

TRANSFIGURATION OF OUR LORD



God's holiness comes near to us in Jesus.

DAILY BIBLE READINGS

These passages are related to the Lectionary texts for this Sunday.

Sunday	Luke 9:28-43a	Jesus is transfigured
Monday	Exodus 34:29-35	The shining face of Moses
Tuesday	1 John 1:5-10	God is light
Wednesday	Psalms 51:1-17	A prayer for forgiveness
Thursday	2 Corinthians 3:12-4:2	God's new agreement
Friday	1 Peter 1:13-16	A call to holy living
Saturday	Psalms 99	Our Lord is king
Sunday	Luke 4:1-13	The temptation of Jesus

SCRIPTURE VERSE FOR THIS WEEK

Then from the cloud came a voice that said, "This is my Son, my Chosen; listen to him!" **Luke 9:35 (NRSV)**

PRAYERS AND BLESSING

A Prayer for the Week:

Almighty God, help us to see in your awesome might the power to love and heal us through all you have created in the name of the Chosen One, Jesus Christ. Amen.

Mealtime Prayer:

Holy God, we thank you for your love and power that provides us with this food today. Amen.

A Blessing to Give:

May the God of power and love bless you today and always through Christ our Lord.



HYMN OF THE WEEK

Shine, Jesus Shine



WEEKLY MILESTONES

Take a moment to tell or think about a recent mountain high and/or valley low in your life.

CARING CONVERSATIONS



Discuss in your home, small group, or use for personal reflections:

- Jesus' disciples were frightened by a cloud that surrounded them. When have you felt scared?
- Can you imagine feeling weak in the knees to be in the presence of God's glory and power? Explain.

DEVOTIONS



Read: Luke 9:28-43a.

We modern-world types can have difficulty with the extraordinary—miraculous—events of the Bible, like the transfiguration of Jesus. It is a scene so different from our daily life experiences. There is a sense of awe and holiness in the mountain-top moment of Jesus with frightened disciples, Moses, Elijah, and a cloud out of which comes a heavenly voice. Jesus is announced as the one who is God's unique Son, the Chosen One of God. In Jesus, God's presence has come near. Holiness seems far from us, but in the Bible, God's holiness is meant to come close, even touch our daily lives. Therefore, it is no accident that after the transfiguration, Jesus immediately descends from the mountain-top experience to touch people's lives where they are, in need of healing and hope. Jesus shows compassion for a father in agony over his only child's illness. God's holiness seen in Jesus makes the extraordinary ordinary. This makes our normal, everyday lives, like those of Peter, James, and John, something quite unexpected and extraordinary.

Discuss: How does God make your life extraordinary?

Pray: **Holy and Almighty God, help us to overcome our fears of your presence so that we can be people of healing and hope through Jesus Christ, your Son, the Chosen One. Amen**

SERVICE



Jesus calls us to serve our neighbor in love. Based on the Daily Bible Readings and theme for this week, how can you touch another person's life with a sense of God's holiness through a prayer or a blessing?

RITUALS AND TRADITIONS



Transfiguration Sunday is the last Sunday before Lent begins. We begin to transition to a more somber season in the church year. A common ritual is to bury or hide the "Alleluia" on this day. During Lent, the word Alleluia is not said or sung again until Easter. Write the word Alleluia on several sheets of paper and decorate them. Place them in a box or hide them different places until Easter. Before hiding the Alleluias, pray: **Dear Lord, as we bury the Alleluias, help us to prepare our hearts and minds to focus on Jesus' journey to the cross. Amen.**

