

# Vespers



Friday Evening Prayer Feast of the Transfiguration August 6, 2021



#### **INTRODUCTION**

Leader: God, + come to my assistance.

All: Lord, make haste to help me.

Leader: Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit:

All: as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen. Alleluia.

#### **PSALMODY**

# Psalm 110:1-5, 7 The Messiah, king, and priest

Christ's reign will last until all his enemies are made subject to him (1 Corinthians 15:25)

# **Antiphon:**

Leader: Jesus took Peter, James and his brother John and led them up a high mountain where they could be alone All: and he was transfigured before them.

*Leader:* The Lord's revelation to my Master:

"Sit on my right: your foes I will put beneath your feet."

All: The Lord will wield from Zion your scepter of power: rule in the midst of all your foes.

A prince from the day of your birth on the holy mountains; from the womb before the dawn I begot you.

The Lord has sworn an oath he will not change. "You are a priest for ever, a priest like Melchizedek of old."

The Master standing at your right hand will shatter kings in the day of his great wrath.

He shall drink from the stream by the wayside and therefore he shall lift up his head.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.

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All: and he was transfigured before them.

# **Psalm Prayer**

Leader: Almighty God, bring the kingdom of Christ, your anointed one, to its fullness. May the perfect offering of your Son, eternal priest of the new Jerusalem, be offered in every place to your name and make all nations a holy people for you.

**Psalm 121:** Guardian of his people Never again will they hunger and thirst, never again know scorching heat (Revelation 7:16)

# **Antiphon:**

Leader: A bright cloud overshadowed them and suddenly a voice spoke from the cloud:

All: This is my beloved Son in whom I am well pleased; listen to him.

I lift up my eyes to the mountains: from where shall come my help? My help shall come from the Lord who made heaven and earth.

May he never allow you to stumble! Let him sleep not, your guard. No, he sleeps not nor slumbers, Israel's guard.

The Lord is your guard and your shade; at your right side he stands.

By day the sun shall not smite you nor the moon in the night.

The Lord will guard you from evil, he will guard your soul.

The Lord will guard your going and coming both now and for ever.

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## **Psalm Prayer**

Lord Jesus Christ, you have prepared a quiet place for us in your Father's eternal home. Watch over our welfare on this perilous journey, shade us from the burning heat of day, and keep our lives free of evil until the end.

# Canticle: See 1 Timothy 3:16: The mystery and glory of Christ

## **Antiphon**

Leader: As they came down from the mountain Jesus commanded them:

All: Tell no one of the vision until the Son of Man has risen from the dead.

Christ manifested in the flesh, Christ justified in the Spirit. **Praise the Lord, all you nations.** 

Christ contemplated by the angels, Christ proclaimed by the pagans. **Praise the Lord, all you nations.** 

Christ who is believed in the world, Christ exalted in glory.

Praise the Lord, all you nations.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit:

Praise the Lord, all you nations.

as it was in the beginning, is now, is now, and will be for ever. Amen. **Praise the Lord, all you nations.** 

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**READING:** Romans 8:16-17

The Spirit himself gives witness with our spirit that we are children of God. But if we are children, we are heirs as well: heirs of God, heirs with Christ, if only we suffer with him so as to be glorified with him.

#### RESPONSORY

Reader: Beauty and wealth surround him, alleluia, alleluia.

All: Beauty and wealth surround him, alleluia, alleluia.

Richness and splendor adorn his holy place.

Alleluia, alleluia.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit.

- Beauty and wealth surround him, alleluia, alleluia.

#### **GOSPEL CANTICLE**

Canticle of Mary: Luke 1:46-55

The soul rejoices in the Lord

Leader: When they heard the voice from the cloud, the disciples fell on their faces, overcome with fear;

All: Jesus came up to them, touched them and said: Stand up. Do not be afraid.

My + soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord, my spirit rejoices in God my Savior for he has looked with favor on his lowly servant.

From this day all generations will call me blessed: the Almighty has done great things for me, and holy is his Name.

He has mercy on those who fear him in every generation.

He has shown the strength of his arm, he has scattered the proud in their conceit.

He has cast down the mighty from their thrones, and has lifted up the lowly.

He has filled the hungry with good things, and the rich he has sent away empty

He has come to the help of his servant Israel for he has remembered his promise of mercy, the promise he made to our fathers, to Abraham and his children for ever.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.

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#### **INTERCESSIONS**

*Reader:* In the presence of his disciples our Savior was wonderfully transfigured on Mount Tabor. Let us pray to him with confidence

Lord, in your light may we see light.

O Christ, before your passion and death you revealed the resurrection to your disciples on Mount Tabor; we pray for your Church which labors amid the cares and anxieties of this world,

 that in its trials it may always be transfigured by the joy of your victory.

Lord, in your light may we see light.

O Christ, you took Peter, James and John and led them up a high mountain by themselves; we pray for our pope and bishops,

 that they may inspire in your people the hope of being transfigured at the last day.

Lord, in your light may we see light.

O Christ, upon the mountaintop you let the light of your face shine over Moses and Elijah,

we ask your blessing upon the Jewish people; of old you called them to be your chosen nation.

Lord, in your light may we see light.

O Christ, you gave light to the world when the glory of the Creator arose over you,

we pray for men of good will that they may walk in your light.
 Lord, in your light may we see light.

O Christ, you will reform our lowly body and make it like your glorious one,

 we pray for our brothers and sisters who have died that they may share in your glory for ever.

Lord, in your light may we see light.

#### THE LORD'S PRAYER

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.

#### **CONCLUDING PRAYER**

God our Father, in the transfigured glory of Christ your Son, you strengthen our faith by confirming the witness of your prophets, and show us the splendor of your beloved sons and daughters. As we listen to the voice of your Son, help us to become heirs to eternal life with him who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever.

- Amen.

#### DISMISSAL

If a priest or deacon presides, he dismisses the people:

The Lord be with you.

And with your spirit.

May almighty God bless you, the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit.

- Amen.

Go in peace.

- Thanks be to God.