



SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT – MARCH 1, 2026

Genesis 12:1-4a

2 Timothy 1:8b-10

Matthew 17:1-9

Prop: Transformer

See what I have in my hand? It is a transformer. It's not mine. How many of you have a transformer? How many of you have seen a transformer movie? Between 2007 and 2024 there have been eight major transformer films. I think the next one is predicted to come out in 2027. Big stuff!

Today we have some big stuff. It's the transfiguration of the Lord, which we heard in the Gospel.

With a transformer they change into several things. This one is Metroplex and it changes from a gigantic robot into a battle station and city layout to protect the Autobots. He is a loyal friend to Optimus Prime and has a signature phrase "Till all are one."

In the transfiguration, Jesus takes his disciples up onto a high mountain to be alone with them. Nothing like a high mountain to give you a different perspective on life. The apostles had no idea what was coming. It would change their lives forever.

The apostles had seen Jesus do many miracles already, but the transfiguration would give them a whole new perspective. First, they are blown away by the Lord, whose face is shown like the sun and his clothes become bright white. Then put Elijah and Moses, key men in the Jewish faith, next to Jesus and the bigger picture is coming into focus.

The drop the microphone moment then comes when God the Father said, "This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased; listen to him."

In the transfiguration, Jesus is not changed but revealed to be who he truly is.

The transfiguration is an invitation to the apostles to be transformed. They see Jesus in a new light, as he is revealed to be the Son of God.

Lent is an invitation for us to be changed into a better version of ourselves. No matter what our age or ability, we are called to be transformed, because of Jesus Christ.

His transfiguration was done for us as well as the apostles.

These stories are not just old stories to entertain us, but stories that continue to live now through us.

We were told on Ash Wednesday, "Remember you are dust, and dust you shall return."

The transfiguration story tells us that Jesus can do wonders with ashes – with us.

But to do so, we need to listen to him. As St. Paul reminded Titus, we are called to a holy life.

Let's take time to listen. In prayer. In spiritual reading. In fasting. In service. Let the Lord speak to our hearts.

We might be changed, a transformer for and because of Jesus. The goal, like Metroplex, "Till all are one."

May we continue to walk to Calvary together.

Prayer in Bringing Home the Word