

Year C; Transfiguration of the Lord
Liturgical Elements
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Lectionary Texts

- Exodus 34:29-35
- Psalm 99
- 2 Corinthians 3:12-4:2
- Luke 9:28-36, (37-43a)

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;
All: worship at his footstool. Holy is he! Let us worship him!

CALL TO CONFESSION (*from 2 Corinthians 3*)

Too often we put veils over our eyes out of desire that God would fit our preferences. Let us remove those veils and come before the true God with humility in confession.

SILENT PRAYER OF CONFESSION (30 seconds)

CORPORATE PRAYER OF CONFESSION (*from 2 Corinthians 3*)

Gracious God, through Jesus the Messiah, you give us further understanding than was available to the Israelites of old. We have opportunity to come before you and to act with great boldness and with hope. Too often, though, we act timidly and don't proclaim and live into what our Lord Jesus demonstrated 2000 years ago. Forgive our timidness and our sinful and misdirected actions. Grow us into boldness and hope grounded in trust of you, faith in you, hope for what you have promised, and love of you and neighbor as you have commanded. In the name of the one, Jesus, who came to make you known. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON (*from Luke 9*)

In Jesus, we have one to follow who has authority. God the Father spoke of him, "This is my Son, my Chosen; listen to him!" He has authority even to offer forgiveness of sins and eternal life. Listen to and follow Jesus and know that we are forgiven. **Amen.**

PRAYER OF DEDICATION *(from Luke 9)*

Merciful God, despite the sinfulness of the Israelites and their failure to follow and believe in you, you healed many through Jesus Christ including, in today's gospel passage, a child of a concerned father. We trust that you still heal today and that you are healing this world and transforming it into the Kingdom of Heaven. Please accept these meager tithes to contribute to your work. Amen.

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