

# Formed in Prayer



Let us be still  
and ask the Holy Spirit to be with us.

Dear Father, be with us as we pray.  
Open our ears to hear your Word in the Gospel.  
Unite us in faith, hope and love  
as we pray together.  
Send your Holy Spirit to inspire  
and sustain us in our mission.  
We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

## Gospel

Matthew 17:1-9

Jesus took with him Peter and James and his brother John and led them up a high mountain where they could be alone. There in their presence he was transfigured: his face shone like the sun and his clothes became as white as the light. Suddenly Moses and Elijah appeared to them; they were talking with him. Then Peter spoke to Jesus. 'Lord,' he said 'it is wonderful for us to be here; if you wish, I will make three tents here, one for you, one for Moses and one for Elijah.' He was still speaking when suddenly a bright cloud covered them with shadow, and from the cloud there came a voice which said, 'This is my Son, the Beloved; he enjoys my favour. Listen to him.' When they heard this, the disciples fell on their faces, overcome with fear. But Jesus came up and touched them. 'Stand up,' he said 'do not be afraid.' And when they raised their eyes they saw no one but only Jesus.

As they came down from the mountain Jesus gave them this order, 'Tell no one about the vision until the Son of Man has risen from the dead.'

*What words or phrases struck you in Sunday's Gospel reading?  
What might God be prompting you to consider or inviting you to do in and through the Gospel?*

## Reflection

In the Sunday Gospel Jesus is transfigured in the presence of Peter, James and John. In the First Reading, St Peter testifies "...we had seen his majesty for ourselves. He was honoured and glorified by God the Father, when the Sublime Glory itself spoke to him." What Peter forgets to mention is that it was a terrifying experience for him, James and John.

Reflecting years later on the Transfiguration and revelation of Jesus as the Beloved Son of God, Peter assures us that we can depend on the word of God the Father, "and take it as a lamp for lighting a way through the dark until the dawn comes and the morning star rises in your minds."

In believing and proclaiming the risen Christ, we too can be transfigured, filled with the light of Christ to become a lamp for others, a light of truth and love for those we lead and teach.  
(Greg Wilson, CSYMI Manager)

## Prayer

God our Father  
Open our eyes to truly know Jesus as your Beloved Son.  
Open our ears to hear your words of love for us as your sons and daughters.  
Help us to stand and to not be afraid of proclaiming the Good News.  
And may the morning star rise in our minds as truth and love lighting our way.  
We ask this through Jesus Christ, the Son of Man, risen from the dead.  
Amen