

Service Folder

for the Transfiguration of Our Lord

February 9, 2025

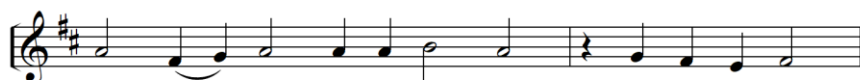
INTROIT *(after The Confession of Sins)*

Psalm 77:18b; Psalm 84:1-2a

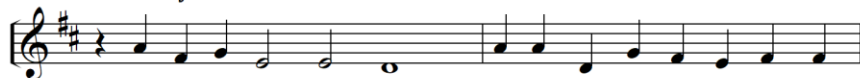
- P** *(Antiphon)* THE LIGHTnings | lit up the world; *
The earth | trembled and — shook.



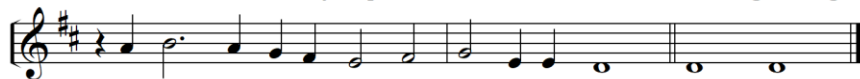
- C** How lovely is Your tabernacle, | O Lord of hosts! *
My soul longs, yes, even faints for the | courts of the — Lord.



Glo - ry be to the Fa - ther and to the Son



and to the Ho - ly Spirit; as it was in the be - gin - ning,



is now, and ev - er shall be, for - ev - er - more. A - men.

- P** *(Antiphon)*

THE GRADUAL & VERSE *(after the Epistle)*

Ps. 45:2a, 110:1; 96:2-3

- P** You are fairer than | the sons of men; *
Grace is poured | upon Your — lips.

- C** The Lord said to my Lord, “Sit | at My right hand, *
Till I make Your ene - | mies Your foot - - stool.”

- P** Alleluia. | Alleluia. *
Sing to the | Lord, bless His — name;

- C** Proclaim the good news of His salvation | from day to day. *
Declare His glory among the nations. | Allelu - ia.



Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

from the *Formula of Concord: Solid Declaration: Art. II*

The eternal Father calls down from heaven about His dear Son and about all who preach repentance and forgiveness of sins in His name, “Listen to Him” (Matthew 17:5).

All who want to be saved ought to listen to this preaching. For the preaching and hearing of God’s Word are the Holy Spirit’s instruments. By, with, and through these instruments the Spirit desires to work effectively, to convert people to God, and to work in them both to will and to do.

A person can hear and read this Word outwardly, even though he is not yet converted to God and regenerate. As said above, a person even since the fall has a free will to a certain extent in these outward things. So he can go to church and listen or not listen to the sermon.

God works through this means (i.e., the preaching and hearing of His Word). He breaks our hearts and draws us to Him. Through the preaching of the Law, a person comes to know his sins and God’s wrath. He experiences in his heart true terrors, contrition, and sorrow. Through the preaching of, and reflection on, the Holy Gospel about the gracious forgiveness of sins in Christ, a spark of faith is kindled in him. This faith accepts the forgiveness of sins for Christ’s sake and comforts itself with the Gospel promise. So the Holy Spirit (who does all this) is sent into the heart.

The preacher’s planting and watering and the hearer’s running and hearing would both be in vain and no conversion would follow it if the power and effectiveness of the Holy Spirit were not added. The Spirit enlightens and converts hearts through the Word preached and heard. So people believe this Word and agree with it. Neither preacher nor hearer is to doubt this grace and effectiveness of the Holy Spirit. They should be certain that when God’s Word is preached purely and truly, according to God’s command and will, and people listen attentively and seriously and meditate on it, God is certainly present with His grace. He grants, as has been said, what otherwise a person can neither accept nor give by his own powers. For we should not and cannot always judge from feeling about the presence, work, and gifts of the Holy Spirit, as to how and when they are experienced in the heart. They are often covered and happen in great weakness. Therefore, we should be certain about and agree with the promise that God’s Word preached and heard is <truly> an office and work of the Holy Spirit. He is certainly effective and works in our hearts by them (2 Corinthians 2:14–17; 3:5–6).

Wondrous Type, Vision Fair

Coelestis Formam Gloriam

Latin, 15th Century

Translated by John Mason Neale, 1851

DEO GRACIAS

Traditional English



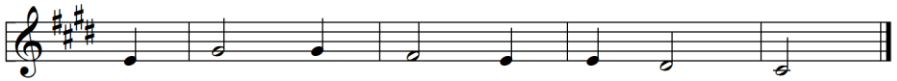
1. O won - drous type! O vi - sion fair
2. From age to age the tale de - clare,
3. The Law and Pro - phets there have place,



Of glo - ry that the Church may share,
How with the three dis - ci - ples there,
Two cho - sen wit - ness - es of grace;



Which Christ up - on the moun - tain shows,
Where Mo - ses and El - i - jah meet,
The Fa - ther's voice from out the cloud



Where bright - er than the sun He glows!
The Lord holds con - verse high and sweet.
Pro - claims His on - ly Son a - loud.

4. With shining face and bright array,
Christ deigns to manifest today
What glory shall be theirs above
Who joy in God with perfect love.

5. And faithful hearts are raised on high
By this great vision's mystery;
For which in joyful strains we raise
The voice of prayer, the hymn of praise.

6. O Father, with th'Eternal Son,
And Holy Spirit, ever One,
Vouchsafe to bring us by Thy grace
To see Thy glory face to face.

HYMNS

OPENING HYMN

TLH #130 - O Jesus King of Glory

HYMN *(after the Creed)*

O Wondrous Type! (inside folder)

HYMN *(after General Prayer)*

TLH #135 - 'Tis Good, Lord, to Be Here

DISTRIBUTION HYMN

TLH #315 - I Come, O Savior, to Thy Table

SCRIPTURE LESSONS

Epistle: *2 Peter 1:16-21*

Gospel: *Matthew 17:1-9*

EVENTS IN THE NEAR FUTURE...

Wed., Feb. 12 - Vespers, 6:30 PM

Sun., Feb. 16 - Bible Class, 9 AM; Divine Service, 10:15 AM (Septuagesima)