

MARCH 2, 2025  
TRANSFIGURATION  
OF OUR LORD



*Jesus' glory shines on the mountaintop.*

### 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 10:1-33	God speaks to Peter
Friday	Acts 10:34-48	Peter talks with Cornelius
Saturday	Psalms 99	Our Lord is King
Sunday	Luke 4:1-13	The temptation of Jesus

### SCRIPTURE VERSE FOR THIS WEEK

*And while he [Jesus] was praying, the appearance of his face changed, and his clothes became dazzling white. Luke 9:29 (NRSV)*

### PRAYERS AND BLESSING

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

Almighty God, give us faith to witness your glory in our lives and to be obedient to your reign through Christ Jesus our Savior and Lord. Amen.

#### **Mealttime Prayer:**

Dear God, we thank you for this food; may it remind us of your glory and power that cares for us each and every day through Christ our Lord. Amen.

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

May the Glory of God in Christ be your strength.



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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:

- Think or tell about a mountaintop experience you have had or someone you know has.
- When have you felt God's presence in your life?

### DEVOTIONS

*Read:* Luke 9:28-43a.

This was a mountain top experience. Threatening clouds, confusion, and the divine voice came together for three disciples to witness the glory of the Lord Jesus. After they descended the mountain, this other-worldly experience of Jesus' transfiguration was followed by an exorcism that frees a little boy of a demon (v. 42). Jesus continued his healing and teaching ministry as he journeyed to Jerusalem. One day this mountain top experience, the story of Jesus' transfiguration, would be retold again and again by the three disciples. We may find ourselves longing for such a powerful mountaintop experience to give us the assurance of God's presence in our lives. Just as Peter, James, and John experienced Jesus' glory, it may leave us in silence with a feeling of fear and bewilderment as we take time to understand our mountaintop experiences.

*Discuss:* What experience have you had that has given you the assurance of God's presence?

*Pray:* **Awesome God, thank you for the story of Jesus' glory witnessed by his disciples; may your glorious presence through Jesus Christ strengthen our faith. 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 encourage someone to live with faith and courage?

### RITUALS AND TRADITIONS

Lent begins on Ash Wednesday, March 5. The day before the start of Lent is called Shrove Tuesday. The name 'shrove' comes from the practice of being "shriven": going to church to confess your sins and receive absolution. 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 a pancake breakfast or dinner. While you are eating, think or talk about what you might wish to give up or add for Lent.



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