

ORDER OF MASS

The Last Sunday after Epiphany :
The Transfiguration of the Lord

23 February 2020

The Introductory Rites

1. When the people are gathered, the presider approaches the altar. The Entrance Antiphon is recited, or it may be recited after the Greeting at ¶2.

**✠ In the name of the Father, and of the Son,
and of the Holy Spirit.**

Amen.

2. Then the presider says:

**The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God,
and the communion of the Holy Spirit, be with you all.**

Or:

**Grace to you and peace from God our Father
and the Lord Jesus Christ.**

Or:

The Lord be with you.

And all respond:

And also with you.

The presider may very briefly introduce the Mass of the day.

Entrance Antiphon

The presider or another minister says:

In a resplendent cloud the Holy Spirit appeared.

And the Father's voice was heard:

This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased:

listen to him.

Penitential Act

3. Then follows the Penitential Act. The presider or another minister says:

**God of compassion,
in Jesus Christ you reveal the light of your glory,
but we turn away, distracted by our own plans.**

A brief pause for silence follows.

**Let us confess our sins in penitence and faith,
confident in God's forgiveness.**

Merciful God,
our maker and our judge,
we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed,
and in what we have failed to do:
we have not loved you with our whole heart;
we have not loved our neighbours as ourselves;
we repent, and are sorry for all our sins.
Father, forgive us.
Strengthen us to love and obey you in newness of life;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The presider says:

**Almighty God,
who has promised forgiveness
to all who turn to him in faith:
pardon ✠ you and set you free from all your sins,
strengthen you in all goodness,
and keep you in eternal life,
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Lord, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

Kyrie, eleison.

Kyrie, eleison.

Christ, have mercy.

Christ, have mercy.

Christe, eleison.

Christe, eleison.

Lord, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

Kyrie, eleison.

Kyrie, eleison.

Or

4. The presider or another minister invites the people to pray in the following or other words, such as those at ¶3:

**Brothers and sisters, let us acknowledge our sins,
and so prepare to celebrate the sacred mysteries.**

A brief pause for silence follows.

You were sent to heal the contrite of heart:

Lord, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

You came to call sinners:

Christ, have mercy.

Christ, have mercy.

**You are seated at the right hand of the Father
to intercede for us:**

Lord, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

The presider says:

**May almighty God have mercy on us,
forgive us our sins,
and bring us to everlasting life. Amen.**

Hymn of Praise

5. **When it is prescribed,** Gloria in excelsis **follows.**

Glory to God in the highest,
and peace to God's people on earth.
Lord God, heavenly King,
almighty God and Father,
we worship you, we give you thanks,
we praise you for your glory.

Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,
Lord God, Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of the world:
have mercy on us;
you are seated at the right hand of the Father,
receive our prayer.

For you alone are the Holy One,
you alone are the Lord,
you alone are the Most High,
Jesus Christ,
with the Holy Spirit,
in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

Collect

6. **The presider says:**

Let us pray.

**Almighty God,
whose Son was revealed in majesty
before he suffered death upon the cross:
give us faith to perceive his glory,
that being strengthened by his grace
we may be changed into his likeness, from glory to glory;
through the same Jesus Christ our Lord,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever. Amen.**

The Liturgy of the Word

7. All sit for the Reading from the Old Testament or as appointed. After each reading the reader may say

Hear the word of the Lord,
thanks be to God.

8. A Psalm, hymn or anthem may be sung.
9. If there is to be a Second Reading, it follows.
10. The Alleluia or other chant is recited.
11. All stand for the Gospel Reading. The deacon or other reader says:

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

The reader says:

✠ The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to...
[chapter... verse...]
Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

After the Gospel, the reader says:

[For] the Gospel of the Lord,
praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Children's Ministry

12. When there are children present, Godly Play or another ministry may follow.

Homily

13. The Homily follows.

Silence may follow.

Profession of Faith

14. Credo in unum Deum follows.

[The presider may introduce the Profession of Faith:

Let us together affirm the faith of the Church.]

We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father.
Through him all things were made.
For us and for our salvation, he came down from heaven;
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary
and became truly human.
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.
On the third day he rose again
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.

We 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 worshipped and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life for the world to come. Amen.

Prayer of the Faithful

15. The presider says

Let us pray for the world and for the church.

The prayers may be offered by presider, the deacon and/or other members of the congregation.

Periods of silence may be kept.

Intercessions and thanksgivings may end with an appropriate response, for example:

Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

Let us pray to the Lord.
Lord, have mercy.

The prayers may conclude with this or another suitable prayer.

Almighty God, you have promised to hear our prayers.

Grant that what we have asked in faith
we may by your grace receive,
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Greeting of Peace

16. All stand. The Greeting of Peace is introduced with these or other suitable words.

We are the body of Christ.

God's Spirit is with us.

The presider says

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

And also with you.

All may exchange a sign of peace.

The Liturgy of the Eucharist

17. A hymn may be sung while the gifts of the people are brought to the Lord's Table. They may be presented in silence or a suitable prayer may be used.
18. When all is ready, the presider says:

**Pray, brothers and sisters
that my sacrifice and yours may be acceptable
to God, the almighty Father.**

May the Lord accept our sacrifice
for the praise and glory of God's name,
for our good, and the good of all God's holy Church.

Prayer over the Offerings

19. The presider says:

**Holy God,
receive all we offer you this day,
and bring us to that radiant glory
which we see in the transfigured face
of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen**

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Eucharistic Prayer

20. **The presider begins the Eucharistic Prayer.**

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

*Eucharistic Prayer for the Transfiguration
PCUSA*

**It is truly right and our greatest joy
to give you thanks and praise,
eternal God our Creator.**

**You brought light out of darkness
and set the sun to brighten the day
and the moon and stars to illumine the night.
Your glory blinds the eyes of our sin,
while your radiance warms our needy hearts.**

**You lead us by the light of your truth
into the way of righteousness and peace.**

**Therefore we praise you,
joining our voices with the heavenly choirs
and with all the faithful of every time and place,
who forever sing to the glory of your name:**

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

21. **The presider continues:**

**You are holy, O God of majesty,
and blessed is Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord.
On a lonely mountain
his human body was transfigured by your divine splendour.
In his face, we have glimpsed your glory.
In his life, we see your love.**

**For your image is untarnished in him,
and the burden of human sorrow and suffering
could not diminish his reflection of your holiness.
The world was dark at his death,
but the light of his life could not be extinguished.
From the grave he rose like the sun,
with blinding power and radiant peace.**

**We give you thanks that the Lord Jesus,
on the night before he died,
took bread,
and after giving thanks to you,
he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:
Take, eat.
This is my body, given for you.
Do this in remembrance of me.**

**In the same way he took the cup, saying:
This cup is the new covenant sealed in my blood,
shed for you for the forgiveness of sins.
Whenever you drink it,
do this in remembrance of me.**

**Remembering your gracious acts in Jesus Christ,
we take from your creation this bread and this wine
and joyfully celebrate his dying and rising,
as we await the day of his coming.
With thanksgiving we offer our very selves to you
to be a living and holy sacrifice,
dedicated to your service.**

Great is the mystery of faith:

Christ has died:

Christ is risen:

Christ will come again.

Gracious God,

pour out your Holy Spirit upon us

and upon these your gifts of bread and wine,

that the bread we break

and the cup we bless

may be the communion of the body and blood of Christ.

By your Spirit make us one with Christ,

that we may be one with all who share this feast,

united in ministry in every place.

As this bread is Christ's body for us,

send us out to be the body of Christ in the world.

Illumine our lives, O God,

with the radiance of Christ's love,

and inspire us to shine in faith and witness

as his holy disciples.

Transform us into his likeness

that we may live for you, as he lived,

and love others, as he loved them.

Give us strength to serve you faithfully

until the promised day of resurrection,

when with the redeemed of all the ages

we will feast with you at your table in glory.

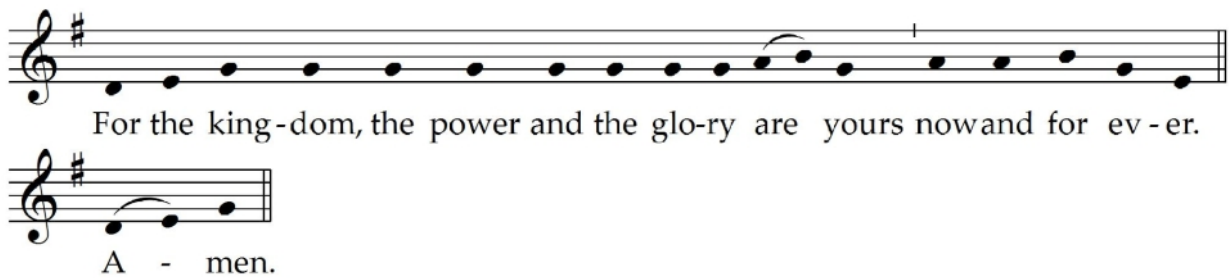
Through Christ, with Christ, in Christ,

in the unity of the Holy Spirit,

all glory and honour are yours, almighty God,

now and forever. Amen.

And the people make the prayer their own, singing:



For the king-dom, the power and the glo-ry are yours now and for ev - er.
A - men.

23. **The presider breaks the bread, saying:**

We break this bread to share in the body of Christ.

We who are many are one body,
for we all share in the one bread.

24. **Meanwhile, the anthem Agnus Dei is said.**

Jesus, Lamb of God, have mercy on us.
Jesus, bearer of our sins, have mercy on us.
Jesus, redeemer of the world, grant us your peace.

25. **The presider invites the people to communion:**

The gifts of God for the people of God.

May we who share these gifts
be found in Christ,
and Christ in us.

or

Behold the Lamb of God,
behold him who takes away the sins of the world.
Blessed are those called to the supper of the Lamb.
Lord, I am not worthy to receive you,
but only say the word, and I shall be healed.

26. **The presider and other communicants receive Holy Communion.**

27. While the presider and ministers receive Holy Communion, the Communion Antiphon may be recited, or it may be said after Communion.

Communion Antiphon

**When Christ appears, we shall be like him,
for we shall see him as he is.**

Prayer after Communion

28. The presider says:

Let us pray.

**Holy God,
we see your glory in the face of Jesus Christ.
May we who are partakers of his table
reflect his life in word and deed,
that all the world may know
his power to change and save.
We ask this in his name. Amen.**

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29. Notices may be given.

Blessing

30. **The presider says:**

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

**Christ, whose glory fills the whole world,
fill you with radiance and scatter the darkness from your path,
gladden your eyes and warm your heart,
and guide your feet into the way of peace;
and the blessing of God almighty,
the Father, the Son, ✠ and the Holy Spirit,
be upon you and remain with you always. Amen.**

Dismissal

31. **The presider or another minister, or the deacon, if present, says:**

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

In the name of Christ. Amen.

or

Go in the peace of Christ.

Thanks be to God.

32. **The presider and ministers depart.**