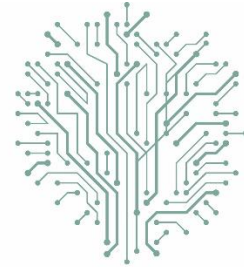


Transfiguration

This is my son deserving of Alleluias
Listen to him, come down and do for others
Go now you must leave though it terrifies you
Valleys await, and I will come down there with you

Though we cry,
“Stay here with us, we’ll raise you the perfect dwelling
Beyond compare befitting of all your glory
Stay here with us, we’ll raise you the perfect dwelling
And never leave this place,”
but heaven’s voice cries out compelling...

By At Average



SALTBUSH

UNITING THE SCATTERED COMMUNITY

Simple worship for the scattered Christian community

Luke 9:28-43
Transfiguration and the Valley

Welcome

We come to hear the Good News, to embody the love of God in Christ as we share our lives with others

Lighting of Christ Candle

God’s truth is revealed in Jesus Christ the light of the world. May the light shine for the hope of the world.

Responses & Gathering Prayer

Surprising God, whose love leads us to new experiences, help us to be open to your presence among us and within. Let us sense your glory in the sights and sounds of this day. Confront us with your law of compassion, mercy and love. That our lives may more fully reflect your purposes. May your Spirit move us to speak of the light that you reveal. Amen

Song

[Transfiguration](#) by At Average

<https://ataverage.bandcamp.com/track/transfiguration>

Passing the Peace

The peace of the Lord be with you.

And also with you.

You are invited to turn to those around you and offer them a word of greeting and peace.

The Word around the Bush

Luke 9:28-43

²⁸Now about eight days after these sayings Jesus took with him Peter and John and James, and went up on the mountain to pray. ²⁹And while he was praying, the appearance of his face changed, and his clothes became dazzling white. ³⁰Suddenly they saw two men, Moses and Elijah, talking to him. ³¹They appeared in glory and were speaking of his departure, which he was about to accomplish at Jerusalem. ³²Now Peter and his companions were weighed down with sleep; but since they had stayed awake, they saw his glory and the two men who stood with him. ³³Just as they were leaving him, Peter said to Jesus, "Master, it is good for us to be here; let us make three dwellings, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah" —not knowing what he said. ³⁴While he was saying this, a cloud came and overshadowed them; and they were terrified as they entered the cloud. ³⁵Then from the cloud came a voice that said, "This is my Son, my Chosen; listen to him!" ³⁶When the voice had spoken, Jesus was found alone. And they kept silent and in those days told no one any of the things they had seen.

³⁷On the next day, when they had come down from the mountain, a great crowd met him. ³⁸Just then a man from the crowd shouted, "Teacher, I beg you to look at my son; he is my only child. ³⁹Suddenly a spirit seizes him, and all at once he shrieks. It convulses him until he foams at the mouth; it mauls him and will scarcely leave him. ⁴⁰I begged your disciples to cast it out, but they could not." ⁴¹Jesus answered, "You faithless and perverse generation, how much longer must I be with you and bear with you? Bring your son here." ⁴²While he was coming, the demon dashed him to the ground in convulsions. But Jesus rebuked the unclean spirit, healed the boy, and gave him back to his father. ⁴³And all were astounded at the greatness of God. While everyone was amazed at all that he was doing.

The Message

From your Scattered Community Minister or another leader within your gathering.

Questions for conversation

- I wonder what you have heard and thought from the Word today?
- I wonder what you heard in the Word for our church?

- What one action can you or your church take in response to the Word today?

Silence

Spend some time in silence sitting still (suggested 5 minutes). Close your eyes lightly. Sit relaxed but alert.

Prayers for Others

God of mountain tops and valleys, we love to celebrate your glory and be transfixed by your presence, we would want to remain in your radiance forever, yet you call us to go where you are also present; amongst the poor, the grieving, the anxious and the lost. (pause)

For those whose lives are given less value or respect because of gender, class, race or religion. **May we share your compassion and mercy.** (pause)

For all your creation, the land, the animals, the oceans that are under threat because of our insatiable need for more. **May we honour your creation as we work for renewal.** (pause)

We know you are with those who are experiencing difficult days in our communities, may we be free to share our lives with them, **an expression of your love in their midst.** (pause)

In this time of silence we bring you our prayers. (pause)

In Christ, Amen.

Song for Reflection

[The Transfiguration by Sufjan Stevens](https://music.sufjan.com/track/the-transfiguration)

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Closing Responses & Blessing

We have been to the mountaintop, we have been in the presence of those who have gone before, and we have been changed.

Go now as transfigured people, endowed with understanding, strengthened by prayer, and empowered to live as children of God.

Go into a world that needs to know the warmth of God's presence, that the world might be transfigured in love and justice. Amen.

Bless us and the people we meet along the way
Father, Son and Holy Spirit. **Amen**