

Opening Our Gifts: The Gift of Transfiguration

Luke 9:28-36

28 About eight days after Jesus said this, he took Peter, John and James with him and went up onto a mountain to pray. 29 As he was praying, the appearance of his face changed, and his clothes became as bright as a flash of lightning. 30 Two men, Moses and Elijah, appeared in glorious splendor, talking with Jesus. 31 They spoke about his departure, which he was about to bring to fulfillment at Jerusalem. 32 Peter and his companions were very sleepy, but when they became fully awake, they saw his glory and the two men standing with him. 33 As the men were leaving Jesus, Peter said to him, "Master, it is good for us to be here. Let us put up three shelters—one for you, one for Moses and one for Elijah." (He did not know what he was saying.) 34 While he was speaking, a cloud appeared and covered them, and they were afraid as they entered the cloud. 35 A voice came from the cloud, saying, "This is my Son, whom I have chosen; listen to him." 36 When the voice had spoken, they found that Jesus was alone. The disciples kept this to themselves and did not tell anyone at that time what they had seen.

L: The Word of God for the People of God.

P: Thanks be to God.

- We are finishing our series called, "Opening Our Gifts."
- Today we open the Gift of Transfiguration.
- Transfiguration is a major Epiphany for the disciples.
 - The disciples see Jesus in all of his glory.
 - The disciples see Moses and Elijah, representing the Law and the Prophets, talking with Jesus.
 - The disciples hear the voice of the Father declaring Jesus to be his Son.
- We have all had, or can have, these kinds of experiences with Jesus that leave us transfigured.
 - They begin with faith.
 - We can't hold on to them.
 - We shouldn't be in too big of a hurry to talk about them.
- Jesus stands ready to reveal himself to each and every one of us today. That is the gift of Transfiguration.