

AUGUST 6, TRANSFIGURATION OF OUR LORD

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This festival was originally commemorated on the Vigil of Ember Saturday in Lent. With the decline of liturgical understanding a special festival was instituted in its honor in order to arouse popular devotion to this mystery. It is now the patronal feast of the Lateran Basilica, and of all churches under the title of Holy Savior.

Commemoration of Sts. Sixtus, Felicissimus, & Agapitus, Martyrs:

Pope St. Sixtus II, mentioned in the Canon of the Mass, was the first martyr actually put to death in the catacombs themselves. Under the Emperor Valerian (258) he was beheaded on his throne just as he finished Mass. His four deacons were put to death with him, and two others, Felicissimus and Agapitus, were decapitated the same day, while St. Lawrence, the archdeacon, was put to death three days later.

INTROIT Psalms 76: 19

Illuxerunt coruscationes tuæ orbi terræ: commota est et contrémuit terra. (Ps. 83: 2-3) Quam dilécta tabernacula tua, Dómine virtútum! concupiscit, et déficit ánima mea in átria Dómini. Glória Patri et Fílio et Spíritui Sancto, sicut erat in princípío, et nunc, et semper, et in sæcula sæculórum. Amen. Illuxerunt coruscationes tuæ orbi terræ: commota est et contrémuit terra.

COLLECT

Deus, qui fidei sacraménta in Unigéniti tui gloriósa Transfiguratióne patrum testimónio roborásti, et adoptiònem filiórum perféctam, voce delápsa in nube lúcida, mirabiliter præsignásti: concéde propítius; ut ipsíus Regis glóriæ nos coherédes efficias, et ejúsdem glóriæ tríbuas esse consórtes. Per eúndem Dóminum nostrum Jesum Christum, Fílium tuum, qui tecum vivit et regnat in unitáte Spíritus Sancti, Deus, per ómnia sæcula sæculórum.

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Deus, qui nos concédís sane in Mártyrum tuórum Xysti Felicíssimi et Agapíti natalítia cólere: da nobis in æténa beatitúdine de eórum societáte gaudére. Per Dóminum nostrum Jesum Christum, Fílium tuum, qui tecum vivit et regnat in unitáte Spíritus Sancti, Deus, per ómnia sæcula sæculórum.

EPISTLE 2 Peter 1: 16-19

Caríssimi: Non doctas fábulas secúti notam fecimus vobis Dómini nostri Jesu Christi virtútem et præsentiam: sed speculatores facti illíus magnitudinis. Accipiens enim a Deo Patre honórem et glóriam, voce delapsa ad eum hujuscemodi a magnífica glória: Hic est Fílius meus diléctus, in quo mihi complacui, ipsum audíte. Et hanc vocem nos audivimus de cælo allatam, cum essemus cum ipso in monte sancto. Et habémus firmiorem propheticum sermónem: cui bene facitis attendentes, quasi lucérnæ lucénti in caliginóso loco, donec dies elucescat et lucifer oriátur in córdibus vestris.

GRADUAL Psalms 44: 3, 2

Speciosus forma præ filiis hóinum: diffúsa est grátia in lábiis tuis. Eructávit cor meum verbum bonum: dico ego ópera mea Regi.

LESSER ALLELUIA Wisdom 7: 26

Allelúja, allelúja. Candor est lucis ætérynæ, spéculum sine mácula, et imágo bonitátis illíus. Allelúja.

GOSPEL Matthew 17: 1-9

In illo témpore: Assúmpsit Jesus Petrum, et Jacóbum, et Joánnem fratrem ejus, et duxit illos in montem excélsam seórsum: et transfigurátus est ante eos. Et resplénduit fácies ejus sicut sol: vestiménta autem ejus facta sunt alba sicut nix. Et ecce, apparuerunt illis Moyses et Elías cum eo loquéntes. Respondens autem Petrus, dixit ad Jesum: Dómine, bonum est nos hic esse: si vis, faciámus hic tria tabernacula, tibi unum, Móysi unum et Elíæ unum. Adhuc eo loquente, ecce, nubes lúcida obumbrávit eos. Et ecce vox de nube, dicens: Hic est Fílius meus diléctus, in quo mihi bene complacui: ipsum audíte. Et audiéntes discípulí, ceciderunt in faciém suam, et timuérunt valde. Et accéssit Jesus, et tétigit eos, dixítque eis: Surgite, et nolíte timére. Levántes autem óculos suos, néminem vidérunt nisi solum Jesum. Et descendéntibus illis de monte, præcépít eis Jesus, dicens: Némini dixéritis visiònem, donec Fílius hóminis a mórtuis resúrgat.

OFFERTORY Psalms 111: 3

Glória et divítiae in domo ejus: et justítia ejus manet in sæculum sæculi, allelúja.

SECRET

Obláta, quæsumus, Dómine, múnera gloriósa Unigéniti tui Transfiguratióne sanctífica: nosque a peccatórum máculis, splendóribus ipsíus illustratiónis emunda. Per eúndem Dóminum nostrum Jesum Christum, Fílium tuum, qui tecum vivit et regnat in unitáte Spíritus Sancti, Deus, per ómnia sæcula sæculórum.

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Múnera tibi, Dómine, nostræ devotiónis offérimus: quæ et pro tuórum tibi grata sint honóre Justórum, et nobis salutária, te miseránte, reddántur. Per Dóminum nostrum Jesum Christum, Fílium tuum, qui tecum vivit et regnat in unitáte Spíritus Sancti, Deus, per ómnia sæcula sæculórum.

COMMUNION Matthew 17: 9

Visiònem, quam vidístis, némini dixéritis, donec a mórtuis resúrgat Fílius hóminis.

POSTCOMMUNION

Præsta, quæsumus, omnipotens Deus: ut sacrosancta Fílii tui Transfiguratiónis mystéria, quæ solemní celebrámus offício, purificáta mentis intellegéntia consequámur. Per eúndem Dóminum nostrum Jesum Christum, Fílium tuum, qui tecum vivit et regnat in unitáte Spíritus Sancti, Deus, per ómnia sæcula sæculórum.

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Præsta nobis, quæsumus, Dómine: intercedéntibus sanctis Martyribus tuis Xysto, Felicíssimo et Agapíto; ut, quod ore contíngimus, pura mente capiámus. Per Dóminum nostrum Jesum Christum, Fílium tuum, qui tecum vivit et regnat in unitáte Spíritus Sancti, Deus, per ómnia sæcula sæculórum.

Thy lightnings enlightened the world: the earth shook and trembled. (Ps. 83: 2- 3) How lovely are Thy tabernacles, O Lord of hosts! my soul longeth and fainteth for the courts of the Lord.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen. Thy lightnings enlightened the world: the earth shook and trembled.

O God, Who in the glorious transfiguration of Thine only-begotten Son didst strengthen the sacraments of faith by the testimony of the fathers, and Who didst wonderfully foreshow the perfect adoption of Thy children by a voice coming down in a shining cloud, mercifully grant that we be made co-heirs of the King of glory Himself, and grant us to be sharers in that very glory. Through the same Jesus Christ, Thy Son, our Lord, Who lives and reigns with Thee in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, forever and ever.

O God, who dost grant unto us to celebrate the heavenly birthday of Thy holy Martyrs Sixtus, Felicissimus and Agapitus: grant that we may rejoice in their fellowship in everlasting bliss. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, Thy Son, Who lives and reigns with Thee in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, forever and ever.

Dearly beloved, We have not followed cunningly devised fables, when we made known to you the power and presence of Our Lord Jesus Christ; but having been made eyewitnesses of His majesty. For He received from God the Father honor and glory: this voice coming down to Him from the excellent glory, This is My beloved Son in Whom I am well pleased, hear ye Him. And this voice we heard brought from Heaven, when we were with Him in the holy mount. And we have the more firm prophetic word, whereunto you do well to attend, as to a light that shineth in a dark place, until the day dawn, and the day-star arise in your hearts.

Thou art beautiful above the sons of men: grace is poured abroad in Thy lips. V. My heart hath uttered a good word. I speak my works to the King.

Alleluia, alleluia. He is the brightness of eternal light, the unspotted mirror, and the image of His goodness. Alleluia.

At that time, Jesus took Peter, and James, and John his brother, and bringing them up into a high mountain apart: and He was transfigured before them. And His face did shine as the sun, and His garments became white as snow. And behold, there appeared to them Moses and Elias talking with Him. And Peter answering, said to Jesus, Lord, it is good for us to be here; if Thou wilt, let us make here three tabernacles, one for Thee, and one for Moses, and one for Elias. And as he was yet speaking, behold a bright cloud overshadowed them; and lo, a voice out of the cloud, saying This is My beloved Son in Whom I am well pleased, hear ye Him. And the disciples hearing, fell upon their face; and were very much afraid: and Jesus came and touched them, and said to them, Arise, and fear not. And they lifting up their eyes saw no one, but only Jesus. And as they came down from the mountain, Jesus charged them, saying, Tell the vision to no man, till the Son of man be risen from the dead.

Glory and wealth are in His house: and His justice remaineth forever and ever. Alleluia.

Sanctify, we beseech Thee, O Lord, the gifts offered on the glorious transfiguration of Thine only-begotten Son, and by the splendors of that very illumination cleanse us from the stains of our sins. Through the same Jesus Christ, Thy Son, our Lord, Who lives and reigns with Thee in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, forever and ever.

We offer unto Thee, O Lord, the gifts of our devotion: may they please Thee as honoring Thy just ones, and through Thy mercy profit us unto salvation. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, Thy Son, Who lives and reigns with Thee in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, forever and ever.

Tell the vision you have seen to no man, till the Son of man be risen from the dead.

Grant, we beseech Thee, O almighty God, that the understanding of a purified mind we may follow those sacred mysteries of Thy Son's transfiguration which we celebrate with our solemn office. Through the same Jesus Christ, Thy Son, our Lord, Who lives and reigns with Thee in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, forever and ever.

Grant us, we beseech Thee, O Lord, through the intercession of Thy holy martyrs Sixtus, Felicissimus and Agapitus, that what we take with the mouth, we may receive with a pure heart. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, Thy Son, Who lives and reigns with Thee in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, forever and ever.