

5 PRAY THE PSALM OF THE WEEK **Psalm 77:18, 84:1-2, 4, 10-11**

The lightnings lit | up the world;*
the earth trem- | bled and shook.
How lovely is Your tabernacle, O | Lord of hosts!*
My soul longs, yes, even faints for the courts | of the Lord.
Blessed are those who dwell | in Your house;*
they will still be | praising You.
Behold, O | God our shield,*
and look upon the face of You're A- | noointed
For the Lord God is a | sun and shield;*
the Lord will give grace and | glory.

6 SAY TOGETHER THE VERSE OF THE WEEK **Matthew 17:5**

[A] voice from the cloud said, "This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased; listen to him."

7 READ THE SCRIPTURE AND DEVOTION (OTHER SIDE OF THE PAGE)

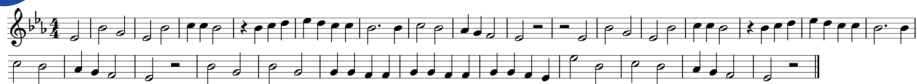
8 PRAY THE PRAYER OF THE WEEK

O God, who in the glorious transfiguration of Your only-begotten Son confirmed the mysteries of the faith by the testimony of the fathers and who, in the voice that came from the bright cloud, did in a wonderful manner foreshow the adoption of sons, mercifully make us co-heirs with the King of His glory and bring us to the enjoyment of our inheritance in heaven; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

9 PRAYER FOR OURSELVES AND OTHERS

10 SING OR SAY THE HYMN OF THE WEEK
How Lovely Shines the Morning Star

TLH 343, LSB 395
Philipp Nicolai



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| <p>1. How lovely shines the Morning Star!
The nations see and hail afar
The light in Judah shining.
Thou David's Son of Jacob's race,
My Bridegroom and my King of Grace,
For Thee my heart is pining.
Lowly, Holy,
Great and glorious, Thou victorious
Prince of graces,
Filling all the heavenly places.</p> | <p>5. Thou, mighty Father, in Thy Son
Didst love me ere Thou hadst begun
This ancient world's foundation.
Thy Son hath made a friend of me,
And when in spirit Him I see,
I joy in tribulation.
What bliss Is this!
He that liveth To me giveth
Life forever;
Nothing me from Him can sever.</p> |
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"God Manifest in the Transfiguration of Jesus"

1 BLESS YOURSELF WITH THE HOLY CROSS AND SAY:
In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

2 SAY THE APOSTLES' CREED
I believe in God, the Father Almighty,
Maker of heaven and earth.
And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our
Lord, who was conceived by the Holy
Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered
under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died
and was buried. He descended into hell.
The third day He rose again from the
dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at
the right hand of God, the Father
Almighty. From thence He will come to
judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy
Christian church, the communion of
saints, the forgiveness of sins, the
resurrection of the body, and the life
everlasting. Amen.

3 PRAY 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.
For Thine is the kingdom and
the power and the glory
forever and ever. Amen.

4 PRAY THE MORNING OR EVENING PRAYER

Morning. I thank You, my
heavenly Father, through Jesus
Christ, Your dear Son, that You
have kept me this night from all
harm and danger; and I pray that
You would keep me this day also
from sin and every evil, that all my
doings and life may please You.
For into Your hands I commend
myself, my body and soul, and all
things. Let Your holy angel be with
me, that the evil foe may have no
power over me. Amen.

Evening. I thank you, my
heavenly Father, through Jesus
Christ, Your dear Son, that You
have graciously kept me this day;
and I pray that You would forgive
me all my sins where I have done
wrong, and graciously keep me this
night. For into Your hands, I
commend myself, my body and
soul, and all things. Let Your holy
angel be with me, that the evil foe
may have no power over me. Amen.

THEME OF THE WEEK: God Manifest in the Transfiguration of Jesus

Christ's Transfiguration gloriously revealed God who had chosen to hide Himself in the flesh of mankind in order to redeem it. It is tempting, like Peter, to try and keep Jesus in glory. But Christ's hour of glory does not occur on the mount of Transfiguration, but on the mount of the cross. There, God finishes the work He began in the Garden of Eden, the work of crushing the serpent's head and redeeming mankind. Therefore, rather than trusting in the glory that our eyes see, we must trust in what our ears hear declared from God's Word. We must learn to hear with Peter: "This is My beloved Son . . . listen to Him."

SUN

SCRIPTURE: Matthew 17:1-9 — Listen to Him

Peter sees the glory of Christ, and he wants to keep it. He wants to build three tents so that this glorious moment might last. This glorious sight cannot be denied or explained away. God the Father, however, directs his attention elsewhere. The Father does not say, "Look to Jesus," but rather, "Listen to Him." We will likely not see Jesus in His glory until we have passed through the veil of death or until the last day. While we wait to see Him through resurrected eyes, we must trust what He speaks to us in His Word. *Almighty Father, we thank You for speaking to us through Your Word and ask that You would provide us faithful preachers to preach Your Word with power. Amen.*

MON

SCRIPTURE: Psalm 87 — The One Born There

Rahab, Babylon, Philistia, Tyre, and Cush: Enemies of Israel one and all. And yet, the Lord records as He registers the people, "This one was born there." They had no right to be there; they are not citizens of Jerusalem, of the Holy Land. But God makes them citizens. He says simply, "This one was born there." All of this only occurs because of the One who chose the brotherhood of man's flesh to die in it and thereby redeem it. Having been born in and redeemed the sinful flesh of man, He gave to all those who received His robe of righteousness the right to be called children of God, those born in Zion.

Father, we praise You for making us children of Your promise. Amen.

TUE

SCRIPTURE: 2 Peter 1:16-21 — Eyewitnesses of His Glory

Peter reflects back on the events of his lifetime, noting that he was an eyewitness of Jesus' glory. He saw it on the mount of transfiguration. But Peter directs us not to visions of glory, but to the light of God's Word, "the prophetic word more fully confirmed." God has given us a lamp shining in darkness, a morning star rising in our hearts: His Word. The Holy Spirit, who gave us this Word through prophets and apostles, uses this Word to call you to repentance and faith. And, having made you a child of God through water and Word, will continue to preserve you in this faith through the same. *Heavenly Father, send us Your Holy Spirit to preserve us in Your Word, and teach us to trust not what we see, but what You have said in Your Word. Amen.*

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WED

SCRIPTURE: Isaiah 61:10, 11 — Robed in Righteousness

God's people already possess the "garment of salvation" and the "robe of righteousness." Once again, you cannot trust what your eyes see. When you look at your life, you see sin and wickedness; when you look at the lives of fellow Christians, you also see them struggling with sin. But hear what Isaiah says: God has already "clothed" him and "covered" him with the righteous garments of Christ. So has God also declared you righteous, and clothed and covered you. And when He clothes you, He also makes you into a fruitful garden producing good works for the glory of His name. *Gracious Father, send us Your Holy Spirit, that having received the robe of righteousness, we might live fruitful lives for You. Amen.*

THU

SCRIPTURE: Matthew 11:25-27 — Jesus Reveals the Father to You

In the Transfiguration, Jesus gave a few disciples a brief glimpse of His glory. As magnificent as that sight no doubt was, Jesus gave to the disciples a greater gift: the revelation of the Father. Apart from Jesus, it is impossible to know the Father. God has chosen only to reveal Himself to little children, through Jesus Christ. Do you want to know the Father? Look to Jesus. In Jesus, God—who is love—chose to reveal His love through Jesus' suffering and death on behalf of sinful men. And now, through Jesus, God the Father knows you; you are His little child. *Loving Father, grant us grace to receive You as You reveal Yourself to us in Your Holy Word. Amen.*

FRI

SCRIPTURE: 2 Corinthians 4:5, 6 — We Proclaim Christ

Not proclaiming ourselves proves to be a difficult task. We naturally focus on ourselves and our successes. Even when we speak about our faith, we find ourselves tempted to focus on how we have succeeded in overcoming this or that temptation. However, we do not proclaim ourselves but Christ. Be wary of the one who uses his spiritual success as a flashlight to reveal Christ. Instead, look to Christ, the light of the world. Through His Word, He shines a light into your heart, revealing your sin and need for His saving work. *Forgiving Father, send Your Holy Spirit, that having received the light of the world, we might not dwell in darkness, but the enduring light of Your love. Amen.*

SAT

SCRIPTURE: Psalm 8 — What is Man?

What are men that God would be mindful of them? Nothing. Men took the great gifts of God and through sin, corrupted everything, so that God even had to subject the entire creation to futility on account of them. Because of men, God had to send His Son to suffer and die. What are men? Nothing. Let us praise the Man Christ, the One who hid His divinity within human flesh. In Him, the impossible happened: God died. And reconciled the world to Himself, placing all things under the feet of this one Man, who is not simply a man, but also the Son of God. *Almighty God, thank You for sending Your Son to take on our flesh and be our Savior. Amen.*

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