

FIRST READING:

Gen. 22: 1-2, 9-13, 15-18 *The sacrifice of Abraham, our father in faith.*

RESPONSORIAL PSALM:

Ps. 116 *"I walk in the presence of the Lord in the land of the living."*

SECOND READING:

Rom. 8: 31-34 *"God did not spare his own Son."*

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

"From the shining cloud the Father's voice is heard: This is my beloved Son."

GOSPEL:

Mk. 9: 2-10 *"This my Son, the beloved; listen to Him."*

FOCUS: "This is my beloved Son. Listen to him." Jesus is transfigured in the presence of Peter and James.

SCRIPTURAL TOPICS: prefigured glory, heaven, holiness, hope

REFLECTION: "Hear, O Israel, the Lord your God is one. If you see this in the pure simplicity of your mind, you will somehow be bathed in the brilliance of eternal light."

St. Bonaventure

"I do not say that all is accomplished at once as soon as we attain the state of conscious communion with God. This is only the foundation laid for the next stage, for a new chapter in our Christian life. From now on the transfiguration or spiritualization of soul and body will begin as we share increasingly in the spirit of life that is in Jesus Christ. Having mastered himself man will begin to instill into himself all that is true, holy, and pure, and to drive out all that is false, sinful, and corporeal. Until now he made strenuous efforts to do this, but was robbed of the fruits of his efforts

every moment of the day; so that whatever he succeeded in achieving was at once all but destroyed. Now the case is different. He stands firmly on his feet, not yielding at all before difficulties, and conducts himself according to the aim of his life." *Theophane the Recluse*

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This is my beloved Son.*

APPLYING THE READINGS TO THE LITURGY:

The Transfiguration shows us the light of Divine Love. God loves his son, and the son loves God. Love of God transfigures people. You and I are transfigured by our love of God. Let the liturgy reach you, experience it, and Divine Love will suffuse your body and soul.

Penitential Rite: Third form with fifth set of sample invocations.

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Sample General Intercessions:

Introduction—My sisters and brothers, God gave us his only Son, that all who believe in him might have eternal life. Let us offer our prayers to God, who loves his Son, and who loves us.

- *For the people of God: that we may practice our faith with pure love;*
- *For the peace and well-being of the whole world: that God's eternal gift to us will become known throughout the world;*
- *For all those who have grown lukewarm in their faith: that they may turn to God again now;*
- *For those who suffer from hunger, sickness and loneliness: that Jesus Christ, God's gift to us, will bring them peace;*

- *For our community and families, who welcome Christ into their lives: that they may receive him in the poor and suffering people of the world.*

Solemn Blessing: See blessing for the Passion of the Lord.

R.C.I.A.

God asks us to listen to his beloved son. Read the words of Jesus, in context, in your New Testament, and listen to what he is saying. He brings us a new view of God, and life after death, and how to live so that we may be worthy of what God offers.

Song suggestions:

Abba! Father! (*Landry*) BB, GP, GPCOMP, JS2, S&S

The Voice of God Goes Out BB, CBW III, CCH, WP

Children's Liturgy of the Word

God asks us to listen to His beloved Son, Jesus the Christ. So let us do that. What did Jesus say? Be prepared with your New Testament to read several passages of the words of Jesus to the children, and to be able to explain their context.

Song suggestions

By Name I Have Called You (*Landry*) BB, GPCOMP, JS2

There Is One Lord (*Dameans*) BB/MI, GP, GPCOMP, S&S

You Are Near (*Schutte*) BB/MI, CBW III, CCH, GP, GPCOMP, JS2, W&S

*Right indeed it is
and just, proper and for our welfare,
that we should always
and everywhere give thanks . . .
for through the mystery of the Word
made flesh
thy splendor has shone before
our mind's eye with a new radiance,
and through him whom we recognize
as God made visible,
we are carried away in love of things
invisible . . .*

— *Sheed and Ward Missal*

Suggested musical selections:

GATHERING SONG:

All Will Be Well SM, W&S, WCH
 At the Name of Jesus AF-33-99-163,
 BB/MI, CBW III, CVH, GC, RS, WCH,
 WP
 Eternal Lord of Love BB, CCH, GC, GTR,
 RS
 From Ashes to the Living Font
(Hommerding) CCH, RS, SM, WCH
 Gather Us In *(Haugen)* BB/MI, CVH,
 GPCOMP, GC, GTR, RS, SM, WCH, WP
 God Is My Strong Salvation ACH, CVH,
 SS
 God of Abraham *(Farrell)* BB/MI, GC, JS,
 OCP
 God Spoke to Our Father Abraham CCH,
 WP
 How Firm a Foundation ACH, CVH, GC,
 JS, RS, WP
 I Am the Light of the World *(Hayakawa)*
 BB/MI, CCH, GTR, GC, G2, JS2, S&S
 I Heard the Voice of Jesus BB/MI, CVH,
 WP
 Lift High the Cross BB/MI, CBW III,
 CVH, GPCOMP, PMB, WCH, WP, WW
 Lord of Glory *(Manion)* BB/MI, GP,
 GPCOMP, GTR, JS2, S&S
 Lord, Who Throughout These Forty Days
 BB/MI, CBW III, CCH, SS, SM, WP
 Night-song—Introductory Verse *(Hughes)*
 WS
 O God, Our Help in Ages Past (Ps. 90)
 ACH, BB/MI, CBW III, CVH, GPCOMP,
 PMB, WCH, WOV, WP
 Soul of My Savior BB/MI, CVH
 The Glory of These Forty Days BB/MI
 CBW II, WP, WW
 The Lord Is My Light *(Berthier)* TAIZE
 The Love of Christ the Lord *(Valentine)*
 G-4814
 The Mirror of Eternity *(Chepponis)* G-4225
 This Is My Beloved Son *(Powell)* G-3527
 What Does the Lord Require CCH, SS,
 WP
 What Is This Place *(Oosterhuis)* BB/MI,
 GC, GPCOMP, GTR, JS, RS, WP

RESPONSORIAL PSALM:

Our Blessing Cup *(Jonas)* BB, GTR
 Our Blessing Cup *(Hurd)* BB
 Psalm 116: In the Presence of God
(Kenzia) BB
 Psalm 116: Our Blessing Cup *(Guimont)*
 CCH
 Psalm 116: Our Blessing Cup *(Haugen)*
 GTR, RS
 I Will Walk in the Presence of God
(Haugen) G-4282
 I Will Walk in the Presence of God
(Cooney) G-3410

PREPARATION OF THE GIFTS:

All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name
 ACH, BB/MI, CVH, GPCOMP, PMB,
 RS, WCH, WP
 Center of My Life *(Inwood)* BB/MI, CCH,
 GC, GTR, JS2
 Christ Be Beside Me CCH, CBW III, SM,
 WCH, W&S

Christ Is the World's Light WP
 Christ the Glory *(Proulx)* G-2288
 Christ Upon the Mountain Peak CD, WP
 Cleanse Us Lord *(Willcock)* 10166 OCP
 Ev'ry Time I Feel the Spirit LMGM
 For Our Sake *(Hughes)* WS
 Here I Am, Lord *(Schutte)* BB/MI, GC,
 GP, GPCOMP, GTR, JS, S&S, W&S,
 WCH
 Here I Am, Lord *(Ward)* JS, GC, PMB,
 RS, WCH, W&S
 Hold Me in Life *(Huijbers, Oosterhuis)*
 BB/MI, CBW III, GC, GTR, JS2
 I Will Lift Up Mine Eyes *(Moe)* 352-00209
 Fairest Lord Jesus *(Hampton)* G-2766
 If God Be For Us G-2201
 Jesus, the New Covenant *(Deiss)* PMB,
 WCS, WW
 Jesus on the Mountain Peak *(Moore)*
 G-3842
 Keep in Mind *(Deiss)* BB/MI, PMB,
 SM, W&S, WCH
 Lord, Your Almighty Word CVH, PMB
 O Jesus, Joy of Loving Hearts AF-11-2291,
 BB/MI, CVH, WP
 Oculi Nostri *(Berthier)* TAIZE
 On Eagle's Wings *(Joncas)* ACH, BB/MI,
 GP, GPCOMP, GTR, JS2, SM, WCH, W&S
 Only This I Want *(Schutte)* BB/MI, CBW
 III, GC, GP, GPCOMP, JS2
 Remember Your Love *(Dameans)* BB/MI,
 GP, GPCOMP, GTR, RS, S&S
 Song to Jesus Christ *(Huijbers)* BB/MI,
 GTR, OCP
 These Words *(Lowenthal)* BB/MI, JS
 'Tis Good, Lord, to Be Here CCH, GC
 CVH, SM, WCH, W&S, WP
 We Have Been Told *(Haas)* ACH,
 BB/MI, GPCOMP, GTR, RS, WCH
 We Long for You, O Lord *(Reilly)* BB/MI,
 CBW III, CVH
 With Christ Transfigured *(Kreutz)* WS

COMMUNION:

All That is Hidden *(Farrell)* BB/MI, JS2
 Amazing Grace ACH, BB/MI, CBW III,
 CVH, GC, GP, GPCOMP, RS, WCH,
 WOV, WP, WS
 Be Not Afraid *(Dufford)* ACH, BB/MI,
 CBW III, GP, GPCOMP, GTR, GC, WC,
 W&S
 Be Thou, My Vision 332-40920, CVH, SS
 Behold the Lamb *(Willett)* BB/MI, GTR,
 GC, JS2
 Center of My Life *(Inwood)* BB/MI, GC,
 GTR, JS
 Christ, Our Cornerstone *(Willett)* 8740
 WLP
 Draw Near and Take the Body BB/MI,
 CVH, CCH, SS, WP, W&S
 Eat This Bread *(Berthier)* ACH,
 BB/MI, CVH, GP, GPCOMP, GTR, GC,
 G2, JS2, SM, S&S, SS, W&S, WCH
 Father of Mercy CVH, OCP, WP
 God's Holy Mountain PMB, WCH, W&S
 God in Our Faith *(Lisicky)* SM, WS
 How Lovely Is Your Dwelling Place
(Joncas) BB/MI, GPCOMP, GTR, GC, RS
 I Am the Bread of Life *(Toolan)* ACH,
 BB/MI, CBW III, GPCOMP, GTR, WCH,
 WP

Let Us Break Bread Together ACH,
 GPCOMP, HL-402-12104, PMB, WCH,
 WP
 Like a Seal on Your Heart *(Landry)* GP,
 GPCOMP, JS2
 O Wondrous Type! O Vision Fair CVH,
 50-2600 MSM, G-2836, SS
 See Us, Lord, about Your Altar ACH,
 BB/MI, CBW II, CVH, PMB, WCH
 The God of Abraham Praise BB, GC, RS,
 WP
 Those Who Seek Your Face *(Walker)* BB/
 MI, JS2
 Unless a Grain of Wheat *(Farrell)* BB/MI,
 JS2, S&S
 We Gather Together ACH, BB/MI,
 CVH, GPCOMP, LMGM, PMB, WCH,
 WP

SONG OF PRAISE:

Father, I Stretch My Hands to Thee
 LMGM
 Here I Am, Lord *(Chepponis)* CCH, G-3292
 Here I Am, Lord *(Verdi)* G-3021, RS
 I Know That My Redeemer Lives from
Concertato on Duke Street GC, JS, WS
 I Know That My Redeemer Lives
(Hughes) BB/MI, GC, JS, RS, WP
 I Will Lift Up My Eyes BB/MI, GTR, GC
 I Will Not Die *(Conry)* BB/MI, GC, GTR,
 JS, RS
 Jesus, the Lord *(O'Connor)* BB, CCH, GP,
 GPCOMP, JS2
 On the Wings of Change *(Galipeau)* SM,
 W&S, WCH, 5208 WLP

CLOSING SONG:

Bless the Lord, My Soul *(Haugen)*
 BB/MI, CCH, GTR, GC
 For You Are My God *(Foley)* BB/MI,
 CBW III, GP, GPCOMP, JS2
 Forty Days and Forty Nights BB/MI,
 CVH, CCH, SS, WP
 From the Depths BB/MI, CBW III, JS2,
 PMB
 Go Up to the Mountain *(Norbet)* BB, GP
 Holy God, We Praise Thy Name BB/MI,
 CBW III, CVH, GPCOMP, PMB, WCH,
 WP
 I Know That My Redeemer Lives! ACH,
 BB/MI, CBW III, CVH, PMB, WCH, WP
 In Praise of His Name *(O'Connor)*
 BB/MI, GP, GTR, GC, S&S
 On This Day, the First of Days BB/MI,
 CVH, PMB, WCH, WP
 Praise to the Holiest in the Height
 CBW II, CVH, PMB, SS, SM
 Praise to the Lord ACH, BB/MI, CVH,
 GPCOMP, PMB, WCH, WP
 Priestly People *(Deiss)* PMB, WCH
 Son of God *(Berthier)* TAIZE II
 The Son of God Proclaim BB/MI, PMB
 Then Follow Me *(Sateren)* AF-11-1335
 Transform Us G-4104
 Where Charity and Love Prevail
 BB/MI, CVH, GTR, PMB, WCH, WP
 Yes, I Shall Arise *(Deiss)* PMB, WCH
(or Silence)