Before Thy Crucifixion, O Lord, the mountain became as heaven and like a tabernacle the cloud spread itself out, when Thou wast transfigured, and the Father bore witness to Thee. Peter was present with James and John, since they were to be with Thee at the

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time of Thy betrayal; that, having seen Thy wondrous
works, they might not be afraid of Thy sufferings. //

Grant us to venerate Thy sufferings in peace, through Thy__

mercy!

Before Thy Crucifixion, O Lord, Thou didst
take Thy Disciples to a high mountain and wast trans-

figured before them, illuminating them with bright rays of Thy

power. From love of man and in Thy sov'-reign might,

it was Thy desire to show them the splendor of Thy Res-ur-

rec-tion. In peace count us also worthy of this splen-dor, O

[God, // ]
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The mountain that once was veiled in gloom and smoke is now holy and revered, since Thy feet, O Lord, had stood upon it. For by Thy dread Transfiguration, the mystery hidden before the ages has been made manifest in the last . . .
manifest in the last times to Peter, James, and John. Unable to

endure the shining of Thy face and the brilliance of Thy
garments, they fell to the ground upon their faces.

Seized with wonder and amazement, they saw Moses and E-

li-jah talking with Thee about the things that would be -
fall Thee; and a voice came in testimony from the
Father saying: “This is My beloved Son in
Whom I am well pleased; listen to Him! // It is He Who
grants the world great mercy!”

When Thou wast transfigured upon a high moun-

tain, O
Savior, having with Thee the chief Disciples,

Thou didst shine forth in glorious majesty,

proving that those who excel in the height of their virtues shall be made worthy of divine glory.

Moses and Elijah, talking with Christ, showed that He is...
Lord of both the living and the dead, the God Who spoke of old through the Law and the Prophets. The voice of the Father testified to Him from the cloud of light, saying:

“Listen to Him, Who through the Cross has despoiled hell //

and has given the dead eternal life!”