The Transfiguration of The Lord

A Hymn - Behold The Light from on High!

O Wondrous Type! O Vision Fair

Of Glory that The Church may share,

Which CHRIST upon The Mountain shows,

Where brighter than the sun He glows!

With shining face and bright array,

CHRIST deigns to manifest today

What Glory share be ours Above

Who joy in GOD with Perfect Love!

O Father, with The eternal Son,

And HOLY SPRIT ever One,

Vouchsafe to bring us by Your Grace

To see Your Glory face to face! 1

EXODUS 24:16-17 & 34:29

¹⁶ And The Glory of The LORD abode upon Mount Sinai, and The Cloud covered it six days: and the seventh day He called unto Moses out of the midst of The Cloud.

¹⁷ And the sight of The Glory of The LORD was like devouring fire on the top of The Mount in the eyes of the children of Israel.

²⁹ And it came to pass, when Moses came down from Mount Sinai with The Two Tables of Testimony [of The Ten Commandments] in Moses' hand, when he came down from The Mount, that Moses wist not that the skin of his face shone while he talked with Him. ²

II PETER 1:16-18

¹⁶ For we have not followed cunningly devised fables, when we made known unto you The Power and Coming of our Lord JESUS CHRIST, but were eyewitnesses of His Majesty.

¹⁷ For He received from GOD The Father honour and glory, when there came such a Voice to Him from The Excellent Glory, This is My beloved Son, in Whom I AM well pleased.

¹⁸ And This Voice which came from Heaven we heard, when we were with Him in The holy Mount. ³

A Reflection on The Glory of GOD

CHRIST's Mount Tabor Radiance is a mirror in which we glimpse The Glory that GOD wills to give to each of us, His beloved ones. There He reveals the fullness of life destined to be ours, not only in Heaven, but here and now in this life. As Moses glowed with The Light of GOD, so The Lord calls us to shine forth His Light from converted hearts to cast away the darkness! ⁴ How is The Lord transfiguring us in His Holiness?

¹ Hymn, "The Glory of These Forty Days." Lutheran Service Book #413. "Coelestis Forman Gloria." Translated by J. M. Neale, 1854. Retrieved 8/06/2014. http://www.hymnary.org/text/o wondrous type o vision fair/fulltexts

² King James Version Bible, EXODUS 24:16-18 & 34:29.

³ King James Version Bible, II PETER 1:16-18. See also MATTHEW 17:1-9.

⁴ Adapted from "Feast of The Transfiguration of The Lord." The Magnificat, August 6, 2014, p 86.