



Our Lady of Peace School

With Christ in our hearts, together we grow Second Sunday of Lent Year A Matthew 17:1-10



Introduction

When Jesus wanted to pray, He would often find a quiet, peaceful place away from the crowds, where He could be alone with His heavenly Father. One day He took three of His disciples with Him. He planned to give them a great surprise by giving them a glimpse of God's glory.

Gospel Acclamation



Gospel Acclamation Praise to you, O Christ, king of eternal glory! You light up our hearts with your love, So we can see the way. To follow you and all you do, You light up our hearts with your love. Praise to you, O Christ, king of eternal glory!

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



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 on 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. As they came down the mountain together, Jesus told them firmly, "You must not tell anyone about what you have seen today, until the Son of God has risen from the dead.



The Gospel of the Lord Response: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ



Reflection 1

Jesus led His friends to a mountain top. In the Old Testament, mountains were often the place where God appeared to people. When Jesus began to pray, what happened, how did He change? Two people appeared beside Jesus – can you remember their names?

Moses was the man chosen by God to lead His people out of slavery in Egypt, to the Promised land. He had taken them through the Red Sea and across the desert for forty long years. He collected the Ten Commandments on Mount Sinai. Elijah was a prophet, a man who spoke for God. He had warned people not to disobey God and to follow His rules. Like Moses he trusted God and did whatever He asked.



Reflection 2

- The disciples were amazed at this sight, but what happened next to make them fall to the ground in fear?
- God wanted the three friends to know that Jesus was His Son. In days to come, when Jesus would suffer and die, they would remember the glory of God that they had seen on the mountain that day. He was showing himself as they would know Him in heaven.



Closing Prayer

Dear God,

Peter, James and John saw the light of your glory shining from Jesus on the mountain that day. Jesus shares that light and His love with all of us. May His light in our hearts help us to "change" so that we will be more like Jesus. With Christ in our hearts, together we grow. Amen



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