

Year A; Transfiguration Sunday
Liturgical Elements
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Lectionary Texts

- Exodus 24:12-18
- Psalm 2
 - or Psalm 99
- 2 Peter 1:16-21
- Matthew 17:1-9

***CALL TO WORSHIP** (*from Psalm 99*)

One: The LORD is king; let the peoples tremble!

All: He sits enthroned upon the cherubim; let the earth quake!

One: The LORD is great in Zion; he is exalted over all the peoples.

All: Let them praise your great and awesome name, Holy is he!

One: Mighty King, lover of justice, you have established equity;

All: you have executed justice and righteousness in Jacob.

One: Extol the LORD our God; worship at his footstool. Holy is he!

All: Moses and Aaron were among his priests, Samuel also was among those who called on his name. They cried to the LORD, and he answered them.

One: He spoke to them in the pillar of cloud; they kept his decrees, and the statutes he gave them.

All: O LORD our God, you answered them; you were a forgiving God to them, but an avenger of their wrongdoings.

One: Extol the LORD our God, and worship at his holy mountain;

All: for the LORD our God is holy. Let us worship God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit!

CALL TO CONFESSION (*from Matthew 17*)

In the Transfiguration, the Apostle Peter does what we might do. When he becomes anxious and confused, he fills the space with idle words and may have tried to start a kingdom with Jesus, Moses, and Elijah ruling. Let us confess where we are too quick to respond and act out of our anxiety.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON *(from Matthew 17)*

The Father proclaimed, “This is my Son, the Beloved; with him I am well pleased; listen to him!”. The disciples fell to the ground and were overcome with fear. But Jesus came and touched them saying, “Get up and do not be afraid.” Our Lord has shown similar love for us, and he offers forgiveness and salvation in his name.

All: Through Jesus Christ we are forgiven! Thanks be to God. Amen.

PRAYER OF DEDICATION *(from 2 Peter 1)*

Almighty and loving God, you have given us your scriptures inspired by your Spirit and written by your servants. Some of those servants were eyewitnesses to your work and testify to that work at great risk. We thank you for your scriptures, those who witnessed and recorded at risk, and those who have extended your message through generations. With our gratefulness, we offer these tithes for the continued work of your saints for current and future generations. Amen.

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