



SALTBUSH

UNITING THE SCATTERED COMMUNITY

Simple worship for the scattered Christian community

Mark 9: 2-9
Transfiguration

Welcome

An opportunity to welcome people to the gathering

Responses & Gathering Prayer

The glory of God shines; like a consuming fire.
We have seen the glory of God in the face of Jesus
Christ.

The voice of God thunders like a mighty storm.
Out of the cloud, God speaks:

This is my beloved Son; listen to him! ¹.

Amen.

Music for Reflection

Suggested song: [This Light](#)

Hannah Van-Dorp: [Songs for the Road](#), released 2014

<https://malcolmgordon.bandcamp.com/track/this-light-hannah-van-dorp>

Passing the Peace

The peace of the Lord be with you.

And also with you.

You are invited to turn to those around you and offer
them a word of greeting and peace.

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- 1 Kimberly Bracken Long. Feasting on the Word
Worship Companion : Liturgies for Year B,
Volume 1. Westminster John Knox Press, 2014.
- 2 Janet Nelson: 2002. Let Us pray: Page 103 Last
Sunday after Epiphany. Year B
- 3 Abingdon Worship Annual

The Word around the Bush

Mark 9: 2-9

The Transfiguration

²Six 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, ³and his clothes became dazzling white, such as no one on earth could bleach them. ⁴And there appeared to them Elijah with Moses, who were talking with Jesus. ⁵Then 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." ⁶He did not know what to say, for they were terrified. ⁷Then a cloud overshadowed them, and from the cloud there came a voice, "This is my Son, the Beloved; listen to him!" ⁸Suddenly when they looked around, they saw no one with them anymore, but only Jesus. ⁹As 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 Message

From your Scattered Community Minister or another leader within your gathering.

Questions for conversation

- I wonder what you have heard and thought from the Word today?
- I wonder what you heard in the Word for our church?
- What one action can you or your church take in response to the Word today?

Silence in Two Ways

Spend some time in silence sitting still (suggested 5 minutes). Close your eyes lightly. Sit relaxed but alert.

- You may like to say the prayer phrase "Mar-an-ath-a" (which means come Lord). Say this as four syllables. Do not try to think or imagine anything. If thoughts or distractions come simply return to saying the word.
- Or you may like "sitting with God" — a silent time in which we focus all our mind, heart and soul on the presence of God without trying to create it. Simply be still and open to God.

Prayers for Others

Holy God, in the beauty of your created world, we glimpse your glory.

It is good, O God, to be in your presence.

We pray for your world:

where its beauty is disfigured by our careless stewardship;

where its beauty is broken and bleeding from war;

where its beauty is diminished by corruption and greed.

Transfigure your world by your presence, O God, and in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

In the joy and wonder of human love, we glimpse your glory.

We pray for those whose love enriches our lives:

for little children with generous and forgiving hearts;

for those who care for the frail and the sick;

for our families and friends and all relationships that speak to us of you.

Transfigure your world by your presence, O God, and in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

In the compassionate heart of Jesus, we glimpse your glory.

We pray for all in need of your compassion and care:

all whose bodies and bruised;

all whose spirits and crushed;

all whose minds and confused;

all whose hearts are broken.

Transfigure their lives with your presence, O God, and in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

In the lives of your saints, we glimpse your glory.

We pray for all who have departed this life and who are now with you.

O God, you summon home your faithful servants. As you gathered up to heaven your servant Elijah, may you draw us also into the promise of your glory, for it is good, O God to be in your presence.

Holy God in your mercy,

hear our prayer. 2.

Closing Responses & Blessing

Come down from the mountain with mountain like faith.

Walk on God's paths as bright, shining lights.

Live in God's ways with faith, hope and love.

Go into the world transformed and renewed. 3.

Bless us and the people we meet along the way
Father,

Son

and Holy Spirit.

Amen