

Liturgy Alive of 2nd Sunday of Lent -C-

Greetings *(See Second Reading)*

The Lord Jesus Christ will transform
our perishable human bodies
and make them glorious like his own.
May his light and peace be with you.

R/ And also with you.

Introduction by the Celebrant

A. A Transfiguring Light

Once in a while, perhaps in a rare moment when we are very much discouraged, we deeply encounter the Lord in prayer, or we meet a kind and understanding person who lights up our face with the warmth of understanding and kind love. Such moments can keep us going for a long time. Would that the eucharist, and our encounter with the Lord here, could be such a moment that keeps us going and disposes us to light up the lives of others.

B. With Jesus On the Mountain

At one time or another we have all seen the face of a person light up by good news, or a moment of real happiness. One day Jesus' face too lit up, became radiant and was totally transformed by the realization that his work and suffering would not be in vain. May we also know moments when our faces light up with deep happiness and when we bring this radiance to the faces and hearts of others. In this Eucharist we ask the Lord to work this transfiguration in us and to let us bring it to others.

Penitential Act

We are supposed to be children of light,
yet we often prefer the darkness of sin.
Let us humbly seek the Lord to forgive us.

(PAUSE)

Lord Jesus, light of the Father,
light up our faces and hearts
with your forgiving love:

Lord, have mercy. *R/ Lord, have mercy.*

Jesus Christ, glory of the Most High,
light up our faces and hearts
with your strength and your friendship:
Christ, have mercy. *R/ Christ, have mercy.*
Lord Jesus, light of the world,
light up the faces and hearts of all people
with the message of your Good News:
Lord, have mercy. *R/ Lord, have mercy.*
Have mercy on us, Lord,
and forgive us all our sins.
Brighten our life with your presence

and lead us to everlasting life. *R/ Amen.*

Opening Prayer

Let us pray
for Christ's encouraging light on our way

(PAUSE)

Great and holy God,
on his journey to his suffering and death
you gave to your Son Jesus
a glimpse of the glory that was awaiting him
when he would rise from the dead.
In the drabness and sufferings of our life
and in our frustrated efforts to transform this earth,
let shine on us and all our brothers and sisters
a ray of hope that lifts us up

and sustains us on the way to you
and on the often difficult road
toward your justice and love in this world.

We ask this through Christ our Lord. *R/ Amen.*

Liturgy of the Word

First Reading Introduction: A Flaming Torch And A Covenant

At a time when Abraham's faith is sorely tested, God gives him hope; he binds himself to Abraham by a covenant and by the flaming torch God shows that he is present.

Second Reading Introduction: Transfiguration Of The Christian In Christ

The saving grace of Christ will transfigure our humanity in the image of the risen humanity of the Lord.

Gospel Introduction: A Flash Of The Lord's Glory

Before Jesus set out on his way to his suffering and death, a glimpse of his resurrection and glory shone in him, to strengthen him in his own loyalty and to encourage his disciples.

General Intercessions

Let Jesus lead us high up on the mountain where he wants to pray with us, and let us say: *R/ Lord, brighten our life.*

- That our Lord may give to his Church a bright vision of how it can unite all peoples and cultures, be enriched by them and manifest its one faith in a variety of languages and forms of expression, let us pray: *R/ Lord, brighten our life.*
- That our Lord may give to the leaders of nations a bright vision of the future and dispose them to transform this world by bringing it justice and peace, let us pray: *R/ Lord, brighten our life.*
- That our Lord may give a bright vision to those gifted with talents and possessions as to how they can share their goods and their love so as to transform poverty and misery into happiness, let us pray: *R/ Lord, brighten our life.*
- That our Lord may give to young people a bright vision of service and dedication, that their faith may teach them to transform this world by their hope and youth, let us pray: *R/ Lord, brighten our life.*
- That our Lord may give to those who suffer the vision of how to unite their pains and cares to those of our Lord bearing his cross, so that they may rise above their hardships, let us pray: *R/ Lord, brighten our life.*
- That our Lord may give to our Christian communities a vision of how they can be united, respect one another, learn to accept everyone and forgive mistakes and offenses, let us pray: *R/ Lord, brighten our life.*

Lord Jesus Christ, hear our prayers, show your face to us and accompany us in sorrows and joys on our way to your and our Father, now and for ever. *R/ Amen.*

Prayer over the Gifts

Lord our God,
bread and wine are the gifts
which we bring before you.
As Jesus' appearance as a man like us
was transformed by the light of glory,
change this daily food and drink
into your beloved Son.
Help us to listen to his word
and nourish us with his body,
that we may be converted
to the mentality of Jesus Christ.

your Son and our Lord for ever. *R/ Amen.*

Introduction to the Eucharistic Prayer

Christ our Lord is with us here in this Eucharist, in everyday life, even in our pains, questions, and sorrows. We thank the Father for giving us Jesus.

Invitation to the Lord's Prayer

Jesus taught us how to pray
to our Father in heaven.

With God's beloved Son we pray: *R/ Our Father...*

Deliver Us

Deliver us Lord, from every evil
and grant us peace in our day.
Reassure us in our trials
and help us to go without fear
the way of the victorious cross,
until you take us up in your eternal light
on the day of the coming in glory
of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

R/ For the kingdom...

Invitation to Communion

This is Jesus the Lord,
of whom the Father said:
This is my beloved Son;
listen to him.
Happy are we to receive
his glorious body.

R/ Lord, I am not worthy...

Prayer after Communion

God our Father,
in this Eucharist your Son Jesus has inspired us
with a bright view of how our struggles,
our efforts to change ourselves and our world,
lead to the joy of victory
over death and pain and evil.
Let the bread of your Son provide us
with the strength to join our Lord in his passion,
that we may also share in his glory
and bear witness that our faith is good news
of joy and light and life.

We ask this in the name of Jesus the Lord. *R/ Amen.*

Blessing

We heard today how a glimpse of his glory to come
lit up the face of Jesus and gave him the courage
to face his suffering and death.
Let his encouraging word in the Gospel
also lift up our hearts in moments of trial
and may we light up the face
of people who suffer.
Let the Lord give us this hope and love
and may Almighty God bless you,
the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit. *R/ Amen.*

Go in the peace

and the light of Christ. *R/ Thanks be to God.*