

Jesus is glorified by his father and receives his mission from him. Jesus' transfiguration encourages us to be confident that we shall be with God eternally if we are faithful to him now.



## GOD is with us



The mountain and the cloud were important and significant places for Jesus. He would have known of Moses coming down out of the cloud where he met God; the mountain of Tabor and then of Calvary were big in his life, as was the sermon on the mount. These were places and atmospheres where he found himself near to his Father.

We may ask where are places we find the nearness of God?

And what happens when we find a nearness to God? There can be a sense of peace that the love of God lives within us; there can also be the call to spread this love of God in different ways in our life, as Jesus, having found God on the mountain, went with the others to spread this love.

An authentic nearness to God will bring us closer in love and compassion to those near and far, and a compassion for the cry of the earth which so badly needs our care.

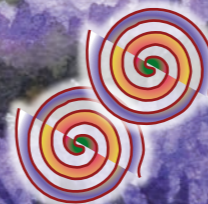
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### Jesus' Story

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In Lent, we look at Jesus. In Jesus' Heart were Two Special Friends hidden; God The Father, and God The Holy Spirit. Jesus let Peter, James and John feel the love of God, in today's story. The Light of God The Father was so brilliant that it made every part of Peter glow with joy, and the Holy Spirit's Voice was full of every sound. So we always bless ourselves in the name of our Three Special Friends, God The Father, The Son and The Holy Spirit.



### ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

Remember your compassion, O Lord, and your merciful love, for they are from of old. Let not our enemies exult over us.

Redeem us, O God of Israel, from all our distress.

### GREETING

In the name of the Father .....Amen.  
The Lord be with you. *And with your spirit.*

### PENITENTIAL ACT

I confess to almighty God and to you, my brothers and sisters, that I have greatly sinned, in my thoughts and in my words, in what I have done and in what I have failed to do, through my fault, through my fault, through my most grievous fault; therefore I ask blessed Mary ever-Virgin, all the Angels and Saints, and you, my brothers and sisters, to pray for me to the Lord our God.

May almighty God have mercy on us..... Amen.

Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy  
Christ, have mercy. Christ, have mercy  
Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.

### OPENING PRAYER

O God, who have commanded us to listen to your beloved Son, be pleased, we pray, to nourish us inwardly by your word, that, with spiritual sight made pure, we may rejoice to behold your glory. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

### LITURGY OF THE WORD

### FIRST READING Genesis 22.1-2.9-13. 15-18.

**A reading from the book of Genesis.** God put Abraham to the test. 'Abraham, Abraham' he called. 'Here I am' he replied. 'Take your son,' God said 'your only child Isaac, whom you love, and go to the land of Moriah. There you shall offer him as a burnt offering, on a mountain I will point out to you.'

When they arrived at the place God had pointed out to him, Abraham built an altar there and arranged the wood. Then he stretched out his hand and seized the knife to kill his son.

But the angel of the Lord called to him from heaven. 'Abraham, Abraham' he said. 'I am here' he replied. 'Do not raise your hand against the boy' the angel said. 'Do not harm him, for now I know you fear God. You have not refused me your son, your only son.' Then looking up, Abraham saw a ram caught by its horns in a bush. Abraham took the ram and offered it as a burnt-offering in place of his son.

The angel of the Lord called Abraham a second time from heaven. 'I swear by my own self - it is the Lord who speaks - because you have done this, because you have not refused me your son, your only son, I will shower blessings on you, I will make your descendants as many as the stars of heaven and the grains of sand on the seashore. Your descendants shall gain possession of the gates of their enemies. All the nations of the earth shall bless themselves by your descendants, as a reward for your obedience.'

**The word of the Lord.**  
**Thanks be to God.**

### RESPONSORIAL PSALM Ps. 115:10.15-19

**R. I will walk in the presence of the Lord in the land of the living.**

1. I trusted, even when I said: 'I am sorely afflicted.'  
O precious in the eyes of the Lord is the death of his faithful. (R)
2. Your servant, Lord, your servant am I: you have loosened my bonds.  
A thanksgiving sacrifice I make: I will call on the Lord's name. (R)
3. My vows to the Lord I will fulfil before all his people, in the courts of the house of the Lord, in your midst, O Jerusalem. (R)

### SECOND READING Romans 8.31-34

**A reading from the letter of St. Paul to the Romans.**

With God on our side who can be against us? Since God did not spare his own Son, but gave him up to benefit us all, we may be certain, after such a gift, that he will not refuse anything he can give. Could anyone accuse those that God has chosen? When God acquits, could anyone condemn? Could Christ Jesus? No! He not only died for us -he rose from the dead, and there at God's right hand he stands and pleads for us.

**The word of the Lord.**  
**Thanks be to God.**

### GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

**Glory and praise to you, O Christ! From the bright cloud the Father's voice was heard:**

**'This is my Son, the Beloved.**

**Listen to him.'**

**Glory and praise to you, O Christ!**

### GOSPEL Mark 9:2-10

**A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark**

Jesus took with him Peter and James and John and led them up a high mountain where they could be alone by themselves. There in their presence he was transfigured: his clothes became dazzlingly white, whiter than any earthly bleacher could make them. Elijah appeared to them with Moses; and they

were talking with Jesus. Then Peter spoke to Jesus. 'Rabbi,' he said 'it is wonderful for us to be here; so let us make three tents, one for you, one for Moses and one for Elijah.' He did not know what to say; they were so frightened. And a cloud came, covering them in shadow; and there came a voice from the cloud, 'This is my Son, the Beloved. Listen to him.' Then suddenly, when they looked round, they saw no one with them any more but only Jesus.

As they came down from the mountain he warned them to tell no one what they had seen, until after the Son of Man had risen from the dead. They observed the warning faithfully, though among themselves they discussed what 'rising from the dead' could mean.

**The Gospel of the Lord.**  
**Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.**

### NICENE CREED

I believe in one God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all things visible and invisible. I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ, the Only Begotten Son of God, born of the Father before all ages. God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, consubstantial with the Father; through him all things were made. For us men and for our salvation he came down from heaven,

*All bow for following three lines:*

and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the Virgin Mary, and became man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate, he suffered death and was buried, and rose again on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead and his kingdom will have no end. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is adored and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. I believe in one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church. I confess one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins and I look forward to the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.

### LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

*Pray brothers and sisters .....*

**May the Lord accept the sacrifice at your hands for the praise and glory of his name, for our good and the good of all his holy Church.**

### PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS

May this sacrifice, O Lord, we pray, cleanse us of our faults and sanctify your faithful in body and mind for the celebration of the paschal festivities. Through Christ our Lord.

### EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

The Lord be with you. *And with your spirit.*  
Lift up your hearts.

*We lift them up to the Lord.*

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

*It is right and just.*

### SANCTUS

Holy, Holy, Holy Lord God of hosts.....

### AFTER THE CONSECRATION

*The mystery of faith.*

We proclaim your Death, O Lord, and profess your Resurrection until you come again.

### THE SIGN OF PEACE

The peace of the Lord be with you always.  
*And with your spirit.*

### INVITATION TO HOLY COMMUNION

Behold the Lamb of God, .....  
Lord, I am not worthy that you should enter under my roof, but only say the word and my soul shall be healed.

### COMMUNION ANTIPHON

**This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased; listen to him.**

### PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

As we receive these glorious mysteries, we make thanksgiving to you, O Lord, for allowing us while still on earth to be partakers even now of the things of heaven. Through Christ our Lord.

### PRAYER OVER THE PEOPLE

Bless your faithful, we pray, O Lord, with a blessing that endures for ever, and keep them faithful to the Gospel of your Only Begotten Son, so that they may always desire and at last attain that glory whose beauty he showed in his own Body, to the amazement of his Apostles. Through Christ our Lord.

### CONCLUDING RITE

The Lord be with you.  
*And with your spirit.*

May the blessing of almighty God, the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit, come down on you and remain with you for ever.  
**Amen.**

Go in peace.

**Thanks be to God.**