

Weekly Rhythm

Engaging with the weekly Lectionary Readings (Comment and Questions)

[Exodus 24:12-18](#)

The mystery and awe of God's holy presence: God calls Moses up on the mountain, and Moses enters the cloud of God's glory.

[Psalm 99](#)

[2 Peter 1:16-21](#)

Peter says, "We had been eyewitnesses of his majesty ... we were with him on the holy mountain ... So we have the prophetic message more fully confirmed."

[Matthew 17:1-9](#)

Matthew's account of the Transfiguration. Jesus must be listened to/what we will become glory to glory. Gathering up the law and prophets...

Comments

This is an intimate moment. Jesus takes the inner circle of disciples and together they go up a mountain, a sacred space of revelation. There Elijah and Moses appear, representing the prophets and Law. Jesus continues a line of sacred history and carries it forward. Could it be that he also needs the support and encouragement of those who have been on this journey as he faces Jerusalem? He shines like the sun. Light and divinity have always gone together. *This Jesus is God.*

Questions for Reflection

- 1) The scriptures say we will be transformed from glory into glory. Could this transfiguration vision have something to say about our future - what we will become? (See link to sermon below.)
- 2) Why can't the disciples live on this mountain forever?
- 3) Look at the other texts set for Transfiguration Sunday and see what links you can see between them and our Gospel text.

For more to think about read this sermon by Paul J. Nuechterlein for Transfiguration Sunday: [A Glimpse of Glory.](#)