

O Hearer Thou

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For prayer in music today, something from the Eastern <sup>rite</sup> liturgies where the Transfiguration is celebrated more solemnly — this is the hymn "You only begotten Son", by Scriabinoff.

MUSIC- PRAYERS (M.C.P.)

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Transfiguration of Christ firmly put the cross and the glory hand in hand. Today, as perhaps at any stage of the world's history, we can see the cross easily enough in the world around us, in peoples lives and what they have to suffer. The glory, the transformation in Christ, is maybe not so obvious and clear, tho' it's there too in the beauty and holiness of many peoples lives. Fear of the future or for the future is a common enough feeling these days, when the brightest hopes of changes and revolutions (not only political ones) seem to turn to dust. But Christian hope must look to the future — and what we see there has to be shaped by what happened on Mt. Thabor... transformation in Christ, union with God to which everyone is called and to which the door has been opened, for us and the whole of creation, by Christ's passion and resurrection. We, Christians above all, should have a vision of God to sustain us in the Christening and christianising mission we have in our lives. And if we know we can expect to find the cross of Christ, we know too that His glory is for us to share as well, beginning even now in every experience of joy and love and beauty where the risen Christ is present with us.