

Bible Passage

Luke 9.28-36

28 Now 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.

Song

Immortal, Invisible

<https://youtu.be/spE-BE23qxA>

Reflection

I wonder if you have had one of those moments where you were overwhelmed by the presence of God? Perhaps a moment in creation, a sensation while listening to beautiful music or singing a hymn at full volume. It could have been at the birth of a child or simply sat quietly in prayer.....they are memorable and fleeting- and make us want to say, like Peter; it is good for us to be here.

But, for us, like the disciples, our encounters with the presence of God aren't meant to keep us in a permanent happy bubble- but to encourage and equip us to carry His message of love and hope to the world- a message that is rooted in the cross and resurrection.

Help us to find you afresh at the foot of the cross and to know the transformative power of your loving Holy Spirit.

Prayer

Father in heaven,
whose Son Jesus Christ was wonderfully transfigured
before chosen witnesses upon the holy mountain,
and spoke of the exodus he would accomplish at Jerusalem:
give us strength so to hear his voice and bear our cross
that in the world to come we may see him as he is;
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

Amen

(Common Worship Collect for today)