

**Contemporary Reading:** *Transformation* by Anna Kamienska

To be transformed  
to turn yourself inside out like a glove  
to spin like a planet  
to thread yourself through yourself  
so that each day penetrates each night  
so that each word runs to the other side of truth  
so that each verse comes out of itself  
and gives off its own light  
so that each face leaning on a hand  
sweats into the skin of the palm

So that this pen  
changes into pure silence  
I wanted to say into love

To fall off a horse  
to smear your face with dust  
to be blinded  
to lift yourself  
and allow yourself to be led  
like blind Saul  
to Damascus

For inspiration in contemporary writing,  
***We give thanks.***

**Epistle:** Listen to words of faith in the letter to the Philippians 2:5-11

Your attitude must be the same as that of Christ Jesus:

Christ, though in the image of God,  
didn't deem equality with God  
something to be clung to—  
but instead became completely empty  
and took on the image of oppressed humankind:  
born into the human condition,  
found in the likeness of a human being.

Jesus was thus humbled—  
obediently accepting death, even death on a cross!

Because of this, God highly exalted Christ  
and gave to Jesus the name above every other name,  
so that at the name of Jesus every knee must bend  
in the heavens, on the earth and under the earth,  
and every tongue proclaim to the glory of God:  
Jesus Christ reigns supreme!

For the loving power of God,  
***We give thanks.***