

Evening Prayer on Saturday

Saturday, 6 August 2022

The Transfiguration of our Lord

Preparation

O God, make speed to save us.

AllO Lord, make haste to help us.

[The Blessing of Light \(page 110\)](#) may replace the Preparation at Evening Prayer on any occasion.

One or more of the following is said or sung:

A prayer of thanksgiving (page 110),

Blessed are you, Lord God, creator of day and night:

to you be praise and glory for ever.

As darkness falls you renew your promise

to reveal among us the light of your presence.

By the light of Christ, your living Word,

dispel the darkness of our hearts

that we may walk as children of light

and sing your praise throughout the world.

Blessed be God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit:

AllBlessed be God for ever.

or a suitable hymn,

or A Song of God's Light

1The Lord is my light and my salvation;

whom then shall I fear? â€

The Lord is the strength of my life;

of whom then shall I be afraid?

2Though a host encamp against me,
my heart shall not be afraid, â€¦
and though there rise up war against me,
yet will I put my trust in him.

3One thing have I asked of the Lord
and that alone I seek: â€¦
that I may dwell in the house of the Lord
all the days of my life,

4To behold the fair beauty of the Lord â€¦
and to seek his will in his temple.

5For in the day of trouble
he shall hide me in his shelter; â€¦
in the secret place of his dwelling shall he hide me
and set me high upon a rock.

6Therefore will I offer in his dwelling an oblation
with great gladness; â€¦
I will sing and make music to the Lord.

Psalm 27.1, 3-6, 8

AllGlory to the Father and to the Son
and to the Holy Spirit;
as it was in the beginning is now
and shall be for ever. Amen.

This opening prayer may be said

That this evening may be holy, good and peaceful,
let us pray with one heart and mind.

Silence is kept.

As our evening prayer rises before you, O God,
so may your mercy come down upon us
to cleanse our hearts
and set us free to sing your praise
now and for ever.

AllAmen.

The Word of God

Psalmody

The appointed psalmody is said.

Psalm 72

Refrain: The Lord is king; let the earth rejoice.

1 Give the king your judgements, O God, ^â ^â;
and your righteousness to the son of a king.

2 Then shall he judge your people righteously ^â ^â;
and your poor with justice.

3 May the mountains bring forth peace, ^â ^â;
and the little hills righteousness for the people.

4 May he defend the poor among the people, ^â ^â;
deliver the children of the needy and crush the oppressor. ^â R

5 May he live as long as the sun and moon endure, ^â ^â;
from one generation to another.

6 May he come down like rain upon the mown grass, ^â ^â;
like the showers that water the earth.

7 In his time shall righteousness flourish, ^â ^â;
and abundance of peace
till the moon shall be no more. ^â R

8 May his dominion extend from sea to sea ^â ^â;
and from the River to the ends of the earth.

9 May his foes kneel before him ^â ^â;
and his enemies lick the dust.

10 The kings of Tarshish and of the isles shall pay tribute; ^â ^â;
the kings of Sheba and Seba shall bring gifts.

11 All kings shall fall down before him;Â Æ|

all nations shall do him service.Â R

12 For he shall deliver the poor that cry out,Â Æ|

the needy and those who have no helper.

13 He shall have pity on the weak and poor;Â Æ|

he shall preserve the lives of the needy.

14 He shall redeem their lives from oppression and violence,Â Æ|

and dear shall their blood be in his sight.Â R

15 Long may he live;

unto him may be given gold from Sheba;Â Æ|

may prayer be made for him continually

and may they bless him all the day long.

16 May there be abundance of grain on the earth,

standing thick upon the hilltops;Â Æ|

may its fruit flourish like Lebanon

and its grain grow like the grass of the field.

17 May his name remain for ever

and be established as long as the sun endures;Â Æ|

may all nations be blest in him

and call him blessed.Â R

18 Blessed be the Lord, the God of Israel,Â Æ|

who alone does wonderful things.

19 And blessed be his glorious name for ever.Â Æ|

May all the earth be filled with his glory.

Amen. Amen.

Refrain: The Lord is king; let the earth rejoice.

May your kingdom come, O God,

with deliverance for the needy,

with peace for the righteous,

with overflowing blessing for all nations,

with glory, honour and praise

for Christ, the only Saviour.

Each psalm or group of psalms may end with

All Glory to the Father and to the Son

and to the Holy Spirit;

as it was in the beginning is now

and shall be for ever. Amen.

If there are two Scripture readings, the first may be read here, or both may be read after the canticle.

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. Afterwards 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.

Canticle

The following, or another suitable canticle, may be said or sung

Refrain:

All We have come before the throne of God

to share in the inheritance of the saints in light.

1 We have come before God, the holy mountain;

to the heavenly Jerusalem, the city of the living God.

2 We have come before countless angels making festival,

before the assembly of the firstborn citizens of heaven.

3 We have come before God, who is judge of all,

before the spirits of the just made perfect.

4 We have come before Jesus,

the mediator of the new covenant.

5We are receiving a kingdom that cannot be shaken: â€¦;
so let us give thanks and offer to God acceptable worship,

6Full of reverence and awe; â€¦;
for our God is a consuming fire.

Hebrews 12.22-24a, 28, 29

AllGlory to the Father and to the Son
and to the Holy Spirit;
as it was in the beginning is now
and shall be for ever. Amen.

AllWe have come before the throne of God
to share in the inheritance of the saints in light.

Scripture Reading

One or more readings appointed for the day are read.

The reading(s) may be followed by a time of silence.

2 Corinthians 3

Are we beginning to commend ourselves again? Surely we do not need, as some do, letters of recommendation to you or from you, do we? You yourselves are our letter, written on our hearts, to be known and read by all; and you show that you are a letter of Christ, prepared by us, written not with ink but with the Spirit of the living God, not on tablets of stone but on tablets of human hearts.

Such is the confidence that we have through Christ towards God. Not that we are competent of ourselves to claim anything as coming from us; our competence is from God, who has made us competent to be ministers of a new covenant, not of letter but of spirit; for the letter kills, but the Spirit gives life.

Now if the ministry of death, chiselled in letters on stone tablets, came in glory so that the people of Israel could not gaze at Mosesâ€™ face because of the glory of his face, a glory now set aside, how much more will the ministry of the Spirit come in glory? For if there was glory in the ministry of condemnation, much more does the ministry of justification abound in glory! Indeed, what once had glory has lost its glory because of the greater glory; for if what was set aside came through glory, much more has the permanent come in glory!

Since, then, we have such a hope, we act with great boldness, not like Moses, who put a veil over his face to keep the people of Israel from gazing at the end of the glory that was being set aside. But their minds were hardened. Indeed, to this very day, when they hear the reading of the old covenant, that same veil is still there, since only in Christ is it set aside. Indeed, to this very day whenever Moses is read, a veil lies over their minds; but when one turns to the Lord, the veil is removed.

Now the Lord is the Spirit, and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom. And all of us, with unveiled faces, seeing the glory of the Lord as though reflected in a mirror, are being transformed into the same image from one degree of glory to another; for this comes from the Lord, the Spirit.

A suitable song or chant, or a responsory in this or another form, may follow

Your salvation is near to those who fear you;

that glory may dwell in our land.

All Your salvation is near to those who fear you;

that glory may dwell in our land.

Mercy and truth have met together;

righteousness and peace have kissed each other.

All That glory may dwell in our land.

Glory to the Father and to the Son

and to the Holy Spirit.

All Your salvation is near to those who fear you;

that glory may dwell in our land.

from Psalm 85

Gospel Cantic

The Magnificat (The Song of Mary) is normally said,

or [A Song of Praise \(page 627\)](#) may be said

Refrain:

All It is good that we are here

and to behold the glory that is Christ.

1 My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord,

my spirit rejoices in God my Saviour; *â€*

he has looked with favour on his lowly servant.

2 From this day all generations will call me blessed; *â€*

the Almighty has done great things for me

and holy is his name.

3 He has mercy on those who fear him, *â€*

from generation to generation.

4 He has shown strength with his arm *â€*

and has scattered the proud in their conceit,

5Casting down the mighty from their thrones
and lifting up the lowly.

6He has filled the hungry with good things
and sent the rich away empty.

7He has come to the aid of his servant Israel,
to remember his promise of mercy,

8The promise made to our ancestors,
to Abraham and his children for ever.

Luke 1.46-55

AllGlory to the Father and to the Son
and to the Holy Spirit;
as it was in the beginning is now
and shall be for ever. Amen.

Refrain:

All It is good that we are here
and to behold the glory that is Christ.

Prayers

Thanksgiving may be made for the day.

Intercessions are offered

Â¶ for peace

Â¶ for individuals and their needs

Prayers may include the following concerns from the [cycle on pages 362-363](#)

Â¶ Our homes, families, friends and all whom we love

Â¶ Those whose time is spent caring for others

Â¶ Those who are close to death

Â¶ Those who have lost hope

Â¶ The worship of the Church

One of the forms of prayer found [on pages 362-371](#) may be used.

These responses may be used

Lord, in your mercy

hear our prayer

(or)

Lord, hear us.

Lord, graciously hear us.

Silence may be kept.

The Collect of the day is said

Father in heaven,

whose Son Jesus Christ was wonderfully transfigured

before chosen witnesses upon the holy mountain,

and spoke of the exodus he would accomplish at Jerusalem:

give us strength so to hear his voice and bear our cross

that in the world to come we may see him as he is;

who is alive and reigns with you,

in the unity of the Holy Spirit,

one God, now and for ever.

All Amen.

The Lord's Prayer is said

As our Saviour taught us, so we pray

All Our Father in heaven,

hallowed be your name,

your kingdom come,

your will be done,

on earth as in heaven.

Give us today our daily bread.

Forgive us our sins

as we forgive those who sin against us.

Lead us not into temptation

but deliver us from evil.

For the kingdom, the power,

and the glory are yours

now and for ever.

Amen.

(or)

Let us pray with confidence as our Saviour has taught us

All 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,

the power and the glory,

for ever and ever.

Amen.

The Conclusion

All The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,

and the love of God,

and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit,

be with us all evermore.

Amen.

Let us bless the Lord.

All Thanks be to God.

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