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**THE TRANSFIGURATION OF THE LORD**

**COMMENTATOR GUIDE**

Good morning/evening we welcome our parishioners and visitors to Mary Immaculate Quakers Hill/Schofields Parish.

As Jesus and his disciples travel to Jerusalem, their journey is interrupted by an experience of Jesus’ transfiguration. Up on the mountain, the three disciples get a glimpse of their Master’s future glory. The experience lasts but a few moments, but it is a source of fresh courage and new strength that will sustain them before the scandal of the cross.

The Celebrant for this Mass is

Please join in sing the entrance hymn.

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**LITURGY OF THE WORD**

**First Reading (Dn 7:9-10. 13-14)**

A reading from the book of Daniel

As I watched:

Thrones were set in place and one of great age took his seat.

His robe was white as snow, the hair of his head as pure as wool.

His throne was a blaze of flames, its wheels were a burning fire.

A stream of fire poured out, issuing from his presence.

A thousand thousand waited on him,

ten thousand times ten thousand stood before him.

A court was held and the books were opened.

I gazed into the visions of the night.

And I saw, coming on the clouds of heaven,

one like a son of man.

He came to the one of great age and was led into his presence.

On him was conferred sovereignty,

glory and kingship,

and men of all peoples, nations and languages became his servants.

His sovereignty is an eternal sovereignty

which shall never pass away,

nor will his empire ever be destroyed.

*The Word of the Lord*

**Responsorial Psalm (Ps 96:1-2. 5-6. 9. R. vv.1. 9.)**

***(R.) The Lord is king, the most high over all the earth.***

**1.**The Lord is king, let earth rejoice,

let all the coastlands be glad.

Cloud and darkness are his raiment;

his throne, justice and right. **(R.)**

**2.** The mountains melt like wax

before the Lord of all the earth.

The skies proclaim his justice;

all peoples see his glory. **(R.)**

**3.** For you indeed are the Lord

most high above all the earth

exalted far above all spirits. **(R.)**

**Second Reading (2 Pt 1:16-19)**

A reading from the second letter of St Peter

It was not any cleverly invented myths that we were repeating when we brought you the knowledge of the power and the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ; we had seen his majesty for ourselves. He was honoured and glorified by God the Father, when the Sublime Glory itself spoke to him and said, ‘This is my Son, the Beloved; he enjoys my favour.’ We heard this ourselves, spoken from heaven, when we were with him on the holy mountain.

So we have confirmation of what was said in prophecies; and you will be right to depend on prophecy and take it as a lamp for lighting a way through the dark until the dawn comes and the morning star rises in your minds.

*The Word of the Lord*

**Gospel Acclamation**

Alleluia, alleluia!

This is my Son, my beloved, in whom is all my delight:

listen to him.

Alleluia!!

**Gospel (Mt 17:1-9)**

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

Jesus took with him Peter and James and his brother John and led them up a high mountain where they could be alone. There in their presence he was transfigured: his face shone like the sun and his clothes became as white as the light. Suddenly Moses and Elijah appeared to them; they were talking with him.

Then Peter spoke to Jesus. ‘Lord,’ he said ‘it is wonderful for us to be here; if you wish, I will make three tents here, one for you, one for Moses and one for Elijah.’ He was still speaking when suddenly a bright cloud covered them with shadow, and from the cloud there came a voice which said, ‘This is my Son, the Beloved; he enjoys my favour.

Listen to him.’ When they heard this, the disciples fell on their faces, overcome with fear. But Jesus came up and touched them. ‘Stand up,’ he said ‘do not be afraid.’ And when they raised their eyes they saw no one but only Jesus.

As they came down from the mountain Jesus gave them this order, ‘Tell no one about the vision until the Son of Man has risen from the dead.’

*The Gospel of the Lord*

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**GENERAL INTERCESSION**

**Celebrant:** — The almighty Father revealed in Jesus Christ the foretaste of the glory that can ultimately be ours if we only listen to the words of his beloved Son.

**Reader:** For the Church, the people of God: Lord, be her guide as she faces misunderstandings and trials for being true to your word.

We Pray:

**R — Lord, hear our prayer.**

**Reader:** For our political and other civil leaders: Lord, give them courage and perseverance in doing what is right, especially when it proves difficult and unpopular.

We pray:

**R — Lord, hear our prayer.**

**Reader:** For young people: Lord, let them come and listen to you instead of escaping from life’s problems through drugs, pre-marital sex, and bad company.

We pray:

**R — Lord, hear our prayer.**

**Reader:** For the victims of poverty and injustice: Lord, comfort them and inspire hearts and hands willing to help them.

We Pray:

**R — Lord, hear our prayer.**

**Reader:** For our beloved dead, especially those mentioned in our parish bulletin, Lord, give them a heavenly inheritance together with the angels and saints.

We Pray:

**R — Lord, hear our prayer.**

**Reader:** **Together we now pray our Parish Community prayer.**

**All:** God, our Father, bless this parish Mary Immaculate so that we may love you more.

Help the parents to be good examples to the children and our youth to grow in love and strength as good Christians.

Encircle our families with your loving care. To the sick grant health, to the aged bring serenity and to those in sorrow joy.

May we grow stronger in faith and may our love for one another become deeper in our daily living.

**Celebrant:** Father, touch our hearts and make us receptive to your grace. Grant us a contrite heart and steadfast spirit to remain faithful to you and your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

**All:** Amen.