

THURSDAY AUGUST 6

Feast

The Transfiguration of the Lord

Roman Missal 897; Sunday Lectionary 614

The Feast of the Transfiguration has been observed on this day by the universal Church since the 15th century. See p. 171.

Entrance Antiphon

(Cf. Mt 17) **In a resplendent cloud the Holy Spirit appeared. The Father's voice was heard: This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased. Listen to him.**

Glory to God (p. 7)

Collect

O God, who in the glorious Transfiguration of your Only Begotten Son confirmed the mysteries of faith by the witness of the Fathers and wonderfully prefigured our full adoption to sonship, grant, we pray, to your servants, that, listening to the voice of your beloved Son, we may merit to become co-heirs with him. Who lives and reigns

with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

An alternate reading follows.

Reading —————
(Daniel 7.9-10, 13-14)

As I watched, thrones were set in place, and the One who is Ancient of Days took his throne. His clothing was white as snow, and the hair of his head like pure wool. His throne was fiery flames, and its wheels were burning fire. A stream of fire issued and flowed out from his presence. A thousand thousands served him, and ten thousand times ten thousand stood attending him. The court sat in judgment, and the books were opened.

As I watched in the night visions, I saw one like a son of man coming with the clouds of heaven. And he came to the One who is Ancient of Days and was presented before him.

To him was given dominion and glory and kingship, that all peoples, nations, and languages should serve him. His dominion is an everlasting dominion that shall not pass away, and his kingship is one that shall never be destroyed.

The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

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Reading —————
(2 Peter 1.16-19)

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 honour and glory from God the Father when that voice was conveyed to him by the Majestic Glory, saying, “This is my Son, the Beloved. With him 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.

The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Responsorial Psalm —————
(Psalm 97)

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

The Lord is king! Let the earth rejoice; let the many coastlands be glad! Clouds and thick darkness are all around him; righteousness and justice are the foundation of his throne. **R.**

The mountains melt like wax before the Lord, before the Lord of all the earth. The heavens proclaim his righteousness; and all the peoples behold his glory. **R.**

For you, O Lord, are most high over all the earth; you are exalted far above all gods. **R.**

Acclamation (*Matthew 17*)

Alleluia. Alleluia. This is my Son, the Beloved; with him I am well pleased; listen to him!
Alleluia.

Gospel —————
(*Matthew 17.1-9*)

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

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 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 Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

Prayer over the Offerings

Sanctify, O Lord, we pray, these offerings here made to celebrate the glorious Transfiguration of your Only Begotten Son, and by his radiant splendour cleanse us from the stains of sin. Through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Preface (*Transfiguration, p. 12*)

Communion Antiphon

(Cf. 1 Jn 3) **When Christ appears, we shall be like him, for we shall see him as he is.**

Prayer after Communion

May the heavenly nourishment we have received, O Lord, we

pray, transform us into the likeness of your Son, whose radiant splendour you willed to make manifest in his glorious Transfiguration. Who lives and reigns for ever and ever. **Amen.**

Be good, love the Lord, pray for those who do not know him. What a great grace it is to know God! —St. Josephine Bakhita