



## About the Cover

Terrified disciples with their faces to the ground felt the touch of their merciful Lord. The power of the sight of the transfigured Lord is only matched by the power of His mercy, which removes fear. His glory is found on His cross, where He gave His life for the sake of sinners and rose from the dead, forever removing the terror of judgment for sin and giving eternal peace through forgiveness, life, and salvation.

## God's Beloved Son

The account of the transfiguration is most intriguing. Our first inclination is to see it as a demonstration of God's power and vindication of Jesus' divinity. Like Peter, we feel like saying, "It is good that we are here" (Matthew 17:4). We would like to perpetuate this glorious scene.

It is significant that the transfiguration lasted only a short time. So also is Jesus' command to His disciples not to tell others about the vision "until the Son of Man is raised from the dead" (v. 9). This indicates that Jesus' Passion, which follows, is far more important for us than beholding His glory. It doesn't do us any good to recognize God's glory unless we recognize Him in His humility.

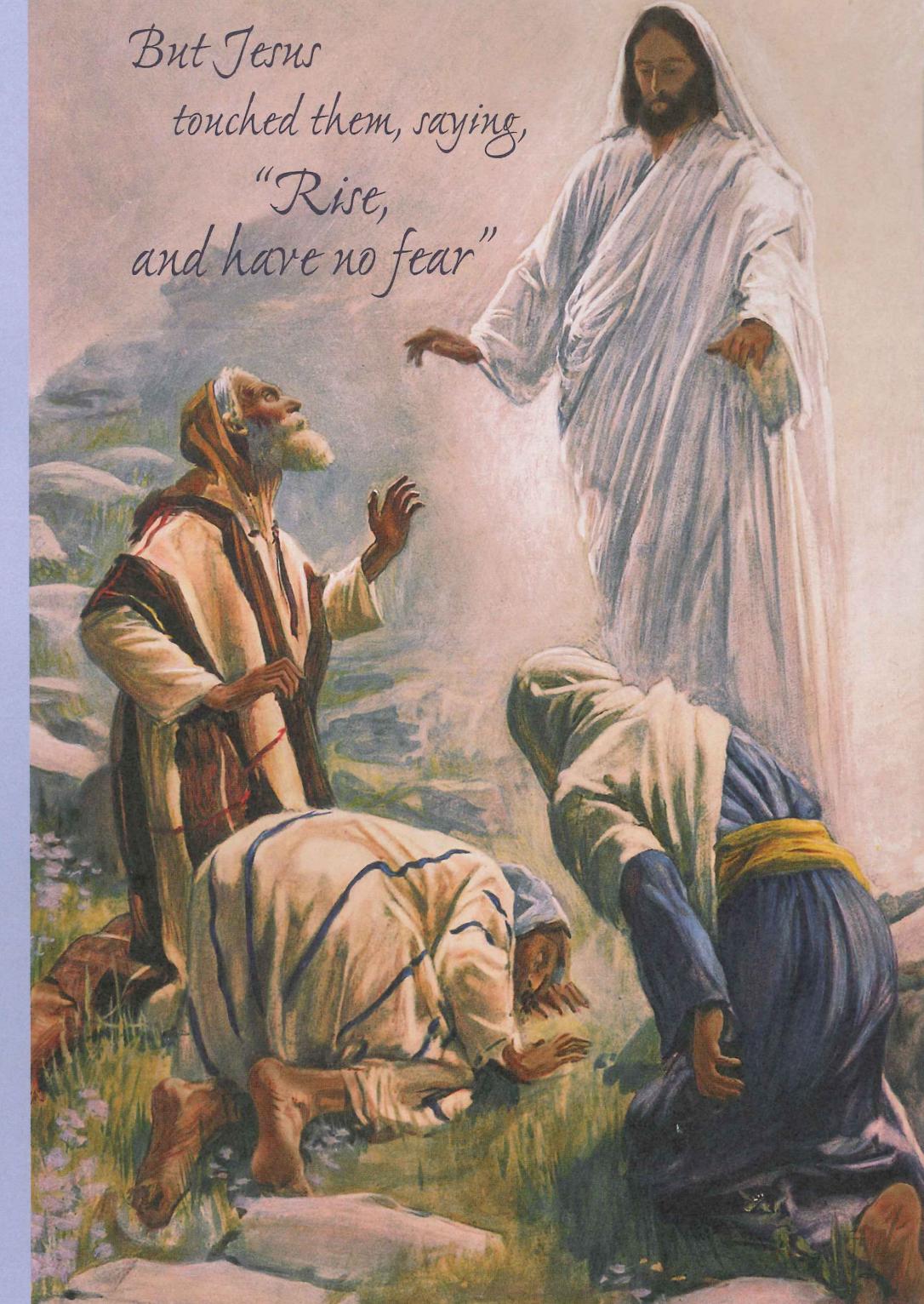
What happened on the Mount of Transfiguration is important. It reveals that Jesus truly is the Son of God. What followed—the Son of God going to Jerusalem to carry the sin of the world and to suffer and die for us—is where we find the source of our salvation.

Dear heavenly Father, thank You for letting us experience the transfiguration of Jesus through Your Word so that we may be sure of His divine power to save. Amen.



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*But Jesus  
 touched them, saying,  
 "Rise,  
 and have no fear"*





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The kids feed the Mission Pig;

### BROKEN ALLELUIA'S

I heard there was a secret court, where David played and it pleased the Lord with songs of praise and simple alleluia's.

It goes like this, a fourth, a fifth, a minor falls, a major lifts,  
 A child of God composing alleluia's; **CHORUS;**

**CHORUS:** *ALLELUIA, ALLELUIA, ALLELUIA,  
 ALLELU – U – IA*

My father was a faithful man, he taught me life and love and then  
 He showed me how to lift an alleluia.

As life goes on from day to day, and troubles come, as troubles may  
 We lift our hands in broken alleluias; **CHORUS;**

And so we come with voices strong, though life is short, God's love is long  
 His never ending mercies coming to you;  
 When angels come and troubles end, we join in their unending hymn  
 And lift our voice in joyful alleluias; **CHORUS;**

P. In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit;  
**C. Amen.**

Praise the Lord! Sing a new song,  
**His praise is in the assembly of the godly!**

Let Israel be glad in its Maker;  
**Let the children of Zion rejoice in their King!**

Let them praise his name with dancing,  
**Make melody to him with tambourine and lyre!**  
 For the Lord takes pleasure in His people;  
**He adorns the humble with salvation.**

**February 15, 2026**  
**Transfiguration**

Let the godly exult in glory;  
**Let them sing for joy!**

Beloved in the Lord, let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins to God our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness. Our help is in the name of the Lord;

**Who made heaven and earth.**

I said I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,  
**And You forgave the iniquity of my sin.**

O almighty God, merciful Father,

I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your punishment, now and forever. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.

P. Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**C. Amen.**

**Introit;** and **Collect** on the insert in the bulletin;  
**The children are excused to "Kid's Church."**

**Parish Joys and Concerns;** Prayer requests;  
 Each petition ends with;

P. Lord in Your mercy; **C. Hear our prayer;**

**The Scripture Lessons;** *(after each reading)*

P. This is the Word of the Lord;  
**C. Thanks be to God**

**Song before the Gospel:**  
 Agnus Dei by [Michael W. Smith](#)

A---a---le--lu--jah A---a---le--lu--u---jah  
 For the Lord God Almighty reigns

Aa---a---le---lu---jah Aa---a---le---lu--u--jah  
 For the Lord God Almighty reigns



**Yellow wine glasses;** In the tray are non-alcoholic wine if you are unable to drink wine in communion.



Our Church Believes the following regarding The Lord's Supper;

1. I am a baptized Child of God.
2. I trust in Jesus Christ as my Savior.
3. I confess my sins and my need for God's grace; along with a desire to live a new life in Christ;
4. I believe that Christ is truly present in this Sacrament with gifts of forgiveness, life, and salvation. I declare my desire to come to the Lord's table.

Believing thus, you are welcome to attend.

Aa-a-le--- lu---u---jah  
Ho-ly Ho-ly Are you Lord God Almighty  
Worthy is the Lamb, Worthy is the Lamb  
You are Ho-ly; Ho - ly  
Are you Lord God Al-mighty  
Worthy is the Lamb, Worthy is the Lamb

A---A--men

The Gospel Reading for Transfiguration;  
Hymn: #680 Thine the Amen, Thine the Praise

The Message;

The Nicene Creed;

*(inside the back cover of the hymnal)*

The Offering; *(Offertory Hymn when offering is brought forward)*  
#781 We Give Thee but Thine Own (v. 1-2)

## THE LORD'S SUPPER

P. The Lord be with you.

C. And also with you.

Lift up your hearts;

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give Him thanks and praise.**

It is truly right and just, our duty and our salvation, to give you thanks, Lord, holy Father, almighty and eternal God, through Jesus Christ our Lord. For he revealed his glory in the presence of chosen witnesses and filled with the greatest splendor that bodily form which he shares with all humanity. His glory was revealed to His disciples that they might be strengthened to proclaim His cross and resurrection to all the Faithful.

With praise and joy, we worship you, and add our voices to the hosts of heaven as they sing;

Hymn: #507 (verse 1) Holy, Holy , Holy

We pray as He taught us;

C. Our Father, who art in heaven;

Hallowed be Thy name.

Thy kingdom come; Thy will be done,  
on earth as it is in heaven.

Give us this day, our daily bread.  
and forgive us our trespasses,  
as we forgive those who trespass against us.

And lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil.

For Thine is the kingdom, and the power,  
and the glory; forever and ever. Amen.

The Words of Institution; P. Our Lord, Jesus Christ, - the same night in which he was betrayed ... - -The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C. And also with you;

P. The gifts of God for the people of God.  
Amen. Come Lord Jesus. Amen.

The Distribution; Distribution Hymn; #549 All Hail the Power

Post Communion; P. Give thanks to the Lord, for He is good.  
And His steadfast love lasts forever. Amen.

P. The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make His face to shine upon you and be gracious unto you. The Lord lift up His countenance upon you, and give you PEACE.  
C. Amen.

Closing Hymn; #643 Sent Forth By God's Blessing

Attendance last Week: 51

**Acts Bible Study: 9:00 a.m. AND at 7:00 p.m. on Tuesdays;**  
Women's study group; 9:00 a.m. on Wednesdays;

*Today we move out of the bright light, the glory of Epiphany, the shining light of Jesus, to move into the growing darkness of the Season of Lent.*

**Ash Wednesday Service; February 18, 7:00 p.m.**  
Lent Theme - **The Rejected One**

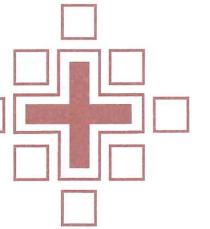
Thank you; Our church sent \$2000 to Seminarian Ryan & Astine Bose. They sent a card; **"Thank you dearly to all at First Saint John, for your support in our journey. It is generosity like yours that keeps leaders in our church communities. We are sincerely grateful, Ryan & Astine Bose**

<b>Happy Birthday!!!</b>	
Tate Foreman	Feb. 15
Janet Hosmann	Feb. 19
Tiffany Rietzke	Feb. 21
<b>Happy Anniversary to</b>	
John & Hannah Barnes Feb. 21, 2006	



# The Transfiguration of Our Lord

February 15, 2026



## INTROIT

*Ps. 99:1-5; antiphon: Ps. 99:9*

Exalt the LORD our God, and worship at his holy | mountain;\*  
for the LORD our God is | holy!

The LORD reigns; let the peoples | tremble!\*

He sits enthroned upon the cherubim; let the | earth quake!

The LORD is great in | Zion;\*

he is exalted over all the | peoples.

Let them praise your great and | awesome name!\*

Ho- | ly is he!

The King in his might loves | justice.\*

You have established equity; you have executed justice and righteousness  
in | Jacob.

Exalt the LORD our God; worship at his | footstool!\*

Ho- | ly is he!

**Glory be to the Father and | to the Son\***

**and to the Holy | Spirit;**

**as it was in the be- | ginning,\***

**is now, and will be forever. | Amen.**

Exalt the LORD our God, and worship at his holy | mountain;\*

for the LORD our God is | holy!

## COLLECT OF THE DAY

O God, in the glorious transfiguration of Your beloved Son You confirmed the mysteries of the faith by the testimony of Moses and Elijah. In the voice that came from the bright cloud You wonderfully foreshowed our adoption by grace. Mercifully make us co-heirs with the King in His glory and bring us to the fullness of our inheritance in heaven; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

## GRADUAL

*Ps. 117:1-2a; 96:8*

Praise the LORD, all | nations!\*

Extol him, all | peoples!

For great is his steadfast | love toward us,\*

and the faithfulness of the LORD endures for- | ever.

Ascribe to the LORD the glory | due his name;\*

bring an offering, and come in- | to his courts!

## DAILY READINGS

**February 15:** Job 11:1-20; John 5:19-29; **16:** Job 12:1-6, 12-15; John 5:30-47; **17:** Job 13:1-12; John 6:1-21; **18:** Gen. 1:1-19; Mark 1:1-13; **19:** Gen. 1:20-2:3; Mark 1:14-28; **20:** Gen. 2:4-25; Mark 1:29-45; **21:** Gen. 3:1-24; Mark 2:1-17.

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## Old Testament Reading: Exodus 24:8-18

8And Moses took the blood and threw it on the people and said, “Behold the blood of the covenant that the LORD has made with you in accordance with all these words.”

9Then Moses and Aaron, Nadab, and Abihu, and seventy of the elders of Israel went up, <sup>10</sup>and they saw the God of Israel. There was under his feet as it were a pavement of sapphire stone, like the very heaven for clearness. <sup>11</sup>And he did not lay his hand on the chief men of the people of Israel; they beheld God, and ate and drank.

<sup>12</sup>The LORD said to Moses, “Come up to me on the mountain and wait there, that I may give you the tablets of stone, with the law and the commandment, which I have written for their instruction.” <sup>13</sup>So Moses rose with his assistant Joshua, and Moses went up into the mountain of God. <sup>14</sup>And he said to the elders, “Wait here for us until we return to you. And behold, Aaron and Hur are with you. Whoever has a dispute, let him go to them.”

<sup>15</sup>Then Moses went up on the mountain, and the cloud covered the mountain. <sup>16</sup>The glory of the LORD dwelt on Mount Sinai, and the cloud covered it six days. And on the seventh day he called to Moses out of the midst of the cloud. <sup>17</sup>Now the appearance of the glory of the LORD was like a devouring fire on the top of the mountain in the sight of the people of Israel. <sup>18</sup>Moses entered the cloud and went up on the mountain. And Moses was on the mountain forty days and forty nights.

## Epistle: 2 Peter 1:16-21

<sup>16</sup>For we did not follow cleverly devised myths when we made known to you the power and coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, but we were eyewitnesses of his majesty. <sup>17</sup>For when he

received honor and glory from God the Father, and the voice was borne to him by the Majestic Glory, “This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased,” <sup>18</sup>we ourselves heard this very voice borne from heaven, for we were with him on the holy mountain.

<sup>19</sup>And we have something more sure, the prophetic word, to which you will do well to pay attention as to a lamp shining in a dark place, until the day dawns and the morning star rises in your hearts, <sup>20</sup>knowing this first of all, that no prophecy of Scripture comes from someone’s own interpretation. <sup>21</sup>For no prophecy was ever produced by the will of man, but men spoke from God as they were carried along by the Holy Spirit.

## Holy Gospel: Matthew 17:1-9

<sup>1</sup>After six days Jesus took with him Peter and James, and John his brother, and led them up a high mountain by themselves. <sup>2</sup>And he was transfigured before them, and his face shone like the sun, and his clothes became white as light. <sup>3</sup>And behold, there appeared to them Moses and Elijah, talking with him. <sup>4</sup>And Peter said to Jesus, “Lord, it is good that we are here. If you wish, I will make three tents here, one for you and one for Moses and one for Elijah.” <sup>5</sup>He was still speaking when, behold, a bright cloud overshadowed them, and a voice from the cloud said, “This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased; listen to him.” <sup>6</sup>When the disciples heard this, they fell on their faces and were terrified. <sup>7</sup>But Jesus came and touched them, saying, “Rise, and have no fear.” <sup>8</sup>And when they lifted up their eyes, they saw no one but Jesus only.

<sup>9</sup>And as they were coming down the mountain, Jesus commanded them, “Tell no one the vision, until the Son of Man is raised from the dead.”