

## Sunday 6 August 2017: TRANSFIGURATION OF OUR LORD

### Collect

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, listening to his voice, to bear our cross steadfastly in this world, that we may see him as he is in the world that is to come; where he is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

### *A reading from Daniel*

**Daniel 7. 9, 10, 13, 14**

As I watched, thrones were set in place, and an Ancient One 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 thousand served him, and ten thousand times ten thousand stood attending him. The court sat in judgement, and the books were opened. As I watched in the night visions, I saw one like a human being coming with the clouds of heaven. And he came to the Ancient One 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.

*This is the word of the Lord.*

**Thanks be to God.**

### Psalm 97

The Lord is king: let the earth rejoice  
let the multitude of the isles be glad.  
Clouds and darkness are round about him :  
righteousness and justice are the foundation of his throne.  
Fire goes before him :  
and burns up his enemies on every side.  
His lightnings lit up the world:  
the earth saw it and trembled.  
The mountains melted like wax  
at the presence of the Lord :  
at the presence of the Lord of the whole earth.  
The heavens declared his righteousness :  
and all the peoples have seen his glory.  
Confounded be all who worship carved images  
and delight in mere idols :  
bow down before him all you gods.  
Zion heard and was glad,  
and the daughters of Judah rejoiced :  
because of your judgements, O Lord.  
For you, Lord, are most high over all the earth :  
you are exalted far above all gods.

The Lord loves those who hate evil :  
he preserves the lives of his faithful  
and delivers them from the hand of the wicked.  
Light has sprung up for the righteous :  
and joy for the true of heart.  
Rejoice in the Lord, you righteous :  
and give thanks to his holy name.

*A reading from the Second Letter of Peter*

**2 Peter 1. 16 - 19**

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 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, my Beloved, with whom 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.

*This is the word of the Lord.*

**Thanks be to God.**

*Listen to the Gospel of Christ according to Saint Luke.*

**Luke 9. 28-36**

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

Now about eight days after these sayings Jesus took with him Peter and John and James, and went up on the mountain to pray. And while he was praying, the appearance of his face changed, and his clothes became dazzling white. Suddenly they saw two men, Moses and Elijah, talking to him. They appeared in glory and were speaking of his departure, which he was about to accomplish at Jerusalem. Now Peter and his companions were weighed down with sleep; but since they had stayed awake, they saw his glory and the two men who stood with him. Just as they were leaving him, Peter said to Jesus, 'Master, it is good for us to be here; let us make three dwellings, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah' - not knowing what he said. While he was saying this, a cloud came and overshadowed them; and they were terrified as they entered the cloud. Then from the cloud came a voice that said, 'This is my Son, my Chosen; listen to him!' When the voice had spoken, Jesus was found alone. And they kept silent and in those days told no one any of the things they had seen.

*This is the Gospel of the Lord.*

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

**Sunday 13 August 2017: THE TENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST  
(TRINITY 9)**

**Collect**

Almighty God, who sent your Holy Spirit to be the life and light of your Church: open our hearts to the riches of your grace, that we may bring forth the fruit of the Spirit in love and joy and peace; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

*A reading from the First Book of Kings*

**1 Kings 19. 9 - 18**

At that place he came to a cave, and spent the night there. Then the word of the Lord came to him, saying, 'What are you doing here, Elijah?' He answered, 'I have been very zealous for the Lord, the God of hosts; for the Israelites have forsaken your covenant, thrown down your altars, and killed your prophets with the sword. I alone am left, and they are seeking my life, to take it away.' He said, 'Go out and stand on the mountain before the Lord, for the Lord is about to pass by.' Now there was a great wind, so strong that it was splitting mountains and breaking rocks in pieces before the Lord, but the Lord was not in the wind; and after the wind an earthquake, but the Lord was not in the earthquake; and after the earthquake a fire, but the Lord was not in the fire; and after the fire a sound of sheer silence. When Elijah heard it, he wrapped his face in his mantle and went out and stood at the entrance of the cave. Then there came a voice to him that said, 'What are you doing here, Elijah?' He answered, 'I have been very zealous for the Lord, the God of hosts; for the Israelites have forsaken your covenant, thrown down your altars, and killed your prophets with the sword. I alone am left, and they are seeking my life, to take it away.' Then the Lord said to him, 'Go, return on your way to the wilderness of Damascus; when you arrive, you shall anoint Hazael as king over Aram. Also you shall anoint Jehu son of Nimshi as king over Israel; and you shall anoint Elisha son of Shaphat of Abel-meholah as prophet in your place. Whoever escapes from the sword of Hazael, Jehu shall kill; and whoever escapes from the sword of Jehu, Elisha shall kill. Yet I will leave seven thousand in Israel, all the knees that have not bowed to Baal, and every mouth that has not kissed him.'

*This is the word of the Lord.*

**Thanks be to God.**

**Psalm 105. 1 - 10**

1.O give thanks to the Lord and call upon his name  
make known his deeds among the peoples.

2.Sing to him, sing praises  
and tell of all his marvellous works.

3.Rejoice in the praise of his holy name  
let the hearts of them rejoice who seek the Lord.

4.Seek the Lord and his strength  
seek his face continually.

5. Remember the marvels he has done  
his wonders and the judgements of his mouth,  
6. O seed of Abraham his servant  
O children of Jacob his chosen.  
7. He is the Lord our God  
his judgements are in all the earth.  
8. He has always been mindful of his covenant  
the promise that he made for a thousand generations  
9. The covenant he made with Abraham  
the oath that he swore to Isaac,  
10. Which he established as a statute for Jacob  
an everlasting covenant for Israel.

*A reading from Paul's Letter to the Romans*

**Romans 10. 5 - 15**

Moses writes concerning the righteousness that comes from the law, that 'the person who does these things will live by them.' But the righteousness that comes from faith says, 'Do not say in your heart, "Who will ascend into heaven?"' (that is, to bring Christ down) 'or "Who will descend into the abyss?"' (that is, to bring Christ up from the dead). But what does it say? 'The word is near you, on your lips and in your heart' (that is, the word of faith that we proclaim); because if you confess with your lips that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. For one believes with the heart and so is justified, and one confesses with the mouth and so is saved. The scripture says, 'No one who believes in him will be put to shame.' For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek; the same Lord is Lord of all and is generous to all who call on him. For, 'Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.' But how are they to call on one in whom they have not believed? And how are they to believe in one of whom they have never heard? And how are they to hear without someone to proclaim him? And how are they to proclaim him unless they are sent? As it is written, 'How beautiful are the feet of those who bring good news!'

*This is the word of the Lord.*

**Thanks be to God.**

*Listen to the Gospel of Christ according to Saint Matthew.*

**Matthew 14. 22 - 33**

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

Immediately he made the disciples get into the boat and go on ahead to the other side, while he dismissed the crowds. And after he had dismissed the crowds, he went up the mountain by himself to pray. When evening came, he was there alone, but by this time the boat, battered by the waves, was far from the land, for the wind was against them. And early in the morning he came walking towards them on the lake. But when the disciples saw him walking on the lake, they were terrified, saying, 'It is a ghost!' And they cried out in fear. But immediately Jesus spoke to them and said, 'Take heart, it is I; do not be afraid.' Peter answered him, 'Lord, if it is you, command me to come to you on the water.' He said, 'Come.' So Peter got out of the boat, started walking on

the water, and came towards Jesus. But when he noticed the strong wind, he became frightened, and beginning to sink, he cried out, 'Lord, save me!' Jesus immediately reached out his hand and caught him, saying to him, 'You of little faith, why did you doubt?' When they got into the boat, the wind ceased. And those in the boat worshipped him, saying, 'Truly you are the Son of God.'

*This is the Gospel of the Lord.*

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

**Sunday 20 August 2017: THE ELEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST  
(TRINITY 10)**

**Collect**

Let your merciful ears, O Lord, be open to the prayers of your humble servants; and that they may obtain their petitions make them to ask such things as shall please you; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.**Amen.**

*A reading from Isaiah*

**Isaiah 56.1, 6 - 8**

Thus says the Lord: Maintain justice, and do what is right, for soon my salvation will come, and my deliverance be revealed. And the foreigners who join themselves to the Lord, to minister to him, to love the name of the Lord, and to be his servants, all who keep the sabbath, and do not profane it, and hold fast my covenant these I will bring to my holy mountain, and make them joyful in my house of prayer; their burnt-offerings and their sacrifices will be accepted on my altar; for my house shall be called a house of prayer for all peoples. Thus says the Lord God, who gathers the outcasts of Israel, I will gather others to them besides those already gathered.

*This is the word of the Lord.*

**Thanks be to God.**

**Psalm 67**

God be gracious to us and bless us :  
and make his face to shine upon us,  
That your way may be known upon earth :  
your saving power among all nations.  
Let the peoples praise you, O God :  
let all the peoples praise you.  
O let the nations rejoice and be glad :  
for you will judge the peoples righteously  
and govern the nations upon earth.  
Let the peoples praise you, O God :  
let all the peoples praise you.  
Then shall the earth bring / forth her / increase :  
and God, our own God, will bless us.  
God will bless us :  
and all the / ends of the / earth shall / fear him.

I ask, then, has God rejected his people? By no means! I myself am an Israelite, a descendant of Abraham, a member of the tribe of Benjamin. God has not rejected his people whom he foreknew. For the gifts and the calling of God are irrevocable. Just as you were once disobedient to God but have now received mercy because of their disobedience, so they have now been disobedient in order that, by the mercy shown to you, they too may now receive mercy. For God has imprisoned all in disobedience so that he may be merciful to all.

*This is the word of the Lord.*

**Thanks be to God.**

*Listen to the Gospel of Christ according to Saint Matthew. Matthew 15. [10-20]21-28*

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

Then he called the crowd to him and said to them, 'Listen and understand: it is not what goes into the mouth that defiles a person, but it is what comes out of the mouth that defiles.' Then the disciples approached and said to him, 'Do you know that the Pharisees took offence when they heard what you said?' He answered, 'Every plant that my heavenly Father has not planted will be uprooted. Let them alone; they are blind guides of the blind. And if one blind person guides another, both will fall into a pit.' But Peter said to him, 'Explain this parable to us.' Then he said, 'Are you also still without understanding? Do you not see that whatever goes into the mouth enters the stomach, and goes out into the sewer? But what comes out of the mouth proceeds from the heart, and this is what defiles. For out of the heart come evil intentions, murder, adultery, fornication, theft, false witness, slander. These are what defile a person, but to eat with unwashed hands does not defile.' Jesus left that place and went away to the district of Tyre and Sidon. Just then a Canaanite woman from that region came out and started shouting, 'Have mercy on me, Lord, Son of David; my daughter is tormented by a demon.' But he did not answer her at all. And his disciples came and urged him, saying, 'Send her away, for she keeps shouting after us.' He answered, 'I was sent only to the lost sheep of the house of Israel.' But she came and knelt before him, saying, 'Lord, help me.' He answered, 'It is not fair to take the children's food and throw it to the dogs.' She said, 'Yes, Lord, yet even the dogs eat the crumbs that fall from their masters' table.' Then Jesus answered her, 'Woman, great is your faith! Let it be done for you as you wish.' And her daughter was healed instantly.

*This is the Gospel of the Lord.*

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

**Sunday 27 August 2017: THE TWELTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST  
(TRINITY 11)**

**Collect**

O God, you declare your almighty power most chiefly in showing mercy and pity: mercifully grant to us such a measure of your grace, that we, running the way of your commandments, may receive your gracious promises, and be made partakers of your heavenly treasure; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

*A reading from Isaiah*

**Isaiah 51. 1 – 6**

Listen to me, you that pursue righteousness, you that seek the Lord. Look to the rock from which you were hewn, and to the quarry from which you were dug. Look to Abraham your father and to Sarah who bore you; for he was but one when I called him, but I blessed him and made him many. For the Lord will comfort Zion; he will comfort all her waste places, and will make her wilderness like Eden, her desert like the garden of the Lord; joy and gladness will be found in her, thanksgiving and the voice of song. Listen to me, my people, and give heed to me, my nation; for a teaching will go out from me, and my justice for a light to the peoples. I will bring near my deliverance swiftly, my salvation has gone out and my arms will rule the peoples; the coastlands wait for me, and for my arm they hope. Lift up your eyes to the heavens, and look at the earth beneath; for the heavens will vanish like smoke, the earth will wear out like a garment, and those who live on it will die like gnats; but my salvation will be for ever, and my deliverance will never be ended.

*This is the word of the Lord.*

**Thanks be to God.**

**Psalm 138**

I will give thanks to you, O Lord, with my whole heart:

before the gods will I sing praise to you.

I will bow down towards your holy temple and praise your name,

because of your love and faithfulness:

for you have glorified your name

and your word above all things.

In the day that I called to you, you answered me:

you put new strength in my soul.

All the kings of the earth shall praise you, O Lord:

for they have heard the words of your mouth.

They shall sing of the ways of the Lord:

that great is the glory of the Lord.

Though the Lord be high, he watches over the lowly:

as for the proud, he regards them from afar.

Though I walk in the midst of trouble,  
you will pre/serve me:  
you will stretch forth your hand against the fury of my  
enemies; your right hand will save me.  
The Lord shall make good his purpose for me:  
your loving-kindness, O Lord, endures for ever;  
for/sake not the work of your hands.

*A reading from St Paul's Letter to the Romans*

**Romans 12. 1 - 8**

I appeal to you therefore, brothers and sisters, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship. Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your minds, so that you may discern what is the will of God—what is good and acceptable and perfect. For by the grace given to me I say to everyone among you not to think of yourself more highly than you ought to think, but to think with sober judgement, each according to the measure of faith that God has assigned. For as in one body we have many members, and not all the members have the same function, so we, who are many, are one body in Christ, and individually we are members one of another. We have gifts that differ according to the grace given to us: prophecy, in proportion to faith; ministry, in ministering; the teacher, in teaching; the exhorter, in exhortation; the giver, in generosity; the leader, in diligence; the compassionate, in cheerfulness.

*This is the word of the Lord.*

**Thanks be to God.**

*Listen to the Gospel of Christ according to Saint Matthew.*

**Matthew 16. 13 - 20**

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

Now when Jesus came into the district of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, 'Who do people say that the Son of Man is?' And they said, 'Some say John the Baptist, but others Elijah, and still others Jeremiah or one of the prophets.' He said to them, 'But who do you say that I am?' Simon Peter answered, 'You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God.' And Jesus answered him, 'Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah! For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my Father in heaven. And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not prevail against it. I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven.' Then he sternly ordered the disciples not to tell anyone that he was the Messiah.

*This is the Gospel of the Lord.*

**Praise to you, O Christ.**