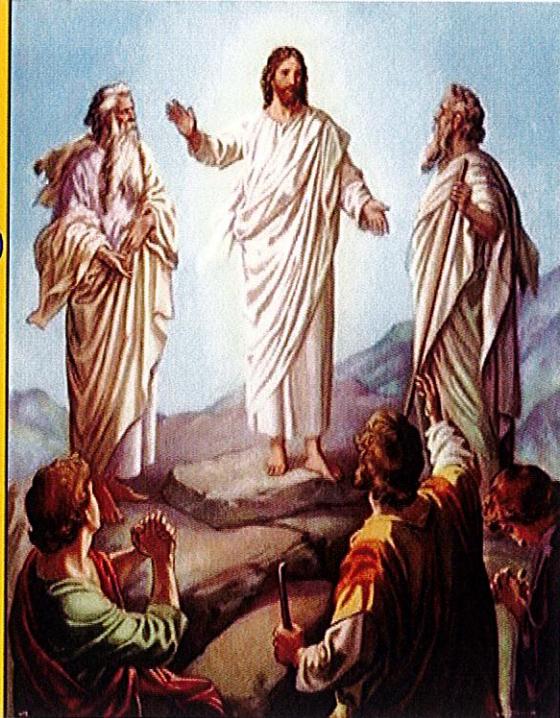


What we can learn from the Transfiguration?

Matthew 17:1-9



**St. Christopher's Episcopal Church
Sunday, February 15, 2026**

**Last Sunday After the Epiphany
Holy Eucharist Rite II**

9:30 a.m.

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Liturgy of the Word

Prelude		
Announcements		Chinenye Anako
Processional	<i>Praise My Soul, the King of Heaven</i>	H-410
Opening Acclamation		BCP 355
Gloria	<i>Glory to God</i>	S-280
The Collect of the Day		Attached
First Reading	Exodus 24: 12-18	Attached
Psalm	Psalm 99	Attached

**All: Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit. As it was in the beginning,
is now and will be forever. Amen**

Second Reading	2 Peter 1: 16-21	Attached
Gospel Hymn	<i>Glorify Thy Name</i>	Attached
Gospel	Matthew 17: 1-9	Attached
Sermon		The Rev Gerardo Brambila
Nicene Creed		BCP 358
Prayers of the People Form III		Attached
Absolution		BCP 360
The Peace		BCP-360
Birthdays/Anniversaries/Blessings		BCP Inside Cover
Travel Blessings		BCP 831

Offertory

Offertory Sentence		BCP 376
Offertory Anthem	<i>Behold the Lamb by Dotty Rambo</i>	
Doxology	<i>Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow</i>	H-380, v. 3

The Holy Communion

Eucharistic Prayer B		BCP 367
Sanctus	<i>Holy, Holy, Holy Lord</i>	S-129
The Lord's Prayer	<i>Our Father</i>	Hymnal Inside Front Cover
Fraction Anthem	<i>Christ Our Passover</i>	S-155
The Breaking of the Bread		BCP 364

The Invitation & Distribution

Communion Hymn	<i>On Eagle's Wings</i>	W-810
Post Communion Prayer		BCP-498
The Blessing		Celebrant's Choice
Dismissal Hymn	<i>Praise to the Living God</i>	H-372
Dismissal Acclamation		BCP 366
Postlude		

Collect of the Day

O God, who before the passion of your only begotten Son revealed his glory upon the holy mountain: Grant to us that we, beholding by faith the light of his countenance, may be strengthened to bear our cross, and be changed into his likeness from glory to glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

Old Testament **Exodus 24:12-18**

The Lord said to Moses, “Come up to me on the mountain, and wait there; and I will give you the tablets of stone, with the law and the commandment, which I have written for their instruction.” So Moses set out with his assistant Joshua, and Moses went up into the mountain of God. To the elders he had said, “Wait here for us, until we come to you again; for Aaron and Hur are with you; whoever has a dispute may go to them.”

Then Moses went up on the mountain, and the cloud covered the mountain. The glory of the Lord settled on Mount Sinai, and the cloud covered it for six days; on the seventh day he called to Moses out of the cloud. Now the appearance of the glory of the Lord was like a devouring fire on the top of the mountain in the sight of the people of Israel. Moses entered the cloud, and went up on the mountain. Moses was on the mountain for forty days and forty nights.

The Psalm **Psalm 99**

1. The Lord is King; let the people tremble; *
he is enthroned upon the cherubim; let the earth shake.
2. The Lord is great in Zion; *
he is high above all peoples.
3. Let them confess his Name, which is great and awesome; *
he is the Holy One.
4. "O mighty King, lover of justice, you have established equity; *
you have executed justice and righteousness in Jacob."

5. Proclaim the greatness of the Lord our God and fall down before his footstool;
*
he is the Holy One.
6. Moses and Aaron among his priests, and Samuel among those who call upon his Name, *
they called upon the Lord, and he answered them.
7. He spoke to them out of the pillar of cloud; *
they kept his testimonies and the decree that he gave them.
8. O Lord our God, you answered them indeed; *
you were a God who forgave them, yet punished them for their evil deeds.
9. Proclaim the greatness of the Lord our God and worship him upon his holy hill; *
for the Lord our God is the Holy One.

**Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: *
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

**The Epistle
2 Peter 1:16-21**

We did not follow cleverly devised myths when we made known to you the power and coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, but we had been eyewitnesses of his majesty. For he received honor and glory from God the Father when that voice was conveyed to him by the Majestic Glory, saying, “This is my Son, my Beloved, with whom I am well pleased.” We ourselves heard this voice come from heaven, while we were with him on the holy mountain.

So we have the prophetic message more fully confirmed. You will do well to be attentive to this as to a lamp shining in a dark place, until the day dawns and the morning star rises in your hearts. First of all you must understand this, that no prophecy of scripture is a matter of one’s own interpretation, because no prophecy ever came by human will, but men and women moved by the Holy Spirit spoke from God.

**The Holy Gospel
Matthew 17:1-9**

Six days later, Jesus took with him Peter and James and his brother John and led them up a high mountain, by themselves. And he was transfigured before them, and his face shone like the sun, and his clothes became dazzling white. Suddenly there appeared to them Moses and Elijah, talking with him. Then Peter said to Jesus, “Lord, it is good for us to be here; if you wish, I will make three dwellings here, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah.” While he was still speaking, suddenly a bright cloud overshadowed them, and from the cloud a voice said, “This is my Son, the Beloved; with him I am well pleased; listen to him!” When the disciples heard this, they fell to the ground and were overcome by fear. But Jesus came and touched them, saying, “Get up and do not be afraid.” And when they looked up, they saw no one except Jesus himself alone.

As they were coming down the mountain, Jesus ordered them, “Tell no one about the vision until after the Son of Man has been raised from the dead.”

Prayers of the People

Form III

Lector: Father, we pray for your holy Catholic Church;

People: That we all may be one.

Lector: Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve you;

People: That your Name may be glorified by all people.

Lector: We pray for Sean, our Presiding Bishop, Jennifer, our Bishop, Gerardo, our Rector and for all bishops, priests, and deacons;

People: For all who serve God in his Church

Lector: Almighty God, we commend to your gracious care and keeping all the men and women of our Armed Forces serving in our military, at home and abroad, including the United States Air Force, Army, Coast Guard, Marines, Navy, Space Force, and Merchant Marines. We pray specifically for Matt, Zach, Christopher, and Tierra.

People: Defend them day-by-day with your heavenly grace; strengthen them in their trials and temptations; give them courage to face the perils which beset them; grant them a sense of your added presence wherever they may be.

Lector: We pray for all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world;

People: That there may be justice and peace on the earth.

Lector: Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake;

People: That our works may find favor in your sight.

Lector: Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble;

People: That they may be delivered from their distress.

Lector: Give to the departed eternal rest.

People: Let light perpetual shine upon them.

Lector: We praise you for your saints who have entered into joy;

People: May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.

Lector: Let us pray for our own needs and those of others.

Silence

The People may add their own petitions.

Celebrant: Almighty and eternal God, ruler of all things in heaven and earth: Mercifully accept the prayers of your people and strengthen us to do your will; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Celebrant: Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Silence may be kept.

Celebrant & People: Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. Amen.

GLORIFY THY NAME

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Donna Adkins

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we love You, we praise You, we a dore You.

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Glo ri fy Thy Name in all the earth. _____ Glo ri fy Thy

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St. Christopher's uses the following texts as worship aides:

The Book of Common Prayer = BCP

The 1982 Hymnal = H

Wonder, Love & Praise Hymnal = WLP

Today's Worship Leaders

Celebrant:

The Rev Gerardo Brambila

Verger:

Patty Emanuelson

Crucifer:

Patty Emanuelson

Gospel Bearer

Betty Roddy

First Reading and Psalm

Dick Young

Second Reading

Marva Martinez

Prayers of the People

Don Palm

Chalice Bearers:

Betty Roddy & Patty Emanuelson

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Our Mission: We are the heart, hands, and feet of Jesus: welcoming all to worship and serving those in need to the glory of God.

Please leave the music inserts and the Prayers of the People inserts in the pews or in the narthex. Thank you for helping to save administrative costs.

Friendly Reminder: All changes and submissions for the bulletin and/or announcements for Sunday, February 22 needs to be in the office by Thursday, February 12 at noon to be included. Thank you.



SHROVE TUESDAY PANCAKE SUPPER: The Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper is this coming Tuesday, February 17 from 4:00 – 6:00 p.m.

ASH WEDNESDAY: Imposition of ashes will take place on **Wednesday, February 18 at 10:00 a.m.** in the Resurrection Chapel. Imposition of ashes will also take place at both 10:00 a.m. and 11:15 a.m. services **on Sunday, February 22** in the sanctuary.

LADIES LUNCHEON: February's Ladies Luncheon is on **Thursday, February 19 at noon** at Cheddars Scratch Kitchen, located at 8172 W. Bell Road (by Best Buy). All are welcome! If you need a ride or want to carpool, Contact Sue Schlichting. See you there!

RV PARKED IN CHURCH PARKING LOT: Fr. Gerardo confirms that he has given permission to Kevin Lear to park his RV parked in the Church parking lot for the month of February, during weekdays and on Saturdays. If you have any questions, please contact Fr. Gerardo. Thank you.



CHRISTOPHER SINGERS: Friendly reminder that The Christopher Singers will be singing on **Friday, February 20th at 11:00 a.m. at Lucy's Place**, located at 16752 W. Greasewood St. in Surprise and we hope you will want to join us in this fun ministry. Ask Diane Plein or Bill Lynn for more information about us. Diane will carpool if you want to meet in the church parking lot before the event.

ADDRESS/PHONE UPDATE: Please let the office know if you have had a change of address or changed phone numbers in the past year, so that we can update the database. Thank you.



BOOKSTORE: Cookbooks! This week we have a new exhibit of cookbooks. The table and shelves are full of new arrivals, cookbooks of all kinds and in beautiful condition. There are foreign cookbooks and books of specific ingredients. They are fun to read. Start the New Year with a healthy kitchen. Also new are children's books in good condition. Prices remain low – no inflation here.

BIBLE STUDY: One of the best ways to connect and grow in our church community is through small groups. Small groups are a place where we can study God's word together and support each other in our faith journeys. The Bible Study is open to everyone and takes place on **Mondays at 10:00 a.m. in the Parish Hall**. Come and join in fellowship.

MORNING PRAYER BY ZOOM ON WEDNESDAYS AT 10:05 AM: If you like morning prayer and can't get to church all the time, feel free to join us on Zoom any Wednesday morning around 10:05 – 10:35. For more information, contact Patty Emanuelson, Mona Guarino or Beth Mayhew (602-435-5272). Look forward to seeing you!



FELLOWSHIP AND COFFEE HOUR NEEDS YOUR HELP! Coffee hour needs donations of cookies, donuts, coffee cakes, fruit trays, or anything you would like to bring. We are always looking for an extra set of hands to help in the kitchen. Sign up in the kitchen.

Dick Young hosts this week's coffee hour.

We really do appreciate the help everyone gives each week! Thank you!

NAME BADGES: We ask everyone to please remember to wear your name badge as it would be of immense help for Fr. Gerardo, new parishioners, and visitors. If you need a name badge, please contact the office.

2026 PLEDGES/PROMISE FORMS: The Vestry and Stewardship Committee of St. Christopher's would like to thank everyone who have submitted a 2026 Promise forms. We are pleased to report now that the combined total of the commitments received is **\$133,662**.

FOOD BANK/FOOD DRIVE: Next week is "PB & J" Sunday. Please bring peanut butter and jelly (or other kinds of nut butter) or honey. As always, thank you for your kindness and generosity.

Monthly Food Bank Donations

	February 9	2026
Weight	70 lbs.	255 lbs.
Cash		\$100.00

Monthly Thrift Shop Stats

	February 9	February Total	2026 Year Total
Bargains	\$474.00	1,159.00	\$3,158.70
Bookstore	\$40.00	\$90.00	\$239.00



Happy Birthday to Everyone Celebrating in February

Marva Martinez	February 09	Maggie Mayper	February 18
Frank Schlichting	February 10	Janet Cairo	February 19
Richard Young	February 11	Bonnie Franco	February 20
Jereme Perez Valenzuela	February 15	Ariana Schwartz	February 21
Eva Quiles	February 17	Betty Roddy	February 22
Amy Schultz	February 17	Sallie Crill	February 26
Beatriz Cortez	February 18	Lyberthad Xynayth Aguirre Salgado	February 28



Happy Anniversary in February

Martin & Lourdes Rios	February 3	31 years
Frank & Sue Schlichting	February 10	62 years
Bill & Carol Masters	February 26	54 years

This Week's Prayer List

One of the ways we care for one another in this church is through prayer. We believe that prayer is powerful and can bring comfort, healing, and peace. Today, we pray for the people below.

* Kelli Abel * Juan Gabriel Aleman * Anne * Jim Barnette * Viviana Brambila * Judy Broeder *
 *Jan Browning & granddaughter Kia * Tom Camper * John Card * Clive Chancey *
 * Christine * Christopher * Claudio * Colleen Combs * Jonathan Dombek * Jean Durrett *
 * Mercedes Elliott * Barbara Fabre ** Gale & Arthur Farinas * Cathy & Gary Gustin * April Harris *
 * Michael Heap * Judith * Gene Lapham * Terry Lewis * Domingo Lopez * Monica Maldonado *
 * Ernesto Martinez * Marva Martinez * Wayne Martino & Family * Christina Mason * Brenda McCormick *
 * Mia * Shawn Mirigian * Joanne Mola * Bryan Nance * Marla Karla Pallas * Don Palm * Joanne Porter *
 * Ramon * Jill Renner * Bill Richardson * Rick & Robbie * Betty Roddy * Javier Sanchez * Socorro Sanchez *
 * Sharyn * Sherrie * Sebastian * Charles Jay Smith & Family * Stella * Kurt Tetrick * Anna Van Scoter *
 * Linda Walston * Victoria * Lynn Viviano-Webb * Ester Zamora *

For those who have died

* Marilyn Hunter * Barbara Liem * Raol Zamora

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