



## XVIII Sunday of OT 6<sup>th</sup> August 2023 - Cycle A



### TRANSFIGURATION OF THE LORD

#### WHAT CHANGES YOU



#### SETTING

Enter Lord now and every moment in my life. Listening to your voice and experiencing the feeling of walking safely with you by my side inspires my life. Without fear, feeling myself sent and to build.

How good it is to be with you, but we have to continue, descend, go out to life. This is the call, the mission that we have to radiate that love that surrounds us and transforms us, turning us into new, transparent people, communicators of the good news.

How good it is to be with you and how good it is to be bridges of love and grace.

You are the beloved Son, the chosen one of the Father, the one He indicates to us. Like You, simple, coherent and authentic, let us make life available to everyone, those who need it, the little ones, those who have not seen it, but who feel and seek and open their hearts to that God who prefers them above all.

Go up, open your heart and descend full of peace, joy, confidence.

## **SINGING. DON'T BE AFRAID – AIN KAREM**

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=gwbrCUhwJpM>

### **GOSPEL – Matthew 17, 1-9**

At that time, Jesus took with him Peter, James, and his brother John, and led them up a high mountain by himself. And he was transfigured before them: his face became bright as the sun and his clothes became white as light. In this, Moses and Elias who were conversing with him appeared to them. Taking Peter to speak, he said to Jesus: «Lord, it is good that we are here. If you want, I will make three tents here, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah." He was still speaking, when a luminous cloud covered them with its shadow and from the cloud came a voice that said: «This is my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased; listen to him». Hearing this the disciples fell face down on the ground full of fear. Jesus, approaching them, touched them and said: «Get up, do not be afraid». They raised their eyes and no longer saw anyone but Jesus alone. And as they were coming down from the mountain, Jesus commanded them: "Tell the vision to no one until the Son of Man has risen from the dead."

### **We deepen the Gospel**

"Jesus takes with him Peter, James and his brother John": we find ourselves, once again, before the mystery of God's choices: in Caesarea, Jesus had recently said to Peter: "You are Peter and on this rock I will build my Church, and the power of death will be powerless against it" (Mt 16:18). But Peter, chosen for this capital mission, in the true sense of the word, is not isolated with Jesus, but is accompanied by the brothers James and John, the two sons of Zebedee.

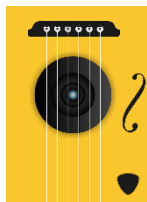
«And Jesus takes them apart, on a high mountain». Moses had also had the Revelation of the God of the Covenant and had received the tablets of the Law on a mountain; this law that should progressively educate the people of the Alliance to live in the love of God and of his brothers. On the same mountain, Elijah had the Revelation of the God of tenderness in the light breeze... Moses and Elijah, the two columns of the Old Testament...

On the mountain of the Transfiguration, Peter, James and John, pillars of the Church, enjoy the Revelation of a God made tenderness incarnate in Jesus: "This is my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased." This revelation is given to them to strengthen their faith before the storm of the Passion. **The realization is much more beautiful than the promise: in Jesus, the Man-God, it will be the entire humanity who will receive this eternal royalty and will be eternally transfigured.** But Jesus tells them clearly: "Don't say anything to anyone before the Resurrection..."

### clues for prayer

- What does the Transfiguration mean to you?
- How have you experienced it in your life?
- What does this experience invite you to, this fact?

## AMBIENTAL MUSIC



### TELL IT BY HEART

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=t6Tm3AzeQxk>

## THE BELOVED/LISTEN WELL/DO NOT BE AFRAID

To listen,  
feel the presence,  
builds trust.  
every moment is  
sacred, every place  
we can make it.  
Stay and retaste .  
descend to follow  
walking forward  
Finding yourself in the other.  
proclaim in gestures  
what you have seen and heard.  
Face life.

Be in dreams,  
attempts, realities  
Walk through life  
attentive to what happens,  
Open eyes,  
sharp ears,  
cozy heart.  
Enjoy the meetings  
enjoy the moments,  
Enjoy life,  
dignify it from  
the concrete testimony,  
faithful to the other  
Do not be afraid.  
It's inevitable, it's real.  
but it's not yours  
the last word.  
It's you,  
we are.  
Be fine with you  
does not exempt you from being  
and be in life,  
but not the one you ride,  
but what it is,  
as it is.  
Enjoy,  
be comfortable here  
creating good times  
in which to share  
And be.  
Pure Life.

**SINGING. WITH YOU BY THE HAND - CRISTÓBAL FONES,**  
SJ <https://youtu.be/0cKEttgEJHA>



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