

Second Sunday in Lent 2025



Let your light shine!

Jesus took with him Peter, James and John and went up the mountain to pray. As he prayed, the aspect of his face was changed and his clothing became brilliant as lightning... and they saw his glory... Luke 9:28 - 36

They saw his glory! They saw him as he really was; the core of his being shone through his appearance in a way they had never seen before. They saw his glory and were overcome with awe. So too, we are called into wakefulness by the Gospel account of the Transfiguration of Jesus. We are called to move from unconsciousness to consciousness, from unawareness to awareness, to a new way of seeing and of recognizing the enormity of God's love for us, shining forth.

Suddenly they saw him the way he was, the way he really was all the time, although they had never seen it before, the glory which blinds the everyday eye and so becomes invisible.

This is how he was, radiant, brilliant, carrying joy like a flaming sun in his hands.

This is the way he was -- is -- from the beginning!

[Madeleine L'Engle, *Glimpses of Grace*, (San Francisco: Harper-Collins, 1996)]

In the story of the Transfiguration, we catch a brief glimpse of the mystery of Christ's divinity shining through his humanity. This is an invitation to reflect on the wonder of our human lives, on the inner meaning of our life, and to be willing to manifest - to show forth - what is within. It calls us to see the other and the whole of creation in a new way, in God's way.

Thomas Merton speaks of this. In a moment of great clarity, he was overwhelmed with love for all the people he saw around him. He saw the secret beauty of their hearts, the core of their reality known only by God. He wrote: *"If only they could see themselves as they really are in God's eyes. There is no way of telling people that they are all walking round shining like the sun. If we could understand this there would be no more war."* (Merton: *Conjectures of a Guilty Bystander* pp156-158)

We too, *"empowered by the Spirit, are sent as disciples of Jesus to share our lives in the service of love, seeking the fullness life for the whole of creation."* (RNDM Constitutions, 4)

How can we recognise that we too are walking round shining like the sun?



How can we allow God to transfigure us into the image of Jesus?

Let us pray:
Loving God, you who are light itself, we ask you to open our hearts so that we may see you more clearly, love you more dearly and follow you more nearly all the days of our lives Amen

Suggested Songs: [Christ be our light](#) Bernadette Farrell and Frank Brownstead 1994 [You Tube](#)

[Open my eyes Lord](#) Jesse Manibusan and Patrick Loomas 2012 [You Tube](#)

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