

HOPING

Our hearts are made for you, O God and we shall not rest until we find our home in you. (St Augustine)

We have turned to the text and then to life. Awakened by the Word we turn again towards the Lord

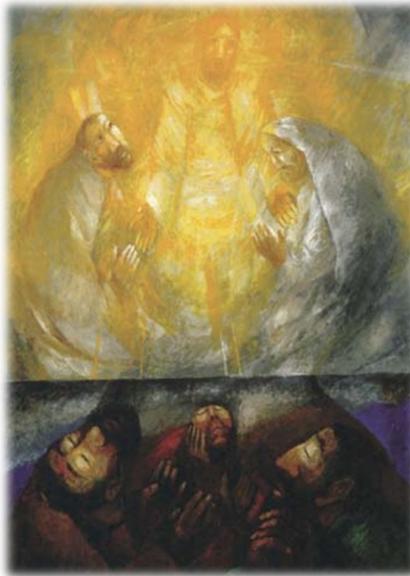
1. What do you want to say to the Lord about what you have heard?
2. What hope or prayer has this text stirred in your heart?
3. What word about your life - be it a word of thanksgiving, sorrow, joy, peace, petition - do you now bring to the Lord?

Closing Prayer:

We gather our prayer together:

It is your face, O Lord that we seek; hide not your face.

Dismiss not your servants for you have been our help. (Psalm 26)



Our deepest prayer is one that rises from the heart in response to the realities of life.

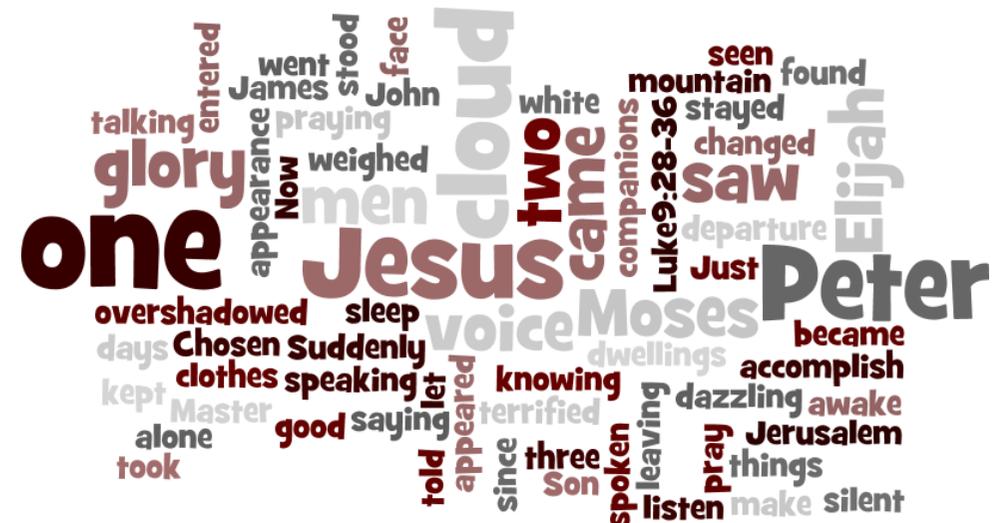
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Hearing Happening Hoping

Walking with God's Word
in Lent 2016

Sunday 2 ~ Luke 9:29-38



The Word of God comes to us to awaken our hearts. We begin by praying: God our Father, source of all light, you have sent your Son into the world, to reveal yourself to all your children. Send your Spirit upon us now, that we may meet Jesus in the Word that comes from you. May we come to know him, may we come to love him more deeply and so be drawn closer to the happiness of your Kingdom. Amen.

Luke 9:28-36

Jesus took with him Peter and John and James, and went up on the mountain to pray. And while he was praying, the appearance of his face changed, and his clothes became dazzling white. Suddenly they saw two men, Moses and Elijah, talking to him. They appeared in glory and were speaking of his departure, which he was about to accomplish at Jerusalem. Now Peter and his companions were weighed down with sleep; but they had stayed awake and saw his glory and the two men who stood with him.

Just 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. While he was saying this, a cloud came and overshadowed them; and they were terrified as they entered the cloud. Then from the cloud came a voice that said, "This is my Son, the Chosen One; listen to him!"

When 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.



HEARING ~ Speak Lord, your servants are listening! You have the words of eternal life!

We read the passage 2-3 times. Reflect and share on some of the following:

1. What words or phrases stand out for you in this passage? What surprises you?
2. What happens to Jesus in this passage?
3. How do Peter, James and John react to what is going on?
4. What is God doing—to Jesus and to Peter, James and John?

**HAPPENING ~ Speak Lord, your servants are listening!
In the Light of the Word we look at our lives**

We read the passage again and reflect on *some* of the following:

1. *"while he was praying... his face changed".*

How have we been changed by our prayer?



2. *"they were terrified as they entered the cloud."*

When have we been terrified by God drawing close to us?

3. *"they had stayed awake and saw his glory..."*

When have you been at the limits of physical or emotional exhaustion and something important has happened for you?

To pray the scriptures is to descend to the level of the heart and find God ~ Michael Casey OCSO