

Our Lady of Peace School

Second Sunday of Lent Gospel- Matthew 17:1-10- Jesus shines like the sun

Introduction



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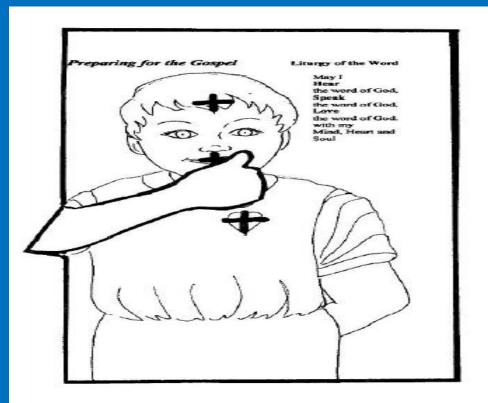
Today we hear how Jesus allowed his closet friends to glimpse the power and brilliance of God's glory.

Gospel Acclamation

Follow me and love each other and you will be a sign for all to see that you are children of my love.

The Lord be with you Response: And with your spirit. A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

Response: Glory to you, O Lord



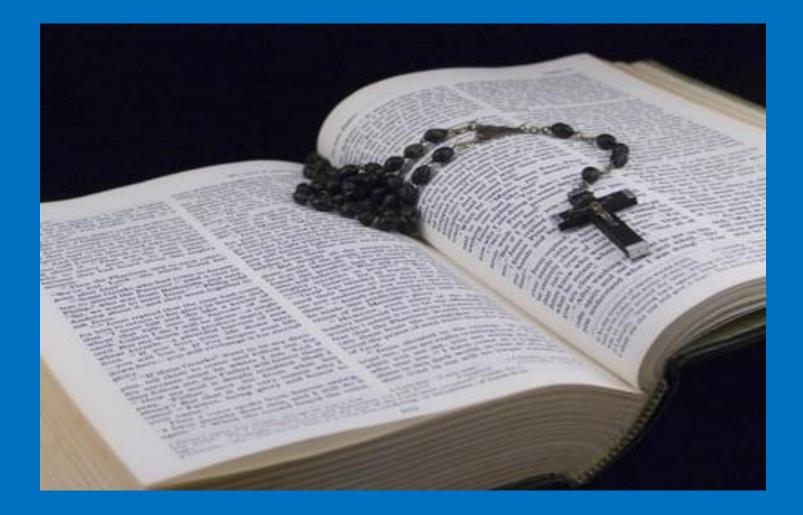
Gospel: Matthew 17:1-10

One day Jesus asked Peter, James and John to come and pray with him. He led them to the top of a steep mountain, where it was peaceful and quiet and they could be alone. Jesus began to pray to his heavenly Father when suddenly he appeared to change! His face and clothes shone with a brilliant light, as dazzling as the rays of the sun. Then the disciples saw Moses and Elijah on either side of Jesus, talking to him. Peter jumped up with excitement and said 'Lord, this is wonderful! I could make three shelters-one for each of you!' At that moment a cloud streaming with light appeared above them and a voice said, 'This is my Son, whom I love very much. Listen to what he says.' The disciples were so terrified that they threw themselves to the ground and hid their faces. Then Jesus said gently, 'Get up my friends, do not be afraid.' When they looked up, Jesus was standing alone.

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The Gospel of the Lord Response; Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.



Prayer and Reflection



Reflection 1

Jesus was 'transfigured'! This means his appearance changed as his face and clothes shone like the sun. When the sun shines in our eyes we are dazzled by its brightness and the strength of its light.

Reflection 2

The light shinning from Jesus was as bright as the sun. the rays of light were shafts of God's glory and a glimpse of his power and might.

Reflection 3.

If we lived in a world with no light, it would be a cold and frightening place, full of darkness and gloom. By day the natural light of the sun warms the earth and makes things grow and at night we use artificial light so that we can see and find our way in the darkness.

Reflection 4.

On the mountain the disciples saw a change in Jesus as the brightness of God's glory shone out from him. The disciples could see that he was indeed the Son of God. Their lives had been touched by the brilliance of God's power and love and they were filled with the light of Faith.



Lord Jesus Fill me with the light of your love and faith. Make me shine in the darkness and touch the lives of others with the light of your goodness.

With Christ in our hearts, together we grow

Amen.

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