

MARCH 3, 2019  
TRANSFIGURATION  
SUNDAY



*God's glory shines on the cross.*

### 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	2 Corinthians 3:12–4:2	God's new agreement
Wednesday	Psalms 51:1-17	A prayer for forgiveness
Thursday	Acts 10:1-23	God speaks to Peter in a vision
Friday	Acts 10:24-33	Peter tells Cornelius about Jesus
Saturday	Psalms 99	Our Lord is King
Sunday	Luke 4:1-13	The temptation of Jesus

### SCRIPTURE VERSE FOR THIS WEEK

[Moses and Elijah] appeared in glory and were speaking of [Jesus'] departure, which he was about to accomplish at Jerusalem.

**Luke 9:31 (NRSV)**

### PRAYERS AND BLESSING

#### **A Prayer for the Week:**

Dear God of glory and might, help us to see Jesus in mountain top experiences and in the daily needs of others. Amen.

#### **Mealtime Prayer:**

Dear Lord Jesus, may we see in this meal the glory of your care for us. Amen.

#### **A Blessing to Give:**

May the mercy of God strengthen you to serve the Lord with gladness. (2 Corinthians 4:1)



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### HYMN OF THE WEEK

*My Life Flows On in  
Endless Song*



### CARING CONVERSATIONS

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

- Talk or think about a time you had an amazing experience.
- When has God seemed to be most present to you?
- We typically separate times of ecstasy and glory from times of suffering. Why does the Bible and Christianity hold these two so closely together?

### DEVOTIONS



Read: Luke 9:28-43a.

The presence of Moses and Elijah on the Mountain of Transfiguration unites Jesus with the same God revealed in the Old Testament. Moses represents the law and Elijah the prophets. The two Old Testament figures speak to Jesus about his "departure, which he was about to accomplish at Jerusalem" (v. 31). The word for "departure" in Greek is *exodus*, the great act of God's deliverance, God's salvation in the Old Testament. Jesus' exodus, his great act of salvation will now be fulfilled in Jerusalem through his suffering, death, and resurrection. Jesus' dazzling white appearance shows God's glory completed through his departure in Jerusalem. Reflect on how Jesus' dazzling white appearance in glory is completed in what he accomplishes in Jerusalem. How does the suffering we experience today help us to experience God's presence in our lives?

*Pray: God of power and glory, help us to see your glorious presence in our lives. Be with those who are experiencing times of suffering. Amen.*

### SERVICE



Jesus descends from the Mountain of Transfiguration and immediately he is seen teaching and healing a father's son (Luke 9:37-43a). Healing diseased bodies and teaching others are both forms of Christian service. How do you offer healing to those who are hurting or teaching to those who could use instruction? Name those in your community who heal and teach as a profession. Consider donating time or money to organizations where they are involved. In what other ways can you support them?

### RITUALS AND TRADITIONS



In Luke, the transfiguration of Jesus happens while he is praying. This dramatic encounter with God on the mountain is seen through the dramatic encounter with God in prayer. Transfiguration Sunday is the last Sunday in the season of Epiphany. It is an old tradition to serve grapes, apples, and other fruit to celebrate the transfiguration of Jesus. This week celebrate the transfiguration by serving a tray of grapes in the shape of a cross surrounded by other fruit. When served, top with whipped cream to represent the cloud appearing on the mountain. Discuss how we experience God's glorious presence through prayer.



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