised by choirs on high;  
In the house of God abiding Thus they sing eternally.
  
- 2 Alleluia, thou resoundest, True Jerusalem and free;  
Alleluia, joyful mother, All thy children sing with thee,  
But by Babylon's sad waters Mourning exiles now are we.
  
- 3 Alleluia cannot always Be our song while here below;  
Alleluia, our transgressions Make us for a while forgo;  
For the solemn time is coming When our tears for sin must flow.
  
- 4 Therefore in our hymns we pray Thee, Grant us, blessèd Trinity,  
At the last to keep Thine Easter With Thy faithful saints on high;  
There to Thee forever singing Alleluia joyfully.

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## **THE TRANSFIGURATION OF OUR LORD**

Jesus is Transfigured and manifests His Glory – The Lord appeared to Moses in the light of the burning bush (Exodus 3:1–14). Later Moses' face would shine with the light of God's glory when he came down from Mount Sinai (Exodus 34:29–35). At the Transfiguration, Moses and Elijah appeared with the One who is the Light of Light Himself, Jesus Christ (Matthew 17:1–9). Jesus' glory as God shines with brilliant splendor in and through His human nature. By this epiphany, our Lord confirmed the prophetic word (2 Peter 1:16–21), revealing that He is the fulfillment of the Law and the Prophets. He manifested His majesty as the eternal Son of the Father, and He wonderfully foreshowed our adoption as sons. We who have been baptized into Christ's body are given a glimpse of the glory that we will share with Him in the resurrection on the Last Day.

There are many reasons why Moses and Elijah appeared with Our Lord when He is transfigured. First, the multitudes claimed that Jesus was Elijah or another prophet; so He brings these chief Prophets so others might see the difference between the servants and their Lord. Second, the Jews charged Jesus transgressing against the Law and usurping the glory of the Father; so He brings forward Moses who gave the Law, and Elijah who was zealous for the glory of God. Third, by producing Moses who was dead and Elijah who had not yet experienced death, Jesus shows He has power over life and death. Fourth, Our Lord wishes to show the glory of His cross, and thus soothe the disciples who feared His death; so He brings forward both Moses and Elijah, who had willingly stood before tyrants and exposed themselves to death for God's sake. Finally, Our Lord brings Moses and Elijah forward so that the disciples might be as meek as Moses and zealous as Elijah.

– Saint John Chrysostom