



Lent / Carême / Cuaresma 2021

2nd Sunday of Lent

28 February

Gospel Reading: *The Transfiguration of Jesus*

Mark 9: 2-10

The transfiguration experience was a moment of consolation and affirmation for Jesus in contrast to the experience in the desert in last week's gospel extract. We invite you to reflect on significant aspects of the experience.

Radiance

Jesus is said to have appeared in glory – he was radiant; perhaps thinking of newlyweds or the wonders of creation or the wonder of the night sky can give us an inkling of radiance.

*When have you experienced radiance?
In relationships, in the natural world?
What does such an experience do for you?*



Bougainvillea in full bloom

Cloud

The cloud in the reading is a symbol of the presence of God, but by then the moment of glory had passed.

*Reflect on moments of affirmation and dryness
in your life.*

*How is God revealed to you in those daily, ordinary, perhaps humdrum
experiences that are the stuff of our lives?*



This is my son

It was in the cloud that the apostles heard the words “This is my Son, the Beloved. Listen to him”.

*Let us hear those words as addressed to us also as
an invitation to be part of Jesus' mission and a
reminder that we too are sons and daughters of
God, sisters and brothers of Jesus, and called to love
one another and “wash one another's feet” (Jn 13).*

Mount Uluru — a sacred place for the Aboriginal people
in the centre of Australia

Listen to him

We are called to listen for the heartbeat of God in the ordinariness of our lives and in the words that we hear in the scriptures.

When we contemplate the Heart of Christ we enter into the movement of the Spirit who develops in us a listening heart, bringing us closer to God's reality, with the desire to promote justice, peace, and the care of creation.

(General Chapter 2008, p. 21)

“We must not lose our ability to listen Saint Francis heard the voice of God, he heard the voice of the poor. He heard the voice of the infirm and he heard the voice of nature. He made of them a way of life. My desire is that the seed that Saint Francis planted may grow in the hearts of many” (Fratelli Tutti # 48)

Significant Old Testament figures were seen with Jesus.

Who are some people who have been significant in your life?

For whom have you been a significant influence?

Take this opportunity to consider some who for you have been significant.

What makes these people significant for you?



One final invitation

We keep returning to this word of Jesus, as to a light which gradually transfigures us in his image: “*Learn of Me, because I am gentle and humble of heart.*”

(Matthew. 11:29; Constitutions #8)

Lent: A Season of Transformation

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