

FEBRUARY 26, 2017  
TRANSFIGURATION OF  
OUR LORD



*Jesus is the Son of God...listen to him!*

### DAILY BIBLE READINGS

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

Sunday	Matthew 17:1-9	Jesus shines on a mountain
Monday	Exodus 24:12-18	Moses goes up Mt. Sinai
Tuesday	2 Peter 1:16-21	The glory of Christ
Wednesday	Matthew 6:1-6,16-18	The practice of faith
Thursday	Isaiah 55:1-7	Turn to the Lord
Friday	Joel 2:1-2,12-17	Return to God
Saturday	Psalms 2	Serve the Lord
Sunday	Matthew 4:1-11	The temptation of Jesus

### SCRIPTURE VERSE FOR THIS WEEK

While Peter was still speaking, the shadow of a bright cloud passed over them. From the cloud a voice said, "This is my own dear Son, and I am pleased with him. Listen to what he says!" **Matthew 17:5 (CEV)**

### PRAYERS AND BLESSING

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

Lord, help us to pay attention to your Word so that faith shines forth from our hearts. Amen.

#### **Mealtime Prayer:**

God, our provider, you are full of love and full of might. May we shine for you with faith so bright. Amen.

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

May the Lord Jesus bring you peace when you are afraid. May he shine bright in your heart, now and always.



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### HYMN OF THE WEEK

*Christ, Be our Light*



### CARING CONVERSATIONS

Discuss in your home or small group:

- Are you a good listener? What is involved in listening carefully to others?
- The voice from heaven said, "Listen to him." In what ways do you listen to Jesus?
- What helps you to listen to Jesus? What stops you from listening?

### DEVOTIONS

*Read: Matthew 17:1-9.*

If children are present, read this text in a storybook Bible and act out the story. It has been said that to be spiritual is to be amazed. Clearly, Peter, James, and John had an amazing experience witnessing Jesus being transformed in the presence of Elijah and Moses. Many people have had a unique spiritual moment that they have never talked about. Tell about a "mountain top" experience you have had. How has that influenced your faith? How is your moving experience understood through Jesus' death and resurrection (Matthew 17:9)? Close with the "Prayer for the Week" from this *Taking Faith Home*.

### SERVICE

Listening is sometimes a lost art in our conversations with others and with God. Be a servant this week to the needs of others and to God's Word as you give your attention to the art of listening with care. Call or visit someone with the intention of listening carefully to that person's thoughts and feelings. Read Matthew 17:1-9 and listen for how God may be speaking to you through the story.

### RITUALS AND TRADITIONS

March 1st is Ash Wednesday. The day before Ash Wednesday is called Shrove Tuesday. The name *shrove* comes from the practice of being *shriven*—going to church to confess sins and receive absolution—before the start of Lent. Shrove Tuesday is also called Pancake Tuesday or Fat Tuesday because households used up their remaining eggs and fats before Lent by making pancakes on this day. Observe Shrove Tuesday with either a pancake breakfast or dinner. As you eat, talk about what Jesus did for your sake as part of your spiritual preparation for Lent.



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