



THE LIVING
WORD
OF
EPIPHANY

A DEVOTIONAL GUIDE

February 12 - February 18

SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

Transfiguration: Glory That Walks With Us

Some moments arrive without warning—when the ordinary is suddenly pierced with light. Moments when we don’t gain new information so much as new sight.

I think of the first time I held our children as newborns, or the moment we met our first grandchild. Moments that altered the very shape of my being, moments that seemed to glow from the inside out. Moments we want to preserve, explain, build shelters around, so they won’t slip away.

Peter, James, and John had such a moment on a mountain with Jesus. Without preparation, Jesus is transfigured before them. His face shines like the sun. His clothes are dazzling white. Moses and Elijah appear, conversing with him. And the disciples are caught between awe and terror. Peter, bless him, blurts out: “Lord, it is good for us to be here. If you wish, I will put up three shelters.”

We do the same. When we encounter glory, we try to capture it, manage it, grab hold of it. But glory is not meant to be contained. Glory comes to undo us.

The transfiguration is mysterious. Jesus shines—not for long, not as a costume change, but as the revelation of who he has always been—the beloved Son of God. Moses and Elijah appear, yet their conversation centers on the suffering Jesus is about to endure in Jerusalem. This moment of radiance is already oriented toward the cross. Glory, in Scripture, is not spectacle alone—it is beauty wrapped in significance, and the infinite gravity of God’s presence.

Then comes the cloud. The Father speaks: “This is my Son, whom I love; with him I am well pleased. Listen to him!” Notice the command: listen. Jesus offers no new path. He confirms the one already spoken—the way of

love that costs, of losing life to find it, of a kingdom that does not come on our terms. The disciples fall facedown, terrified. And then, Jesus touches them: “Get up. Don’t be afraid.”

The glory that overwhelms is the same glory that steadies. God meets us in our fear, confusion, exhaustion. And then it ends. The mountain fades. Moses, Elijah, the cloud—gone. Only Jesus remains. As we approach Lent, we stand at a threshold. The transfiguration is not escape. It is preparation for faithfulness in the valleys. The Jesus who shines on the mountain walks with us through trial, doubt, and loss.

Glory is not distant. Glory knows your name. Glory touches you when you are afraid. Glory refuses to leave you where you fall.

May you hear those words of Jesus today as you seek to encounter him on the mountain or in the valley: “Get up. Don’t be afraid.”

FOR reflection

When have you glimpsed moments of glory in your life, and how did they change you? How might God be preparing you in your current valleys, even when the light feels hidden? In what ways can you learn to trust the Jesus who walks with you, even when the spectacle fades?





SCRIPTURE

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Thursday

Psalm 2; Exodus 6:2-9; Hebrews 8:1-7

Friday

Psalm 2; Exodus 19:9b-25; Hebrews 11:23-28

Saturday

Psalm 2; 1 Kings 21:20-29; Mark 9:9-13

Sunday

Psalm 2 or Psalm 99; Exodus 24:12-18; 2 Peter 1:16-21; Matthew 17:1-9

Monday

Psalm 78:17-20, 52-55; Exodus 33:7-23; Acts 7:30-34

Tuesday

Psalm 78:17-20, 52-55; 1 Kings 19:9-18; Romans 11:1-6

Wednesday

Psalm 51:1-17; Joel 2:1-2, 12-17 or Isaiah 58:1-12;
2 Corinthians 5:20b-6:10; Matthew 6:1-6, 16-21

Why do the daily readings begin on Thursday?

The daily readings for each week begin on Thursday and end on the following Wednesday. The Thursday through Saturday readings prepare the reader for the Sunday ahead. The Monday through Wednesday readings reflect on what was presented on Sunday.

The Morning Liturgy

Opening Scripture

From the rising of the sun even unto the going down of the same, my name shall be great among the Gentiles, and in every place incense shall be offered unto my name, and a pure offering: for my name shall be great among the heathen, saith the Lord of hosts.

Malachi 1:11

Opening Prayer (based on Psalm 51)

Open my lips, O Lord, and my mouth shall proclaim your praise. Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me. Cast me not away from your presence, and take not your Holy Spirit from me. Give me the joy of your saving help again and sustain me with your bountiful Spirit. Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. *Amen.*

Scripture Reading (read Psalm and Gospel text here)

Period of Silence

Confessing Our Faith (Apostles' Creed)

The Lord's Prayer

The Collect (Sixth Sunday after Epiphany)

O God, the strength of all who put their trust in you: Mercifully accept our prayers; and because in our weakness we can do nothing good without you, give us the help of your grace, that in keeping your commandments we may please you both in will and deed; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. *Amen.*

A Midday Prayer

Lord Jesus Christ, you said to your apostles, “Peace I give to you; my own peace I leave with you.” Regard not our sins, but the faith of your Church, and give to us the peace and unity of that heavenly City, where with the Father and the Holy Spirit you live and reign, now and forever.

Amen.

An Early Evening Prayer

Lord Jesus, stay with us, for evening is at hand and the day is past; be our companion in the way, kindle our hearts, and awaken hope, that we may know you as you are revealed in Scripture and the breaking of bread. Grant this for the sake of your love.

Amen.

A Bedtime Confession and Prayer

Almighty and most merciful Father, we have erred and strayed from thy ways like lost sheep, we have followed too much the devices and desires of our own hearts, we have offended against thy holy laws, we have left undone those things which we ought to have done, and we have done those things which we ought not to have done. But thou, O Lord, have mercy upon us, spare thou those who confess their faults, restore thou those who are penitent, according to thy promises declared unto mankind in Christ Jesus our Lord; and grant, O most merciful Father, for his sake, that we may hereafter live a godly, righteous, and sober life, to the glory of thy holy Name.

Amen.

*Visit this place, O Lord, and drive far from it all
snares of the enemy; let your holy angels dwell
with us to preserve us in peace; and
let your blessing be upon us always;
through Jesus Christ
our Lord.*

Amen.



