



# Transfiguration of Our Lord

February 14, 2021

10:30 AM

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or <https://www.youtube.com/user/StJohnsSummitNJ>  
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**Everyone is welcome.** As people of God, St. John's welcomes all regardless of age, economic status, ethnic background, gender, physical or mental ability, race or sexual orientation. We affirm that in Christ "there is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither slave nor free, there is neither male nor female." (Galatians 3:28) This is Christ's church, and Christ has bid you come.

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**Coffee Sale:** If you need fair trade coffee, teas, and chocolate, contact Jane Bowman.

**Shrove Tuesday Zoom Event, February 16 at 5:30 PM.** Join us for one last hooray before the start of Lent. Come with donuts, pancakes, king cake, or libations. All ages invited. Let's have a little fun as a congregation together. Zoom link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81996918344?pwd=QWE3Rk1Bb2hJcS8ycG9RS2FJSGRPQT09>

**Ash Wednesday, February 17.** Lent begins on Ash Wednesday. A brief online worship service will be broadcast at **7:30 AM**. Full online Ash Wednesday service will be broadcast at **7:00 PM**. The Imposition of Ashes will be offered individually, outside at the rear entryway during the following windows of times: **8:00–9:00 AM, 12:00–1:00 PM, and 5:30–6:30 PM.**

**Annual Congregational Meeting, Sunday, February 21 following the 10:30 AM service.** The Annual Meeting will occur on Zoom: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82159990819?pwd=YVFRdGZb3JiR1ZxbDRTWEJoUzArQT09>. We recommend each voting member use a separate device to log into Zoom to facilitate voting.

**There will be no Children's Time next Sunday, February 21.**

**Summit Warm Hearts:** The Interfaith Council established emergency shelter, meals, and support services with GRACE Food Pantry and Bridges to help the homeless in our community. Other Fellow First has pledged a \$10k matching grant, but we haven't made the match yet. We need to raise \$6k. **To make a donation:** Send a check to: The Other Fellow First Foundation (note 'Summit Warm Hearts'), 47 Summit Avenue, Summit, 07901, or visit [otherfellowfirstfoundation.org](http://otherfellowfirstfoundation.org) to donate using a credit card.

**Host sign up:** <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/8050A4BADAE2DAA8-swhhosts>

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**Zoom Children's Time, Sundays at 9:30 AM.** Join: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86580617100>.  
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**Evening Prayer: Wednesdays at 7:00 PM** on both our [Facebook](#) and [YouTube](#) pages.

**Hymns of Faith** is on hiatus.

**Giving Is Important.** We count on your generous offerings to continue to do our robust ministry. Please give generously. You may [give online](#) or mail checks to the church.

### **Prayer Before Worship**

Holy and mighty God, gather us among your faithful ones, the people of your covenant, to stand in the light of your glory and listen for the word of the Lord, Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.

From *Feasting on the Word Worship Companion, Year B, Vol. 1*

**PRELUDE** Setting of *Potsdam*

By Keith Kolander (b. 1954)

### **WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

#### **Gathering**

*The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.*

### **CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

In the name of the Father, and of the † Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

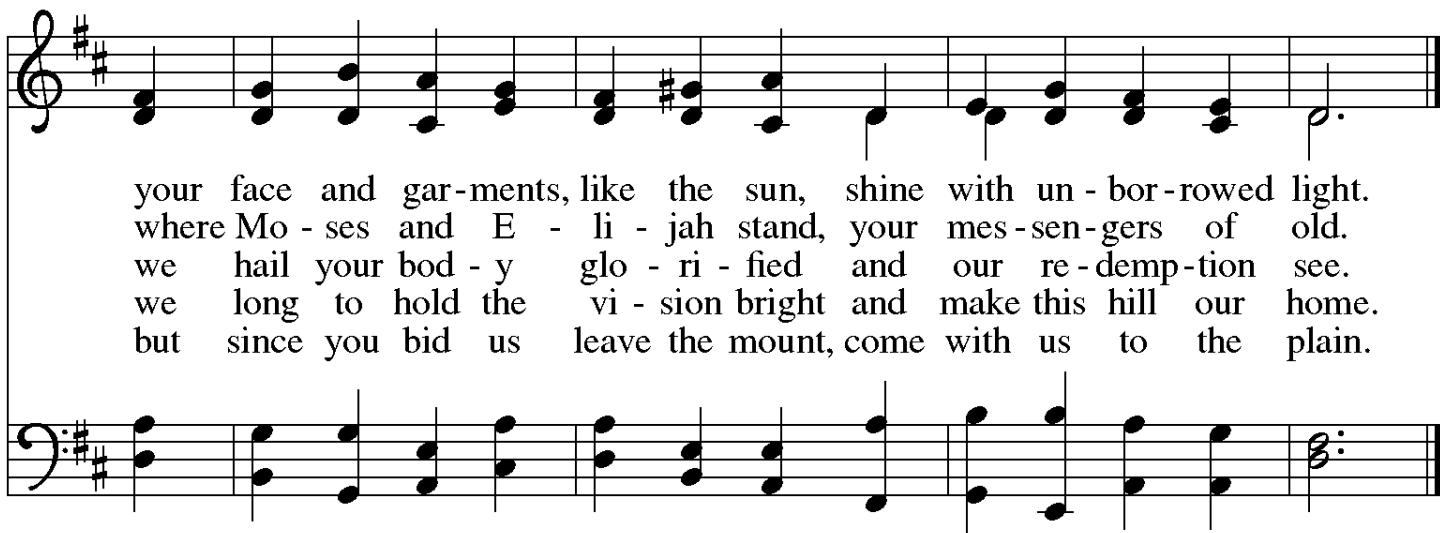
**To you, O God, all hearts are open, to you all desires known. We come to you, confessing our sins. Forgive us in your mercy, and remember us in your love. Show us your ways; teach us your paths; and lead us in justice and truth, for the sake of your goodness in Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.**

How vast is God's love for us! Through water and the Word your sins are washed away. In the name of † Jesus Christ you are forgiven, and by the power of the Holy Spirit you are claimed as God's own beloved. **Amen.**

## GATHERING HYMN ELW 315 How Good, Lord, to be Here



1 How good, Lord, to be here! Your glo - ry fills the night;  
2 How good, Lord, to be here, your beau - ty to be - hold  
3 Ful - fill - er of the past and hope of things to be,  
4 Be - fore we taste of death, we see your king - dom come;  
5 How good, Lord, to be here! Yet we may not re - main;



your face and gar - ments, like the sun, shine with un - bor - rowed light.  
where Mo - ses and E - li - jah stand, your mes - sen - gers of old.  
we hail your bod - y glo - ri - fied and our re - demp - tion see.  
we long to hold the vi - sion bright and make this hill our home.  
but since you bid us leave the mount, come with us to the plain.

Text: Joseph A. Robinson, 1858-1933, alt.

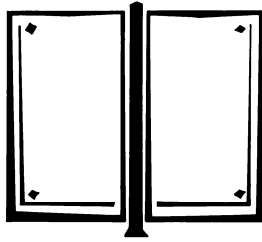
Music: POTSDAM, W. Mercer, *The Church Psalter and Hymn Book*, 1854

## APOSTOLIC GREETING

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. **And also with you.**

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray. Almighty God, the resplendent light of your truth shines from the mountaintop into our hearts. Transfigure us by your beloved Son, and illumine the world with your image, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**



## Word

*God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching and song.*

### **FIRST READING** 2 Kings 2:1–12

<sup>1</sup>Now when the LORD was about to take Elijah up to heaven by a whirlwind, Elijah and Elisha were on their way from Gilgal. <sup>2</sup>Elijah said to Elisha, “Stay here; for the LORD has sent me as far as Bethel.” But Elisha said, “As the LORD lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you.” So they went down to Bethel. <sup>3</sup>The company of prophets who were in Bethel came out to Elisha, and said to him, “Do you know that today the LORD will take your master away from you?” And he said, “Yes, I know; keep silent.”

<sup>4</sup>Elijah said to him, “Elisha, stay here; for the LORD has sent me to Jericho.” But he said, “As the LORD lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you.” So they came to Jericho. <sup>5</sup>The company of prophets who were at Jericho drew near to Elisha, and said to him, “Do you know that today the LORD will take your master away from you?” And he answered, “Yes, I know; be silent.”

<sup>6</sup>Then Elijah said to him, “Stay here; for the LORD has sent me to the Jordan.” But he said, “As the LORD lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you.” So the two of them went on. <sup>7</sup>Fifty men of the company of prophets also went, and stood at some distance from them, as they both were standing by the Jordan. <sup>8</sup>Then Elijah took his mantle and rolled it up, and struck the water; the water was parted to the one side and to the other, until the two of them crossed on dry ground.

<sup>9</sup>When they had crossed, Elijah said to Elisha, “Tell me what I may do for you, before I am taken from you.” Elisha said, “Please let me inherit a double share of your spirit.” <sup>10</sup>He responded, “You have asked a hard thing; yet, if you see me as I am being taken from you, it will be granted you; if not, it will not.” <sup>11</sup>As they continued walking and talking, a chariot of fire and horses of fire separated the two of them, and Elijah ascended in a whirlwind into heaven. <sup>12</sup>Elisha kept watching and crying out, “Father, father! The chariots of Israel and its horsemen!” But when he could no longer see him, he grasped his own clothes and tore them in two pieces.

***The reader concludes:*** The word of the Lord. ***The assembly responds:*** Thanks be to God.

## SECOND READING 2 Corinthians 4:3–6

<sup>3</sup>Even if our gospel is veiled, it is veiled to those who are perishing. <sup>4</sup>In their case the god of this world has blinded the minds of the unbelievers, to keep them from seeing the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God. <sup>5</sup>For we do not proclaim ourselves; we proclaim Jesus Christ as Lord and ourselves as your slaves for Jesus' sake. <sup>6</sup>For it is the God who said, "Let light shine out of darkness," who has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.

*The reader concludes:* The word of the Lord. *The assembly responds:* Thanks be to God.

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia,  
al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

## GOSPEL Mark 9:2–9

The Holy Gospel according to Mark. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>2</sup>Six days later, Jesus took with him Peter and James and John, and led them up a high mountain apart, by themselves. And he was transfigured before them, <sup>3</sup>and his clothes became dazzling white, such as no one on earth could bleach them. <sup>4</sup>And there appeared to them Elijah with Moses, who were talking with Jesus. <sup>5</sup>Then Peter said to Jesus, "Rabbi, it is good for us to be here; let us make three dwellings, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah." <sup>6</sup>He did not know what to say, for they were terrified. <sup>7</sup>Then a cloud overshadowed them, and from the cloud there came a voice, "This is my Son, the Beloved; listen to him!" <sup>8</sup>Suddenly when they looked around, they saw no one with them any more, but only Jesus.

<sup>9</sup>As they were coming down the mountain, he ordered them to tell no one about what they had seen, until after the Son of Man had risen from the dead.

*The Gospel is proclaimed, concluding:* The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

HYMN OF THE DAY ACS 917 Dazzling Presence on the Mountain

1. Daz-zling pres - ence on the moun - tain: hu - man eye had  
 2. From this mount of mys - tic splen - dor to the cross Christ  
 3. From the heights of new cre - a - tion, Christ be - holds his  
 4. Let our praise ring from each moun - tain, in - to deep - est

nev - er seen such a won - der, such re - splen - dence,  
 press - es on; here no Mo - ses nor E - li - jah,  
 world, re - deemed; as with Pe - ter and com - pan - ions,  
 val - leys pour, where, with lives of grate - ful ser - vice,

heav'n and earth in cloud con - vene. "This is my Son,  
 on - ly thieves Christ's wings a - dorn. "Lord, have mer - cy,  
 brings us now to sights un - seen. Jus - tice, mer - cy,  
 we a - dore Christ ev - er - more. To the Son, God's

the be - lov - ed," thun - dr'ous voice from cloud ex - claimed.  
 Christ, have mer - cy," was one's pen - i - ten - tial sigh.  
 and com - pas - sion: these the booths he bids us build,  
 own be - lov - ed, and the Spir - it end - less - ly,

Word made flesh to heal cre - a - tion, to dis - ci - ples God proclaimed.  
 With trans - fig - ur - ing as - sur - ance, Christ re - joins his fer - vent cry.  
 that the earth he loves may flour - ish as each life with grace is filled.  
 may the church's praise be lift - ed to the bless - ed Trin - i - ty.

Text: Paul E. Hoffman, b. 1956  
 Music: Karen E. Black, b. 1960  
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## **APOSTLES' CREED**

Living together in trust and hope, we confess our faith:

**I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

## **PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION**

Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

## **LORD'S PRAYER**

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

**Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.**

## **PEACE**

The peace of Christ be with you always. **And also with you.**

## **GATHERING OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS**

*If you would like to make a one-time or recurring electronic contribution, or want information about mailing checks, you may visit [www.stjohnssummit.org/giving](http://www.stjohnssummit.org/giving). You may also contact the church office for more options.*

## **OFFERING MUSIC** "Transform Us, As You Transfigured" Text by Sylvia Dunstan (b. 1954) Virtual Choir

Transform us as you, transfigured, stood apart on Tabor's height.  
Lead us up our sacred mountains, search us with revealing light.  
Lift us from where we have fallen, full of questions, filled with fright.

Transform us as you, transfigured, once spoke with those holy ones.  
We, surrounded by the witness of those saints whose work is done,  
Live in this world as your Body, chosen daughters, chosen sons.

Transform us as you, transfigured, would not stay within a shrine.  
Keep us from our great temptation—time and truth we quickly bind.  
Lead us down those daily pathways where our love is not confined.



# OFFERING HYMN ELW 308 O Morning Star, How Fair and Bright!

## Verse 5

5. Oh, let the harps break forth in sound!  
our joy be all with music crowned, our  
voices gaily blending! For Christ goes with us all the way—  
to-day, to-morrow, ev'-ry day! His love is never ending!  
Sing out! Ring out! Jubilation! Exultation! Tell the story!  
Praise to Christ, who reigns in glory!

Text: Philipp Nicolai, 1556–1608; tr. *Lutheran Book of Worship*  
Music: WIE SCHÖN LEUCHTET, Philipp Nicolai  
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## OFFERTORY PRAYER

Let us pray. Yours, O God, is the greatness, the power, the glory, the splendor, and the majesty; for everything in heaven and on earth is yours. All things come of you, O Lord, and of your own have we given you. Amen.

## Sending

*God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.*

### BLESSING

The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord's face shine on you with grace and mercy. The Lord look upon you with favor and ☩ give you peace. **Amen.**

### SENDING HYMN ELW 318 Alleluia, Song of Gladness



- 1 Al - le - lu - ia, song of glad - ness, voice of joy that can - not die;
- 2 Al - le - lu - ia you are sound - ing, true Je - ru - sa - lem and free;
- 3 Al - le - lu - ia can - not al - ways be our song while here be - low;
- 4 In our hymns we pray with long - ing: Grant us, bless - ed Trin - i - ty,



al - le - lu - ia is the an - them ev - er dear to choirs on high;  
al - le - lu - ia, joy - ful moth - er, bring us to your ju - bi - lee;  
al - le - lu - ia our trans - gres - sions make us for a while for - go;  
at the last to keep glad Eas - ter with the faith - ful saints on high;



in the house of God a - bid - ing thus they sing e - ter - nal - ly.  
here by Bab - y - lon's sad wa - ters mourn - ing ex - iles still are we.  
for the sol - emn time is com - ing when our tears for sin shall flow.  
there to you for - ev - er sing - ing al - le - lu - ia joy - ful - ly.

Text: Latin hymn, 11th cent.; tr. John Mason Neale, 1818–1866, alt.

Music: PRAISE, MY SOUL, John Goss, 1800–1880

## **DISMISSAL**

Go in peace. Share the good news. **Thanks be to God.**

**POSTLUDE** Setting of *Praise, My Soul*

By Michael Burkhardt (b. 1957)

Zoom Coffee Hour: URL: <https://zoom.us/j/753360733>

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# PRE-READER

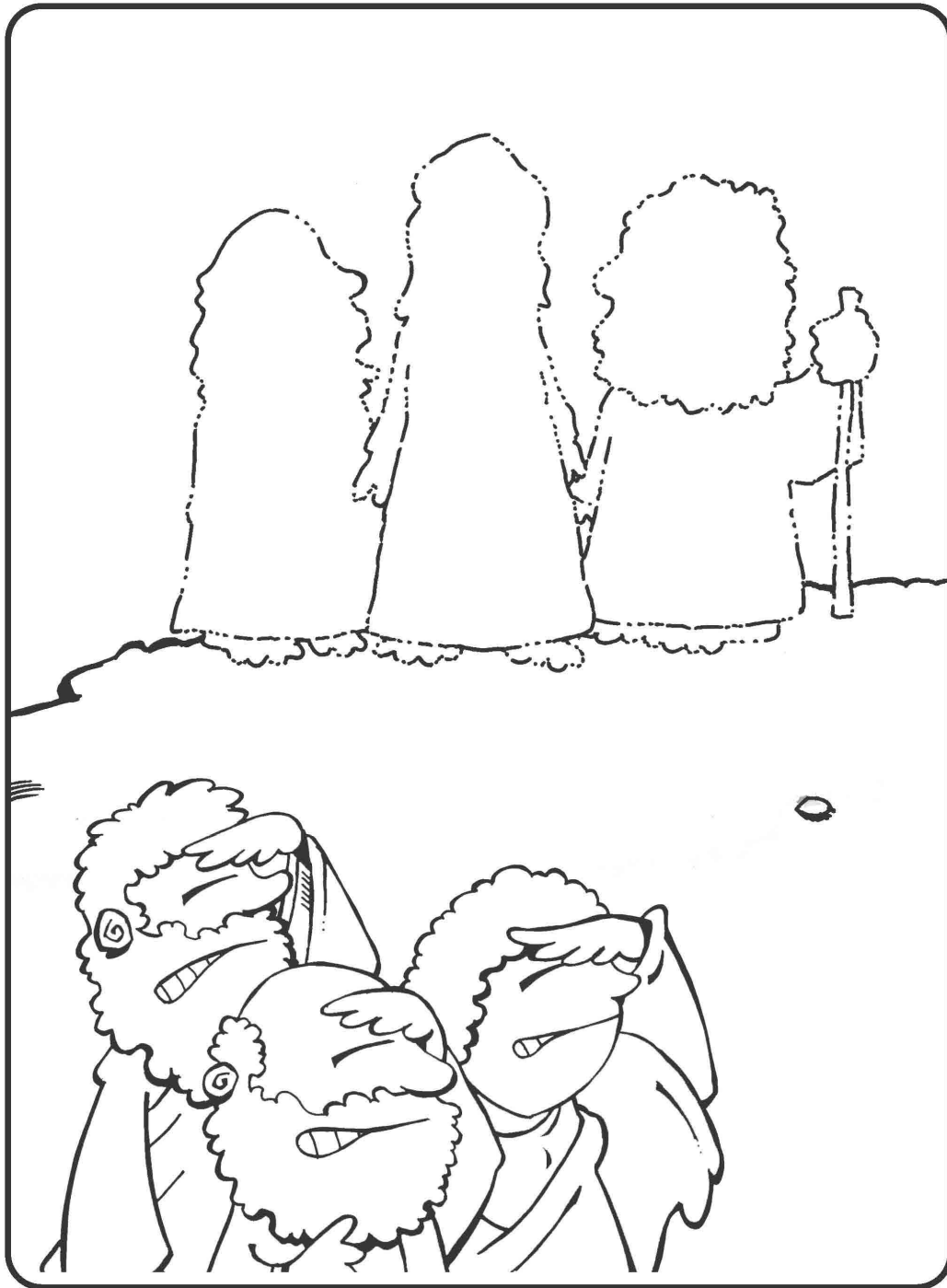
Transfiguration Sunday

- Today is **Transfiguration Sunday**.
- During the Transfiguration, Jesus appeared with **Elijah** and **Moses**.
- God said "**This is my Son**. Listen to him."

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**Color in the picture of Jesus, Elijah, and Moses. Then color light all around them.**



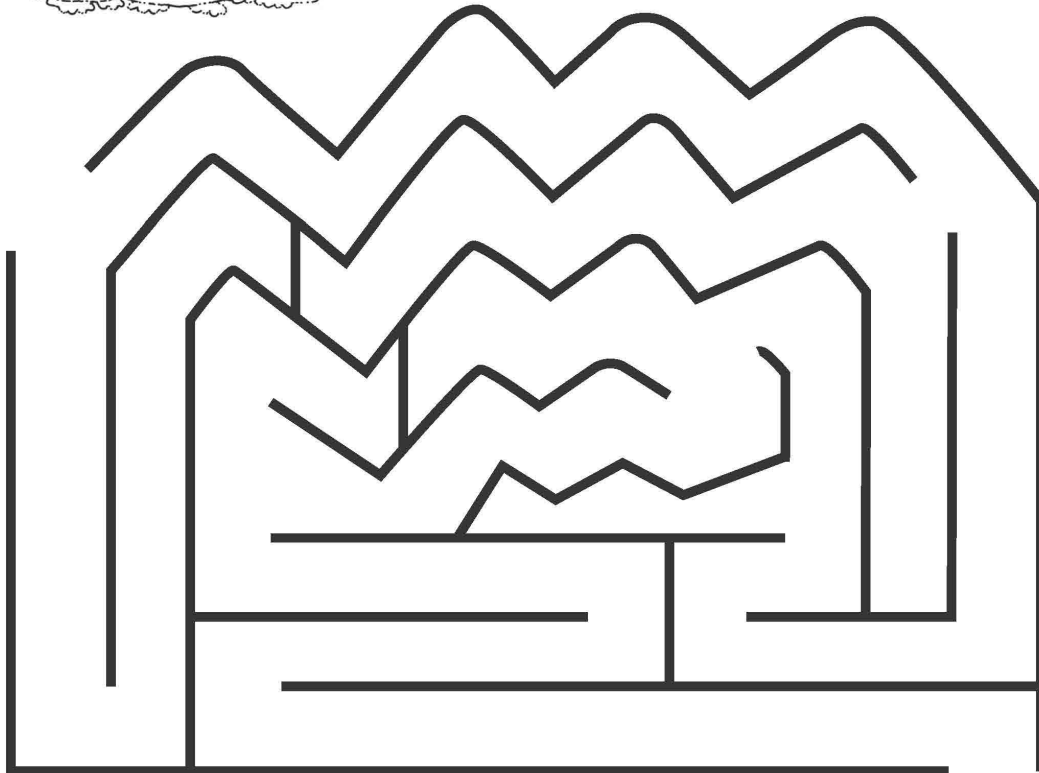
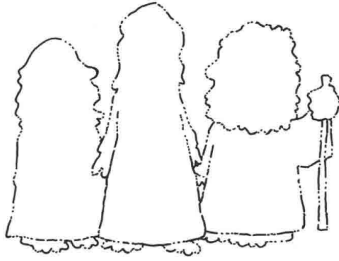


**“This is my Son. Listen to him.”**



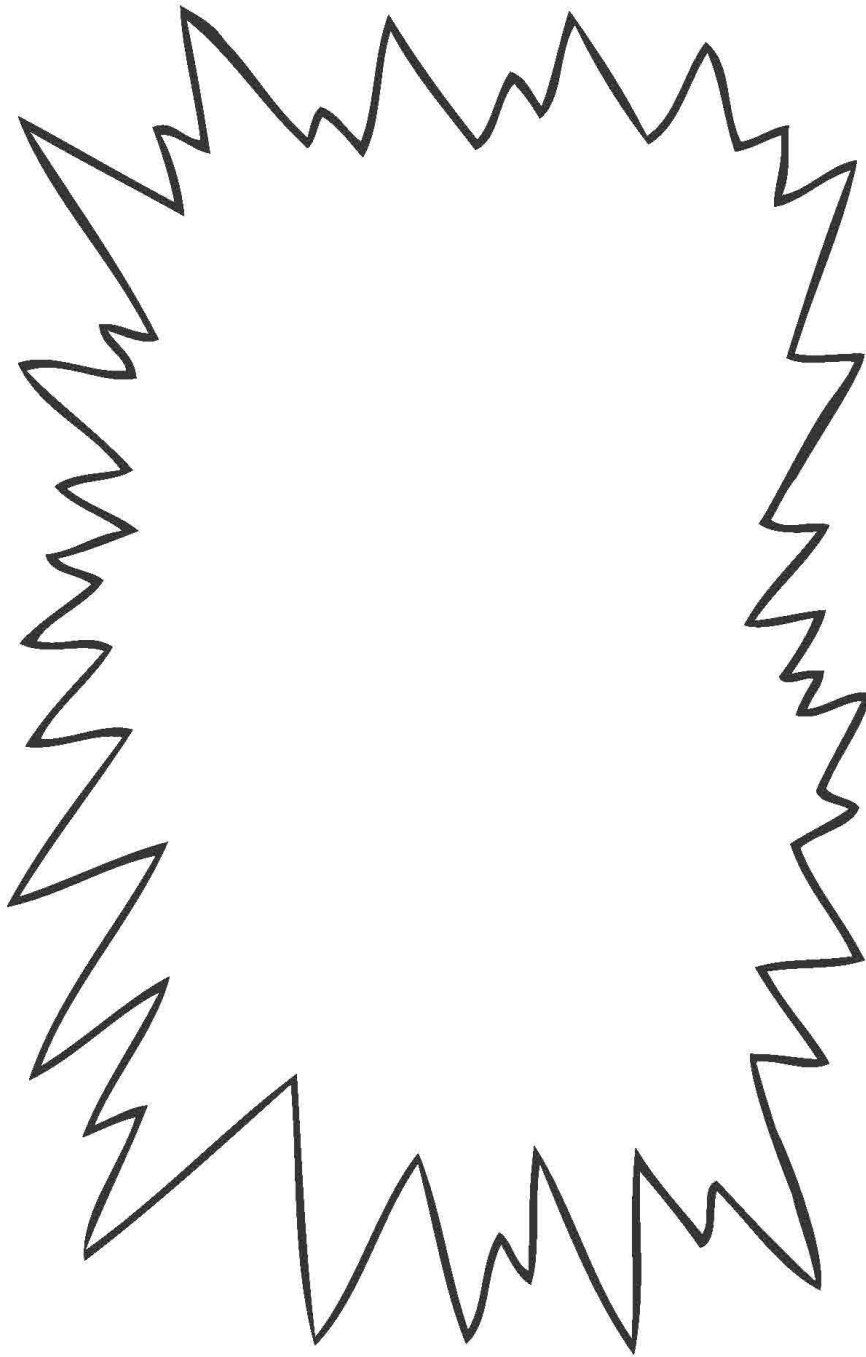
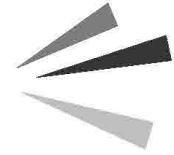
Peter, James, and John climbed a mountain with Jesus. Something special happened at the top. Jesus started glowing with light.

**Help Peter, James, and John find their way to Jesus on top of the mountain.**



Jesus glowed with light during the Transfiguration. Light is very important in church.

**Draw or write the places where you see light used in your church.**





# READER

## Transfiguration Sunday

- Today is **Transfiguration Sunday**.
- The symbol of the Transfiguration is **a burst of light**.
- Light guides us and tells us **where to go**.
- During the Transfiguration, **God appeared as light** in Jesus.

### Word Drop

During the Transfiguration, the disciples saw God in Jesus. Change one letter per word to see if you can turn "God" into the "Son."

<b>GOD</b>	
___ ___ ___	_____ a nice gift
___ ___ ___	Nickname for "robot"
___ ___ ___	Small amount
___ ___ ___	You do this at an auction
___ ___ ___	Storage container
___ ___ ___	To do wrong
<b>SON</b>	



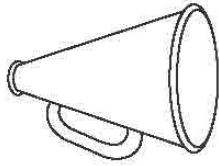


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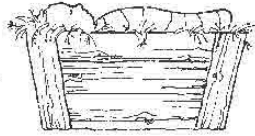
## Memory Verse



them, and from the cloud there came a



, "This is my



, the

Beloved;



to him!"

—Mark 9:7



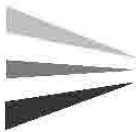
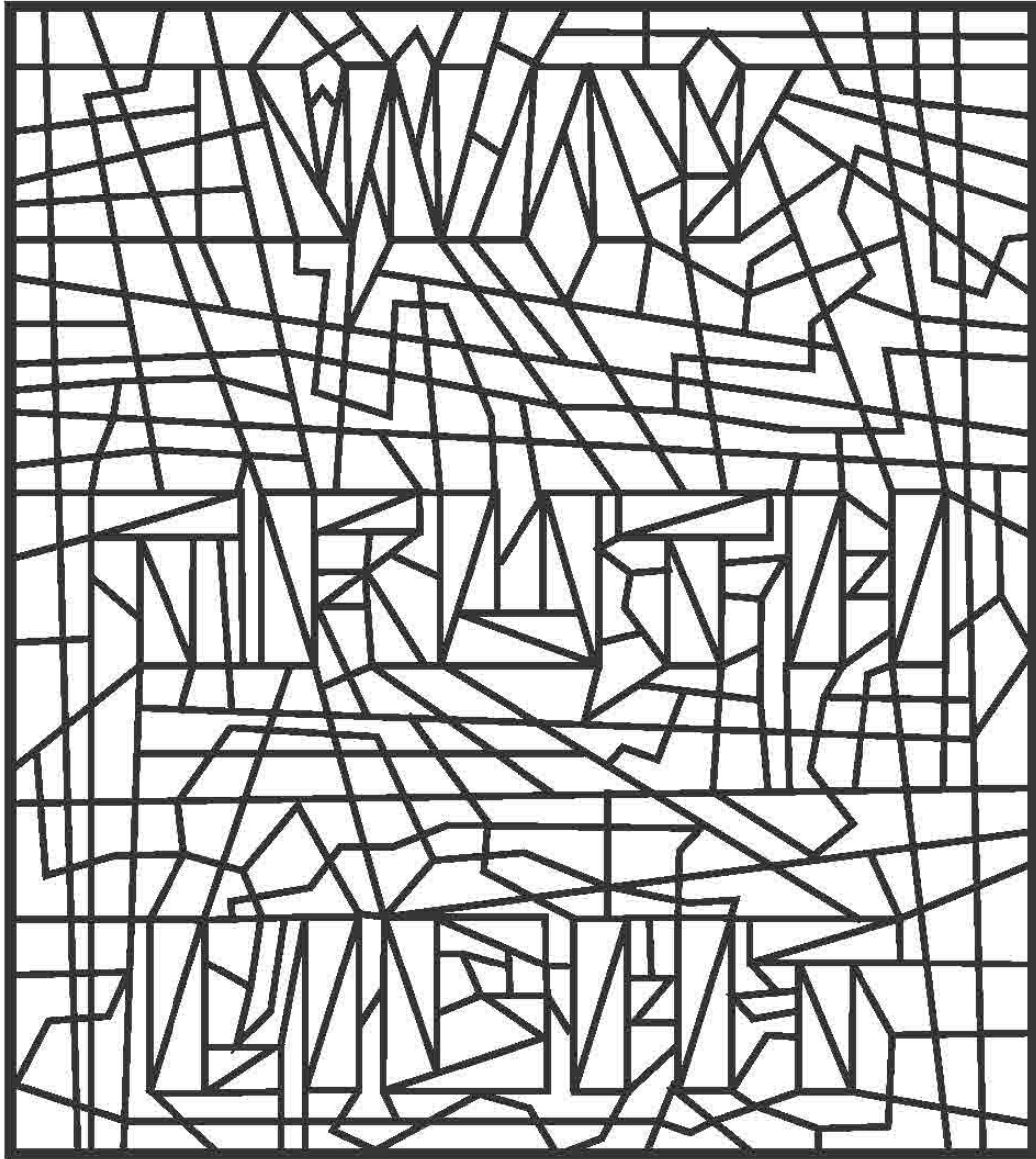
## Look It Up!

How many mountain stories can you find in the Bible? Check out Genesis 22:1-19, Matthew 5:1-12, and Matthew 28:16-20.



## Spreading the Word

Color in the triangles to fill in the blanks and find out what Jesus was.



### **Bible Tip!**

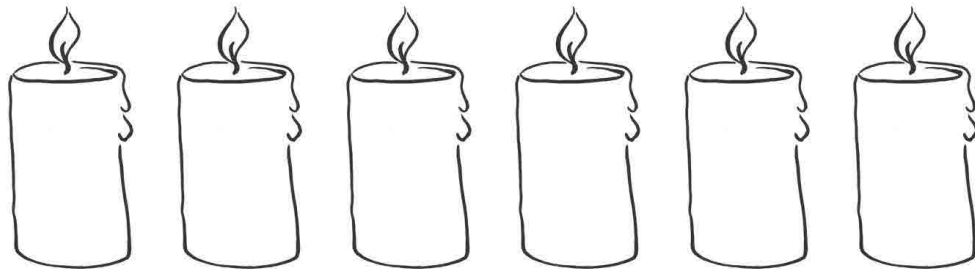
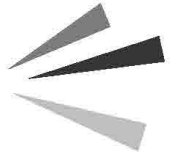
You probably know about Moses from the Old Testament, but what do you remember about the prophet Elijah? Read 1 Kings 17–19 to learn more about him.

# The Light

Circle a candle below for each candle you see in your worship space.

How many candles total? \_\_\_\_\_

Where in your church do you see candles?



	GOD
_____ a nice gift	GOT
Nickname for "robot"	BOT
Small amount	BIT
You do this at an auction	BID
Storage container	BIN
To do wrong	SIN
	SON

WORD DROP SOLUTION