

THE EMMANUEL REFRIGERATOR SHEET

Gospel Reading for Sunday, February 7, 2021



Mark 9:2-9 (to prepare for Sun. Feb. 14)

Jesus took with him Peter and James and John, and led them up a high mountain apart, by themselves. And he was transfigured before them, and his clothes became dazzling white, such as no one on earth could bleach them. And there appeared to them Elijah with Moses, who were talking with Jesus. Then Peter said to Jesus, "Rabbi, it is good for us to be here; let us make three dwellings, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah." He did not know what to say, for they were terrified. Then a cloud overshadowed them, and from the cloud there came a voice, "This is my Son, the Beloved; listen to him!" Suddenly when they looked around, they saw no one with them any more, but only Jesus.

As they were coming down the mountain, he ordered them to tell no one about what they had seen, until after the Son of Man had risen from the dead.

Questions from the Reading

In this scene, Jesus is talking with Elijah and Moses. Yet, there are no recorded words of this conversation. In this moment of God's glory revealed in the Transfiguration of Christ Jesus, as the disciples stood stunned and as Jesus spoke with Moses and Elijah, there is silence.

Peter, James, and John had been with Jesus for some time now and witnessed his many works, like walking on water. Yet, at the Transfiguration, they were still shocked to see Jesus' divinity revealed in glory. Silence may unsettle us. And, like Peter, we may start talking simply to fill the air because we are uncomfortable in silence. Still, even in confusion and fear and trembling and silence, light shines and God speaks. We may not fully comprehend why we are there at that moment, why we have the privilege to

be on the mountaintop to witness a revelation, but as disciples, we may be called simply to listen.

- ◆ What about silence unsettles? What prompts you to fill a void seen in silence?
- ◆ Think about the times you have caught glimpses of God's glory and your reaction.
- ◆ Think about the light you have witnessed and received from God and from spiritual mentors. How you will carry that light in a world where many are blinded by a veil of the powers of this world?

Prayer for this Week

Set us free, O God, from the bondage of our sins, and give us the liberty of that abundant life which you have made known to us in your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

We Remember in our Prayers

Dona Adcock, Taylor Adcock, Kathy Stuart, Roger Flint, Shane, Bill & Linda Carpenter, Martha Lillard, Elise Treadway, Carla, Patsy & Larry Goetz, family & friends of Logan Deardorff & Shelby Johnson, Tom Austin, Thomas family, Hannah Mosma, John Howard, Tim Ford, Carol Birth, Fr. Art, Vickie Beal, Heather Todd, John Frisco, Peyton Greenwood, Steve & Rachael, Abby Newell, Molly Boland, Lanelda Carson, Ron Sales, Amy Jennings, Victoria Goller, Carolyn Thornburg, Garold, Joanne Cody, Eva Rogers, Carrie, Levi Newell, Cliff Lehmann, Kathryn Cripps, Jacob Rixie, Jack & Cathy Kinkade, the family of Janice Miller, Zona Storie, Betty Storie, Steve Webb, Rob & Shelley Autrey, Joyce Weston, Betty, Robert Henry. *In the Diocese cycle of prayer, we pray for Emmanuel in Shawnee, St. Andrew's and Mission Church in Tacuarembó, Uruguay*