



SUNDAY 16TH MARCH, 2025. 2ND SUNDAY OF LENT. YEAR C

REFLECTION ON THE GOSPEL (LUKE (9:28-36))

Last week, the wilderness was a character in the Gospel reading. This week, we find a mountain and a cloud featuring in the narrative. These other-than-human characters and the prophets of old (Moses and Elijah) link Luke's story of Jesus to the Israelites' covenant relationship with God.

Wilderness, mountain and cloud also remind us that God's Earth is the locus of mystery where human and other-than-human Earth beings are transformed through encounter with the divine. The ABC series *The Magical Land of Oz* is yet another reminder of this.

For Jesus, the mountain is already a place of encounter with God, a place of prayer. Luke has Jesus spending a night in prayer on an unidentified mountain before he chooses the Twelve. Jesus now takes three of his closest friends up another unidentified mountain where the aspect of his face changes and his clothing becomes dazzling white. Elijah and Moses, the key prophetic figures of Israel, "appear" and enter into dialogue with Jesus, God's definitive prophet.

This episode seems to point to a time in Jesus' ministry when he accepts his likely fate: if he continues to challenge oppression and injustice, he is certain to encounter opposition, even death. He struggles with this realisation in the wilderness and comes to terms with what it involves on the mountain. The voice of God reaffirms the identity of Jesus and calls for a response: "Listen to him". These words are reminiscent of Moses' instruction to the Israelites: "Your God will raise up for you a prophet like me from among your own people; you shall heed such a prophet" (Deut 18:15).

For Luke, Jesus is the prophet-like-Moses whom they must heed. Peter wants to hold on to the experience of glory, to "make tents" and settle down. He prefers not to face the difficulties involved in fidelity to the mission. But that is not the way of discipleship. The tents evoke once more the Israelites' wanderings in the wilderness.

Like Jesus and his companions, we too need the occasional glimpse of glory. We also need the good sense to follow through on the path that brings life, despite the pain. We can feel overwhelmed by the enormity of the challenges facing us and by the opposition we sometimes experience. If we are to hear the prophet-like-Moses in our times, we have to come to terms with the personal costs involved.

Some of us actually need to go alone or together to a mountain top or place of extraordinary beauty to discover again the strength that comes from encountering the divine. I grew up in the shadow of Mt Macedon. I once climbed within view of Everest. Every now and then, I climb Mt Buninyong. At such times, I know the wonder of God revealed in the beauty of the earth itself even as I sense its fragility and susceptibility to destruction.

By Sr. Veronica Lawson, RSM

DEATHS & ANNIVERSARIES:

We pray for **Teresa Antonello and Elena Prozzo** who died recently;
and for **Michael and Carmela Galea and Robert Thomas** whose anniversaries occur about this time. May they rest in peace.

FUNERALS:

Teresa Antonello, Wed 10.30 at Corpus Christi
Elena Prozzo, Fri 10.30 at Corpus Christi

WEDDINGS:

We congratulate **Michael Nguyen and Jessica Pang and Huong Nguyen and Trang Tran** who are celebrating the Sacrament of Marriage this weekend.

Entrance Antiphon: Cf. Ps 26:8-9

Of you my heart has spoken, Seek his face.
It is your face, O Lord, that I seek;
hide not your face from me.

First Reading: Genesis 15:5-12, 17-18

A reading from the book of Genesis

Taking Abram outside the Lord said, 'Look up to heaven and count the stars if you can. Such will be your descendants' he told him. Abram put his faith in the Lord, who counted this as making him justified.

'I am the Lord' he said to him 'who brought you out of Ur of the Chaldeans to make you heir to this land.'

'My Lord, the Lord' Abram replied, 'how am I to know that I shall inherit it?' He said to him, 'Get me a three-year-old heifer, a three-year-old goat, a three-year-old ram, a turtledove and a young pigeon.' He brought him all these, cut them in half and put half on one side and half facing it on the other; but the birds he did not cut in half. Birds of prey came down on the carcasses but Abram drove them off.

Now as the sun was setting Abram fell into a deep sleep, and terror seized him. When the sun had set and darkness had fallen, there appeared a smoking furnace and a firebrand that went between the halves. That day the Lord made a Covenant with Abram in these terms:

'To your descendants I give this land,
from the wadi of Egypt to the Great River.'

The Word of the Lord. (R.) Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 26:1, 7-9, 13-14. R. v. 1

(R.) The Lord is my light and my salvation.

1. The Lord is my light and my help;
whom shall I fear?
The Lord is the stronghold of my life;
before whom shall I shrink? **(R.)**
2. O Lord, hear my voice when I call;
have mercy and answer.
Of you my heart has spoken:
'Seek his face.' **(R.)**
3. It is your face, O Lord, that I seek,
hide not your face.
Dismiss not your servant in anger;
you have been my help. **(R.)**
4. I am sure I shall see the Lord's goodness
in the land of the living.
Hope in him, hold firm and take heart.
Hope in the Lord! **(R.)**

Second Reading: Philippines 3:17- 4:1

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Philippians

My brothers, be united in following my rule of life. Take as your models everybody who is already doing this and study them as you used to study us. I have told you often, and I repeat it today with tears, there are many who are behaving as the enemies of the cross of Christ.

They are destined to be lost. They make foods into their god and they are proudest of something they ought to think shameful; the things they think important are earthly things. For us, our homeland is in heaven, and from heaven comes the saviour we are waiting for, the Lord Jesus Christ, and he will transfigure these wretched bodies of ours into copies of his glorious body. He will do that by the same power with which he can subdue the whole universe.

So then, my brothers and dear friends, do not give way but remain faithful in the Lord. I miss you very much, dear friends; you are my joy and my crown.

The Word of the Lord. (R.) Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation: Matthew 17:5

Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!

From the shining cloud the Father's voice is heard:
this is my beloved Son, hear him.

Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!

Gospel: Luke 9:28-36

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

Jesus took with him Peter and John and James and went up the mountain to pray. As he prayed, the aspect of his face was changed and his clothing became brilliant as lightning. Suddenly there were two men there talking to him; they were Moses and Elijah appearing in glory, and they were speaking of his passing which he was to accomplish in Jerusalem. Peter and his companions were heavy with sleep, but they kept awake and saw his glory and the two men standing with him. As these were leaving him, Peter said to Jesus, 'Master, it is wonderful for us to be here; so let us make three tents, one for you, one for Moses and one for Elijah.' – He did not know what he was saying. As he spoke, a cloud came and covered them with shadow; and when they went into the cloud the disciples were afraid. And a voice came from the cloud saying, 'This is my Son, the Chosen One. Listen to him'. And after the voice had spoken, Jesus was found alone. The disciples kept silence and, at that time, told no one what they had seen.

The Gospel of the Lord.

(R.) Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ

THE APOSTLES' CREED

**I believe in God, the Father Almighty,
Creator of heaven and earth,
and in Jesus Christ, His 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 into hell;**

on the third day He rose again from the dead;
He ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of God
the Father Almighty;
from there 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 life everlasting. Amen.

Communion Antiphon: Matthew 17:5

This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased;
listen to him.

RCIA RITE OF ELECTION



Last Sunday our catechumens and candidates, together with Fr Werner (Yarraville), Fr Samuel (Newport – Spotswood), their sponsors, catechists and families celebrated the Rite of Election and Call to Continuing Conversion at the Cathedral. It was an inspiring and beautiful Rite, celebrated with hundreds of people from across the Archdiocese, all gathered as they prepare for reception into our Catholic communities at Easter. We thank the Newport-Spotswood choir who led the singing. We ask for your continued prayers for all those preparing for initiation and for communion with the Catholic Church this Easter.

HOSPITALITY THIS WEEKEND

Our Hospitality Weekend will take place **after 5pm Mass this Saturday 15th March & Sunday 16th March after 9.30am Mass at St. Augustine's**. All parishioners, regardless of the Mass or Church you attend, are welcome to socialize in the foyer of the Church and get to know fellow parishioners, whilst enjoying a "Cuppa" and snack after Mass.

The third Sunday of each month is usually Hospitality Sunday but this year the third weekend in April will be Holy Saturday and Easter Sunday so the next Hospitality weekend will be in May.

SEASON OF LENT

LIGHT IN THE DESERT: Lenten program

We encourage you to be part of a weekly group reflection **this Thursday 20th March at 7pm in the Presbytery at St. Augustine's**.

Each week includes –

- an excerpt from the next Sunday's Gospel,
- a short reflection
- questions to prompt deeper thought.

The program is designed to bring people together in prayer and conversation.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

During Lent there will be Stations of the Cross

- at **St. Augustine's on Tuesday evenings after the 6pm Mass.**
- at **Corpus Christi on Friday evenings at 6pm in Vietnamese.**

JOSEPH'S CORNER

On the weekend of **29th and 30th March**, Joseph's Corner will set up a stall, selling plants and knitwear **after the 5pm and 9.30 am Masses at St. Augustine's**. There will be a collection of hand-made baby and toddler knitwear, patchwork quilts, knitted and crochet throws and adorable soft toys on display for sale. Each piece has been crafted with love by Joseph's Corner dedicated volunteers. All proceeds support free counselling sessions for those in need.

JUBILEE OF YOUR PILGRIMAGE 2025

Monday 21 July 2025 – Tuesday 5 August 2025. This pilgrimage is open to Catholics aged between 18 and 30 years. Harvest Journeys is the pilgrimage provider and Fr Jude Johnson will accompany the pilgrims as their chaplain. The journey will take in the towns and cities of Italy, the homes of great saints, culminating in Rome to participate in the Jubilee celebrations. Registrations for this pilgrimage will close on Friday 11 April 2025.

LOCAL PILGRIM PLACES

Across the Archdiocese of Melbourne, Pilgrim Places welcome visitors from February 2025 to 6 January 2026. They offer extra Masses, Reconciliation and Adoration. Pilgrims will receive a commemorative postcard, monthly reflections and a Pilgrim Passport stamped at each location.

PROJECT COMPASSION

You can support Project Compassion through the donation **boxes or envelopes** or **by calling:** 1800 024 413 **or online at:** caritas.org.au/project-compassion **or by scanning the QR code on the envelope.**

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LITURGY TIMES

TUESDAY MASS

St Augustine's....6.00 pm

Exposition: 5.30 –6.00pm

WEDNESDAY MASS

Corpus Christi.....9.15 am

THURSDAY MASS

St Augustine's...9.15 am

FRIDAY MASS

Corpus Christi....9.15 am

SATURDAY MASS

Corpus Christi....9.30 am

SATURDAY VIGIL MASS

St Augustine's...5.00 pm

SUNDAY MASS

Annunciation....8.00 am

St Augustine's...9.30 am

Corpus Christi..11.00 am

St Augustine's..11.30 am

(Polish)

RECONCILIATION:

SATURDAYS after 9.30am

Mass at Corpus Christi

St. Augustine's...4.15pm

NEXT ITALIAN MASS

Thursday April 3rd at

11am at St. Augustine's

PARISH NEWSLETTER

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VIETNAMESE LEGION OF MARY

Meets at 3.00pm Saturdays

at Corpus Christi Kingsville

ITALIAN PRAYER GROUP

Meets at 10.00am Thursdays

at St. Augustine's Yarraville

TRUE NORTH YOUNG ADULTS

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SAFETY OF CHILDREN AND ALL VULNERABLE PEOPLE

At Yarraville, Kingsville and Brooklyn, we hold the care, safety and well-being of children and all vulnerable people as a central and fundamental responsibility of our communities. The Parish Statement of Commitment and Reporting Process are on display at the entrance of all the Churches and all Diocesan Policies are available on the website or at the parish office.

www.cam.org.au/Professional-Standards/Statements

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY - We acknowledge the Traditional Custodians who have walked upon and cared for this land for thousands of years. We acknowledge the continued deep spiritual attachment and relationship of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people to this country and commit ourselves to the ongoing journey of reconciliation.

ROSTERS FOR THIS WEEK

(15th & 16th March)

2nd Sunday of Lent Time C

READERS: St. Augustine's

5.00pm Kath Baker

9.30am Thiago

Sam Polzella

Counting..... John Ryan

READERS: Corpus Christi

11.00am Cass Pelino

AJ Pelino

MINISTERS: St. Augustine's

5.00pm..... Mary Vella

9.30am..... Pina Guzzardi

MINISTER: Corpus Christi

11.00am..... Kahn Nguyen

ROSTERS FOR NEXT WEEK

(22nd & 23rd March)

3rd Sunday of Lent C

READERS: St. Augustine's

5.00pm John Ryan

9.30am Agnes Hopmans

Anna Messina

Counting.....M. Fracalossi

READERS: Corpus Christi

11.00am Joe Fusca

MINISTERS: St. Augustine's

5.00pm.....Maree Ryan

9.30am.....Anthony Vassallo

MINISTER: Corpus Christi

11.00am.....Val Taylor

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL

Baskets are left in the churches for regular donations of non-perishable food for St. Vincent de Paul throughout the year.

Cereal, long life milk, tea, coffee, milo, soup, pasta sauce, washing powder/liquid, baked beans, spaghetti, shampoo, deodorant, toothpaste and tooth brushes are always needed.

Many thanks for your generous support.