



## **Second Sunday of Lent** **February 25, 2018**

*Selected readings: Mark 9:2-10*

In our readings today, we have the great story of the Transfiguration of the Lord. Both the beginning and the end of this Gospel resonate with me. We are told that Jesus took Peter, James, and John and led them up a high mountain. I reflect on the times when I have allowed the Lord to lead me, especially those times up the high mountains in my own life. I imagine the disciples were wondering, maybe even to each other, “Where are we going?” In the end, they experience the glory of the resurrected Jesus. The lesson here, I believe, is that we have to have the faith to trust that God is leading us to serve him for his greater Glory—even if we don’t know where we are going. Let us pray to be open to His invitation to lead us. Can we feel His gentle hands to lead, carry, support us throughout each day? When we encounter Him, do we see the glory of the resurrected Jesus?

At the end of the Gospel, I am struck by the fact that the disciples were left with questions. They did not understand the full implications of the Resurrection. How often do we have questions? The admonishment from above—“This is my beloved Son. Listen to Him.” is all we need: After we pray to be open, we need to learn to listen. May this Lent be a time for us all to be transfigured—transformed with patience and hope that we may follow the Lord more closely and experience the joy of the Resurrection on Easter.

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