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Good morning on this special day

Today is the Feast day of 'The Transfiguration of our Lord'

Let us be really still and calm before we begin our prayers.....

Jesus Christ, Light of the world,
Scatter the darkness from about us and within us
and help us to walk as the children of light.
Help us to know that you love us and are with us always. AMEN

Psalm 97

The Glory of God's Reign

The LORD is king! Let the earth rejoice;
let the many coastlands be glad!
Clouds and thick darkness are all around him;
righteousness and justice are the foundation of his throne.
Fire goes before him,
and consumes his adversaries on every side.
His lightnings light up the world;
the earth sees and trembles.
The mountains melt like wax before the LORD,
before the Lord of all the earth.

The heavens proclaim his righteousness;
and all the peoples behold his glory.
All worshippers of images are put to shame,
those who make their boast in worthless idols;
all gods bow down before him.
Zion hears and is glad,
and the towns of Judah rejoice,
because of your judgements, O God.
For you, O LORD, are most high over all the earth;
you are exalted far above all gods.

The LORD loves those who hate evil;
he guards the lives of his faithful;
he rescues them from the hand of the wicked.
Light dawns for the righteous,
and joy for the upright in heart.
Rejoice in the LORD, O you righteous,

and give thanks to his holy name!

Luke 9:28-36

The Transfiguration

Now about eight days after these sayings Jesus took with him Peter and John and James, and went up on the mountain to pray. And while he was praying, the appearance of his face changed, and his clothes became dazzling white. Suddenly they saw two men, Moses and Elijah, talking to him. They appeared in glory and were speaking of his departure, which he was about to accomplish at Jerusalem. Now Peter and his companions were weighed down with sleep; but since they had stayed awake, they saw his glory and the two men who stood with him. Just as they were leaving him, Peter said to Jesus, 'Master, it is good for us to be here; let us make three dwellings, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah'—not knowing what he said. While he was saying this, a cloud came and overshadowed them; and they were terrified as they entered the cloud. Then from the cloud came a voice that said, 'This is my Son, my Chosen; listen to him!' When the voice had spoken, Jesus was found alone. And they kept silent and in those days told no one any of the things they had seen.

Reflection

According to my dictionary, Transfiguration means a complete change of appearance into a more beautiful and spiritual state. This was certainly true with Jesus.....as our Gospel reading tells us today "And while he was praying, the appearance of his face changed, and his clothes became dazzling white." I have to say that I don't think that his clothes became dazzling white because his mum washed them in Persil do you (and that shows my age)!!! Jesus' face changed and his clothes became dazzling white because He had been transfigured into a more beautiful and spiritual state. The beauty and spirituality from within Jesus became visible withoutto the eyes of the human witnesses. To Peter.....to James..... and to John.

The transfiguration is a demonstration before witnesses to prove that Jesus Christ was who he claimed to be. So as well as the three human witnesses, there were also three heavenly witnesses on the mountain that day, Moses, Elijah, and the voice of God from heaven. Therefore, the Old Testament law of three witnesses required to attest to any fact ([Deuteronomy 19:15](#)) was satisfied both on earth and in heaven, it was foretold. . – There is a silver thread again which runs right through the Old Testament, foretelling things which will happen in the New and tying the two sections of our Bible firmly together.

The Transfiguration represents a focal point of God's Kingdom—Christ fulfilling the Old Testament prophecies—the cross, resurrection, and His eternal glory.

So now let us consider how Jesus' transfiguration and our transformation are interwoven? In [Second Corinthians 3:18](#) Paul speaks to the believers "...who with unveiled faces all reflect the Lord's glory, [and] are being transformed into his likeness with ever-increasing glory, which comes from the Lord, who is the Spirit." As with the disciples, God desires that **we** are transformed by a spiritual encounter.

Jesus was transfigured but we need to pray to be transformed.

We need to pray to be transformed to be better.

Better as Christ's witnesses.

Better as friends to others.

Better as Christ's apostles still here on earth.

The Lord's Prayer

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name; thy kingdom come; thy will be done; on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation; but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory for ever and ever. AMEN

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with us all evermore. AMEN

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord
In the name of Christ. AMEN

Blessings and love
Vicky