

See With New Eyes!

- Van Asselt Elementary: how small and seemingly unimportant!
 - Bill McKee, my history professor
How different when vulnerable and collegial!
 - My precious Katie
tow-headed sprite...full of energy and enthusiasm
 - Chrys... my little Chrys-o is now a man!
 - My wife...nothing like being apart to reveal the full depth of our love and commitment to one another!
 - My church, my calling....new eyes
 - New perspectives, new maturity, new expectations, new priorities. New eyes!
 - + Elijah saw life where others saw only dry bones.
 - + Zaccheus saw precious children of God instead of victims to exploit.
 - + Paul had the scales removed from his eyes and saw the world through the eyes of Jesus Christ!
 - Today is Transfiguration Sunday...
 - + The story of Christ glorified...
 - + Our Lord communing with the father!
Communing with Moses and Elijah!
Communing with his children!
 - The disciples had gazed upon the face of Christ many times; but perhaps they had not seen..
 - + They didn't fully appreciate how precious was the time he was willing to devote to them.
 - + The glory and light of eternal love
 - + The authority and regal bearing of Christ the King
 - + They were not prepared for the surprise, awe, and fear of standing in the very presence of God in Christ—the word/become/flesh
 - By this Transfiguration, they saw with new eyes!
 - The Transfiguration was a “communion” experience for Christ
 - + He was surrounded and embraced with eternal love and acceptance.
 - + He was girded for the journey.
 - + He shared that glory with us.
 - This Transfiguration was a “communion experience” for the disciples...an opportunity to see with new eyes!
- May this communion offer us new eyes:
 - + New perspectives, new maturity, new expectations, new priorities.
 - + See with new eyes the generous embrace of our God
 - + Discover the wonderful truth that the Lordship of Christ extends beyond the mountain...
Even when we haven't noticed or cared,
He has looked upon and cared for us.
 - During communion today:
 - + Look beyond the table
 - + Beyond the elements
 - + Beyond the ritual
 - See with new eyes that which has been there always:
 - + The glory of the Lord Jesus Christ.
 - + The loving embrace of our God!

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Ezekiel 36:26-28

The first reading is taken from the thirty-sixth chapter of the prophet Ezekiel:

- 26 A new heart I will give you, and a new spirit I will put within you; and I will remove from your body the heart of stone and give you a heart of flesh.
- 27 I will put my spirit within you, and make you follow my statutes and be careful to observe my ordinances.
- 28 Then you shall live in the land that I gave to your ancestors; and you shall be my people, and I will be your God.

This is the word of the Lord...

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.
- 29 And while he was praying, the appearance of his face changed, and his clothes became dazzling white.
- 30 Suddenly they saw two men, Moses and Elijah, talking to him.
- 31 They appeared in glory and were speaking of his departure, which he was about to accomplish at Jerusalem.
- 32 Now 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.
- 33 Just 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.
- 34 While he was saying this, a cloud came and overshadowed them; and they were terrified as they entered the cloud.
- 35 Then from the cloud came a voice that said, "This is my Son, my Chosen; listen to him!"
- 36 When 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.