

Pastoral Prayer:

O Christ who was transfigured
on the mountain,
but who left the moment of glory to descend
to the Valley;

We recall this day how we must walk the way of the
Cross.

Like Peter, we would prefer to stay on the summit
to build a shrine,
to retreat to our happiest memories
to grace and glory and light.

Give us now what you had: a faithful heart;
a heart ready to wrestle with pain and grief;
a heart brave enough to stand up to evil.
a heart gracious enough to give up ourselves
for others;

a heart that trusts in the Resurrection power of O.
Then our lives shall be transfigured,
and we shall seek no other glory
than what lies beyond the cross,
beyond our dying and our rising
to your everlasting love. Amen.