

# CHURCH OF THE REDEEMER

Eblast

February 27, 2025



## COMMUNITY SUPPER

Join us for our free community supper taking place **THIS AFTERNOON** from 4-6 p.m. A heart-healthy delicious meal sponsored by the nurses of the Guthrie Cardiac Cath Lab: Linda's Famous Roast Chicken, Baked Potatoes, Vegetable and Dessert will be served. Dine in or take out.



### Coming up in March:

March 1 – Crafting Day at St. John, 10 until 3.

March 1st and 2<sup>nd</sup> – Last Epiphany/World Mission Day

March 2 Youth Group

March 4 Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper 5-7 pm Parish Hall

St. Mary's Guild immediately thereafter

March 5, Ash Wednesday – 12:05 Church of the Redeemer

7:00 St. John Lutheran Church

March 6, 13 and 20 Bible Study 10:30 – 11:30 am SJLC South Wing

6:30 – 8:00 with light supper, SJLC South Wing

Every Sunday in March after worship Baptism/Confirmation Preparation plus Youth Group.



## The Right Reverend Cedric Earl Mills, 1903-1992

*There is no time in God's plan for a black heaven and a white heaven. There is no time for a white church and a black church. This is the church of God. This God has never been known to be any color.*

- Cedric Earl Mills



Cedric Earl Mills, the first Bishop of the Virgin Islands, was born December 17, 1903 in Hartford, Connecticut. Committed to civil rights and a leader in both diocesan and community affairs, Mills was instrumental in the establishment and construction of several missions, churches and schools during his lifetime.

Mills attended Lincoln University in Pennsylvania where he earned his Bachelor of Arts degree in 1926 and married Rebecca Esther Taylor in June of the same year. The couple had one child. Mills received his Master's degree from the University of Pennsylvania in 1929 and completed his theological training at Philadelphia Divinity School.

He was ordained to the diaconate in October 1929 and to the priesthood two months later. From 1929 to 1937 he was Priest-in-charge of Ascension Chapel in West Chester, Pennsylvania. While in West Chester, he served at St. Cyril's Mission in Coatsville, Pennsylvania and St. Mary's Church in Chester, Pennsylvania. Reflecting his commitment to education, Mills was appointed by the Bishop of Pennsylvania to act as Chaplain for the Episcopal students at Lincoln University, Cheyney State Teachers' College and Dovington Industrial School. I

n addition to serving as Chaplain, Mills was also the commandant of boys and taught science and mathematics at Dovington from 1935 to 1937. From 1937 to 1940 he was Priest-in-charge of St. Mark's Church in Plainfield, New Jersey. During his short tenure there, Mills eliminated the mission's indebtedness and began to develop the mission into a parish.

In 1940 Mills became Rector of St. James' Church in Baltimore, Maryland where he would serve the church and community for twenty-two years. During World War II, he served as

Secretary to the Army and Navy Commission of the Diocese of Maryland. He was President of the Maryland Clericus in 1950 and served as a member of the Diocese of Maryland's Executive Council from 1944 to 1950 and 1954 to 1957. He was a member of the Executive Council of The Episcopal Church from 1952 to 1954, a member of the Standing Committee of the Diocese of Maryland from 1958 to 1960, and a chairman of the Associate Study Commission of Maryland from 1958 to 1960, which proposed the first reorganization of the diocese. In 1961 he served as a deputy to General Convention.

Recognizing the interdependence between the church and politics, Mills utilized resources inside and out of the church to effect social change. During World War II, he led protests against segregation in schools. He also worked for racial equality as a member of the Government Commission on Problems Affecting the Negro Population and as a member of the Board of Directors of the NAACP. Locally, Mills' commitment to the Baltimore community included his work as a charter member of the Baltimore Chapter of the Frontiers of America, Inc.; a member of the Board of Directors of the Baltimore Council of Social Agencies; a member of the Board of Directors of the Baltimore County Social Agencies; a member of the Board of Directors of the Mental Hygiene Society of Greater Baltimore; Vice-President of the Board of Directors of the Citizens Planning and Housing Association; Vice-President of the Board of Directors of the Baltimore Urban League; Trustee of Provident Hospital; member of the Harlem Park Neighborhood Council; and chairman of the Board of Directors of the Lafayette Square Community Center.



A believer in the importance of education, Mills worked with many organizations in Baltimore. He was chairman of the Parent-Citizens Committee on Education; a member of the Advisory Committee of the Henryton School of Practical Nursing; chairman of the Survey Committee on Education; member of the Board of Managers of the George P. Bragg Fund; and counselor to the student nurses at Provident Hospital. In recognition of his accomplishments in the Church and in Baltimore, Mills was elected as the first Bishop of the Virgin Islands at a meeting of the House of Bishops in Columbia, South Carolina in 1962. He was consecrated April 9, 1963 by Bishop Noble C. Powell of Maryland. Bishop A. Ervine Swift of Puerto Rico and Bishop John B. Bentley, the Vice President of the Executive Council, were co-consecrators. Previously the Church of England and the Episcopal Church divided jurisdiction over the parishes located in the British and U.S. Virgin Islands. Bishop Mills was the first leader of both national groups after ecclesiastical authority in the British Virgin Islands was transferred to the Episcopal Church in 1963. When Mills arrived in Charlotte Amalie, there were 5 Episcopal parishes and 3 Anglican parishes, with a total of 10,456 baptized members, but there was not yet an Episcopal residence. Immediately upon his arrival, Mills encouraged the diocese to share in the building of a residence on the islands, in an effort to show that the

relationship between the larger Church and the missionary dioceses was one of mutuality, rather than dependence. By contributing to the residence, Bishop Mills felt his parishioners could prove that a missionary diocese could give as well as receive and that their contributions would strengthen their connection to the Church.

While in the Virgin Islands, Mills was appointed to the Joint Commission on Ecumenical Relations of the General Convention in 1964. He was also a member of the Bishops' Committee on Pastoral counseling and a member of the House of Bishops Overseas Committee. From 1963 to 1970, Mills called upon the Mutual Responsibility and Interdependence in the Body of Christ relationship with the companion Diocese of Maryland to assist with funding schools in the Virgin Islands and to develop a scholarship program.

He also worked to expand the presence of the Church among the people of the Islands, challenging the laity to serve their community as Christians and calling for the construction of local parish churches across the Islands instead of devoting all of the diocese's financial resources to a single cathedral. Committed to using the resources of the Church for the benefit of the entire community, Mills fought to ensure that the children of the Islands' primary workforce, non-resident aliens, had access to public education. Mills served as member of the Implementation Committee for the Alien Worker and His Family in 1967, and in 1969 he was appointed by the Governor as a member, later becoming Vice Chairman of the Special Commission to Study and Make Recommendations on the Status and Problems of Non-Citizens in the Virgin Islands.

In recognition of his commitment to education, Mills was the recipient of multiple honorary degrees. These include Doctor of Divinity degrees from Lincoln University in 1946, from the Philadelphia Divinity School in 1960, and from Trinity College in Hartford, Connecticut in 1970. Also awarded to Mills were a Doctor of Laws degree from St. Augustine's College in 1963 and a Doctor of Sacred Theology degree from Morgan State University in 1965.

In 1972, at the age of 69, Bishop Mills retired from the Virgin Islands. For the next twelve years, he assisted Bishop Robert C. Rusack in the Diocese of Los Angeles. Bishop Mills passed away on July 3, 1992 at the age of 89. [*Sources*]

## Readings for March 1 & 2

**Lessons: Exodus 34:29-35**

**Psalm 99**

**2 Corinthians 3:12- - 4:2**

**Luke 9:28-36, [37-43a]**

### Reflection for March 1 & 2

#### Transfiguration/Epiphany Last

Look at Luke 9:35: "This is my Son, my Chosen; listen to him!" Where have you heard words like these before in the Gospels? (Hint: see Luke 3:22) Where have you heard words like these in your own life? When have you had a strong sense of being chosen, claimed, and called by God? How have you responded?



### Serving in Worship at Redeemer

#### March 2

**Readers:** Margaret Cole

**Usher:** Rick Rhodes

**Greeter:** Mary Rhodes

#### March 5 Ash Wed.

Glenda Hinsman

Bob Cole

Margaret Cole

#### March 9

Rose Carpenter

Bruce Carpenter

Linda Murrelle

### Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper



Join us on Tuesday, March 4th from 5-7 p.m. in the Parish Hall for our Shrove Tuesday pancake supper. There will of course be pancakes, along with sausage, egg casserole, Juice and fruit. We do hope you will join us as we indulge in this wonderful meal before we begin the Lenten season.

Happy Birthday to:

Ray Penoyer	2/29
Katie Moreno	3/2
Kristina Felt	3/2
Loyd Moreno	3/3



### Belated Birthday Wishes

Sending out belated birthday wishes to Seth Murrelle, who celebrated a birthday on February 26th.

### Crafting/Fellowship Day

The next crafting/fellowship day at St. John will take place on Saturday March 1st from 10-3 p.m. We are hopeful to continue this fun day of crafts and fellowship the first Saturday of each month. For more information and to let us know if you will be joining please contact Irene Nazak at [inazak@live.com](mailto:inazak@live.com) or you may call her at 607-331-4008.



### Rummage Sale

St. Mary's Spring Rummage Sale will be April 11th 9-3 p.m. & 12th 9a.m. -12 p.m. They will be accepting clean gently used rummage items. Please no large appliances or electronics. We will also be accepting books, but **only fiction. NOTHING ELSE.** Thank you in advance.



### Food Pantry Item for March

For the month of March we will be collecting canned fruit for our local food pantries.



## St. Mary's Meets

St. Mary's Guild will meet on Tuesday, March 4th immediately after the Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper. The program will be presented by Director Frankie "Myrph" McMahon of "Stand With Me" . Service dogs for veterans and disabled persons. A service dog will be present.



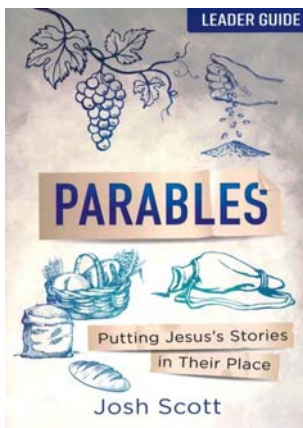
## Ash Wednesday Service Times

12:05 p.m. at the Church of the Redeemer with imposition of ashes.

7 p.m. at St. John Lutheran Church with imposition of ashes.



## Bible Study



Thursdays in March, beginning March 13th-April 17th from 10:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. and 6:30 p. m. - 8 p.m. We will begin to explore the "Parables Putting Jesus's Stories in Their Place" by John Scott. We will meet in the South Wing at St. John for both scheduled times. There are 3 books left to purchase for \$12 or if you prefer you can go online and purchase one. Please reach out to Jerry at either office if you would like to purchase a book. Please read the first chapter prior to the first class.

## World Mission Sunday 2025 – Last Sunday in Epiphany

Source: [World Mission Sunday – The Episcopal Church](#)

The last Sunday in Epiphany of each year is designated as World Mission Sunday – a time when the Church comes together to focus on the global impact of our call to “seek and serve Christ in all persons” (Baptismal Covenant, Book of Common Prayer, p. 305). All parishes and dioceses are invited to join by including the following yearly resources as part of their Bible studies and services for that week.

### World Mission Sunday 2025

World Mission Sunday will be celebrated this year on March 2. This year, the Office of Global Partnerships, in collaboration with Anglican partners and Sermons That Work, has prepared the following resources to be shared and reflected upon:

#### [The Global Face of Jesus](#)

A series of Bible study reflections featuring voices from all over the Anglican communion to highlight the Global Face of Jesus.

The Office of Global Partnerships of The Episcopal Church is providing a **yearly reading list** released on World Mission Sunday to accompany you in your journey of learning and discovery about global mission.

#### **Below, you will find the 2025 Reading List:**

- **Friendship at the Margins** (Discovering Mutuality in Service and Mission), by Christopher I. Heuertz & Christine D. Pohl – Published by IVP 2010.
  - *A great start! It is not new, published in 2010, but contains much wisdom for those looking to engage in global mission activities, and may not be on the reading list for many people who are already reading about global mission. It is also easy to read.*
  - **Decolonization, development and knowledge in Africa** (turning over a new leaf), by Sabelo J. Ndlovu-Gatsheni – Published by Routledge in 2020.
    - *This academic book challenges readers to examine colonial legacies in Africa’s politics, economy, and knowledge systems. It encourages a decolonial approach to mission work, fostering awareness of historical injustices and true partnership.*
  - **The Vanishing** (Faith, Loss, And The Twilight Of Christianity In The Land Of The Prophets), By Janine Di Giovanni – Published by PublicAffairs in 2021.
    - *The book sets out to describe “a way of understanding how Christians in the Middle East, the birthplace of Christianity, have survived in the most turbulent of times.” She focuses on Christian communities in Iraq, Gaza, Syria, and Egypt where numbers of Christians have dramatically dwindled.*
  - **Grace at the Garbage Dump**, by Jesse A. Zink – Published by Cascade Books in 2012.



- o *This is the first book written by Jesse Zink based on his experience as a Young Adult Service Corps member. The book takes you along his years in South Africa: struggling with AIDS patients to get life-saving drugs, coaching women through a micro-credit program, and teaching preschool students to sing (and dance) to “Johnny B. Goode”. This is a great read for those wanting to hear a first-hand account about mission work at ground level.*
- o **Faithful, Creative, Hopeful** (Fifteen Theses for Christians in a Crisis-Shaped World), by Jesse A. Zink – Published by Church Publishing in 2024.
- o *This is The Rev. Dr. Jesse Zink latest book, now principal of Montreal Diocesan Theological College and canon theologian in the Diocese of Montreal. It is a nurturing call for Christians to face a changing world in the context of the global crises such as climate change, economics, and migration.*

WORLD  
MISSION  
SUNDAY



Dear Church of the Redeemer,

In the name of our loving, liberating, and life-giving God, I invite you to join me in supporting the Absalom Jones Fund. This fund is a beacon of hope, empowering the next generation of leaders at Voorhees University and Saint Augustine's University, our historically Black institutions of higher education.

Following our celebration of the Feast Day of Absalom Jones, let us remember his legacy. Born into slavery, Absalom Jones recognized the transformative power of education. His journey from bondage to becoming the first Black priest ordained by our church is a testament to the redemptive power of love and learning.

These institutions continue his mission, providing a liberal arts education and robust campus ministries that shape young adults into ethical leaders. The chaplains at Voorhees and Saint Augustine's play a crucial role in this formation, guiding students in their faith journey and helping them navigate the complexities of our world.

Your generous contributions to the Absalom Jones Fund support the vital work of these chaplains. By investing in these students, we are investing in a future where love, justice, and reconciliation prevail.

To make your gift:

- Call: (212) 716-6002
- Online: [iam.ec/absalomjonesfund](http://iam.ec/absalomjonesfund)
- Use the enclosed remittance envelope

Let us give generously, knowing that our support today will bear fruit for generations to come. Together, we can make a difference.

God bless you, and may God hold us all in those almighty hands of love.

Faithfully,



Bishop Michael Curry

# Join the journey through Lent 2025

**MARCH 4 Shrove Tuesday**  
LET THEM EAT PANCAKES!

**Ash Wednesday MARCH 5**  
In the liturgy for this day, we ask God to create in us a new and contrite heart. Start the season with that prayer.

**MARCH 6 THURSDAY**  
Lent is a season for self-denial. What might you give up this season?

**MARCH 7 FRIDAY**  
Read the gospel for this coming Sunday. (Luke 4:1-13) What phrase strikes you?

**MARCH 8 SATURDAY**  
Commit to at least one act of kindness each day this Lent.

**First Sunday in Lent MARCH 9**  
Today's gospel describes Jesus tempted in the wilderness. When have you faced tests in the wilderness?

**MARCH 10 MONDAY**  
Do something today to feed someone who is hungry.

**MARCH 11 TUESDAY**  
Lent is a season for prayer. Set aside time each day to have a talk with God.

**MARCH 12 WEDNESDAY**  
Jesus told his disciples to take up their cross. How will you do that this Lent?

**MARCH 13 THURSDAY**  
Read the gospel for this coming Sunday. (Luke 13:31-35) What word or phrase strikes you?

**MARCH 14 FRIDAY**  
Lent is a season to focus on God's word. Find a way to do that.

**Second Sunday in Lent MARCH 16**  
Today's Gospel shows Jesus' compassion for Jerusalem. How have you felt Jesus' compassion?

**MARCH 15 SATURDAY**  
Do something today to care for this fragile earth, our island home.

**MARCH 17 MONDAY**  
Feast of St. Patrick

**Third Sunday in Lent MARCH 23**  
In today's gospel, Jesus calls his followers to bear fruit. What would it mean for you to bear holy fruit in this season?

**MARCH 18 TUESDAY**  
Lent is a season for renewal. Where do you need that in your life?

**MARCH 19 WEDNESDAY**  
Feast of St. Joseph

**MARCH 20 THURSDAY**  
Spring Equinox. Lent is a season for new growth.

**MARCH 21 FRIDAY**  
Reach out today to someone who is lonely.

**MARCH 22 SATURDAY**  
Read the gospel for this coming Sunday. (Luke 13:1-9) What word or phrase strikes you?

**MARCH 24 MONDAY**  
On this day, the Feast of Oscar Romero, pray for justice and peace.

**MARCH 25 TUESDAY**  
Feast of the Annunciation. HAIL MARY!

**MARCH 26 WEDNESDAY**  
"I really only love God as much as the person I love the least." - Dorothy Day

**MARCH 27 THURSDAY**  
Read the gospel for this coming Sunday. (Luke 15:11-32)

**MARCH 28 FRIDAY**  
Lent is a season for fasting. Can you unplug from social media for 24 hours?

**MARCH 29 SATURDAY**  
Reach out today to someone who is grieving.

**Fourth Sunday in Lent MARCH 30**  
Today's gospel offers the Parable of the Prodigal Son. There are two sons in the story. Which one is most like you?

**MARCH 31 MONDAY**  
Feast of John Donne, who said: "No man is an island, entire of itself."

**APRIL 1 TUESDAY**  
On April Fool's Day, reflect on what St. Paul meant by being a fool for Christ. (1 Cor 4:10)

**APRIL 2 WEDNESDAY**  
Lent is a season for repentance. Where do you need to hang a spiritual u-turn?

**APRIL 3 THURSDAY**  
Read the gospel for this coming Sunday. (John 12:1-8) What phrase strikes you?

**APRIL 4 FRIDAY**  
Feast of Dr. Martin Luther King. I HAVE A DREAM!

**APRIL 5 SATURDAY**  
Reread the Litany of Penitence from Ash Wednesday. Where do you see yourself?

**APRIL 6**  
**Fifth Sunday in Lent**  
Today's gospel tells about a lavish offering in worship. What might you offer in the coming Holy Week?

**APRIL 7 MONDAY**  
Lent is a season to be reconciled. With whom do you need to make peace?

**APRIL 8 TUESDAY**  
The root of prayer is interior silence. Thomas Keating says "SHHHH!"

**APRIL 9 WEDNESDAY**  
Feast of Dietrich Bonhoeffer. In honor of the day, consider the cost of discipleship.

**APRIL 10 THURSDAY**  
Say a prayer for peace today.

**APRIL 11 FRIDAY**  
Lent is a season for self-examination. Today, take your own spiritual inventory.

**APRIL 12 SATURDAY**  
Pray for your clergy as they prepare to lead Holy Week liturgies.

**APRIL 13**  
**Palm Sunday**

**APRIL 14 MONDAY**  
IN HOLY WEEK

**APRIL 15 TUESDAY**  
IN HOLY WEEK

**APRIL 16 WEDNESDAY**  
IN HOLY WEEK

**APRIL 17**  
**Maundy Thursday**  
We remember that Jesus washed the disciples' feet. How can you be of service today?

**APRIL 18**  
**Good Friday**

**APRIL 19**  
**Holy Saturday**  
Carve out some silent time today.

**APRIL 20**  
**EASTER DAY**  
On this day the Lord has acted; we will rejoice and be glad in it. Psalm 118:24

**HOW ARE YOU OBSERVING HOLY WEEK THIS YEAR?**

Journey through Lent calendars are now available for you to take home . They can be found on the table in the church and also in the parlor.

# Cantata

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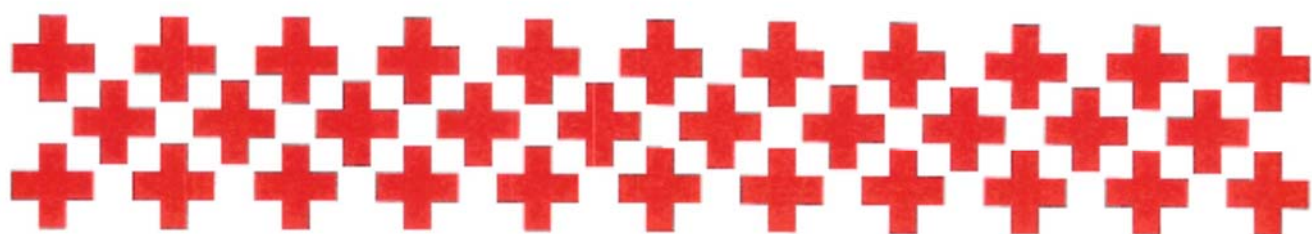
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**Community Blood Drive  
St. John Lutheran Church**

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12:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.**

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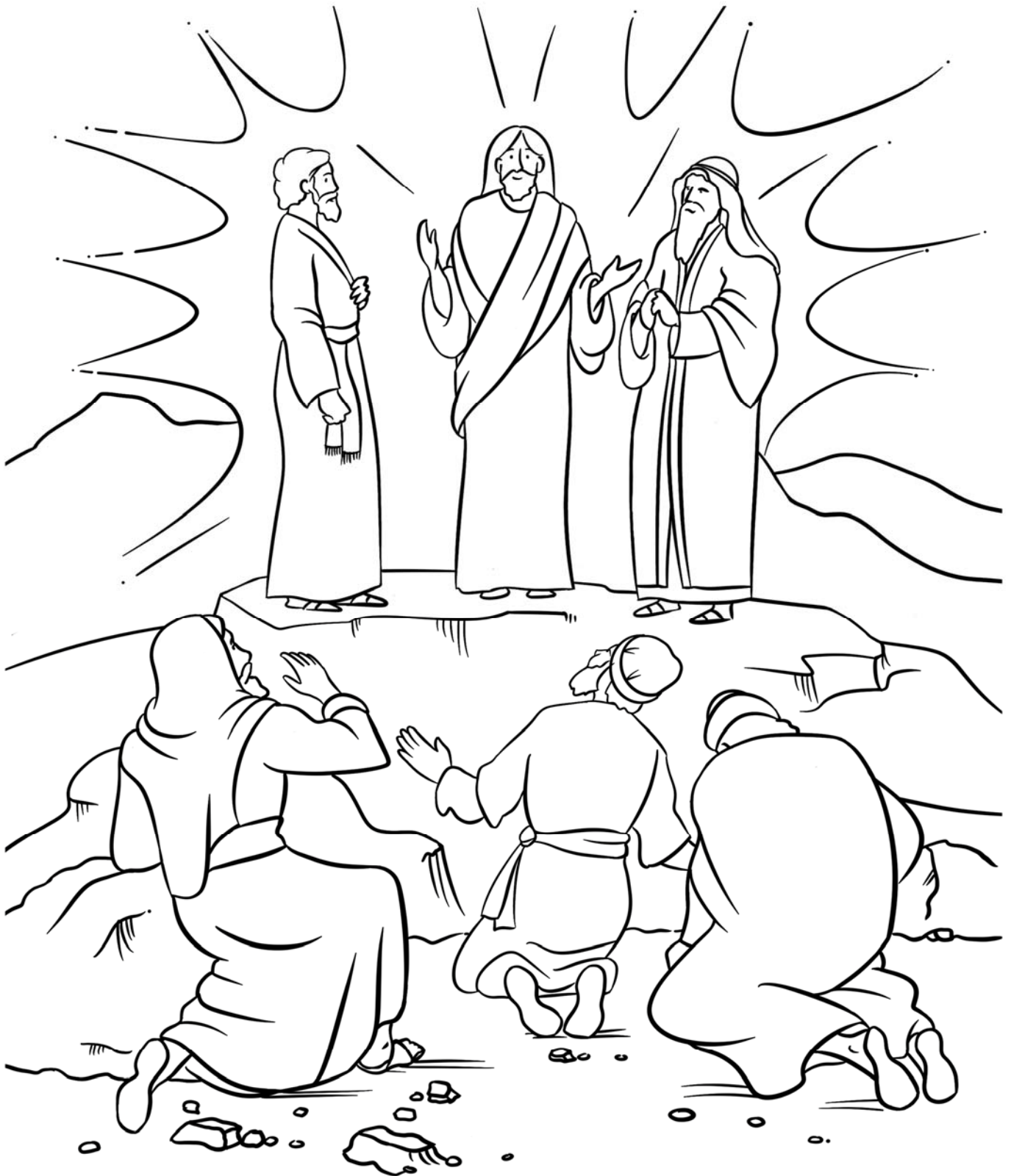
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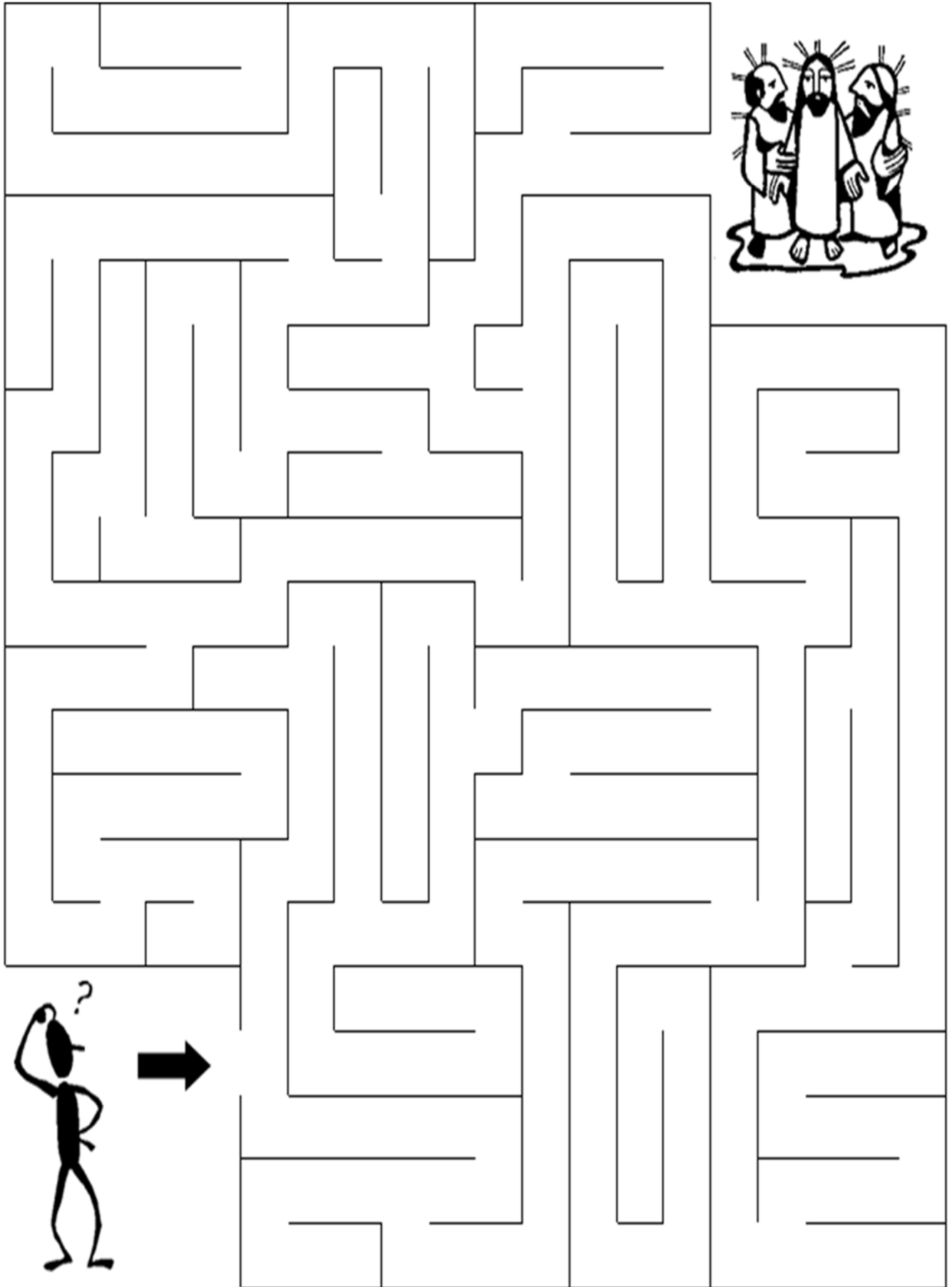
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After six days Jesus took Peter, James and John with him and led them up a high mountain, where they were all alone. There he was transfigured before them. (Mark 9:2)

Can you find the way to Jesus, Moses, and Elijah on the mountain?

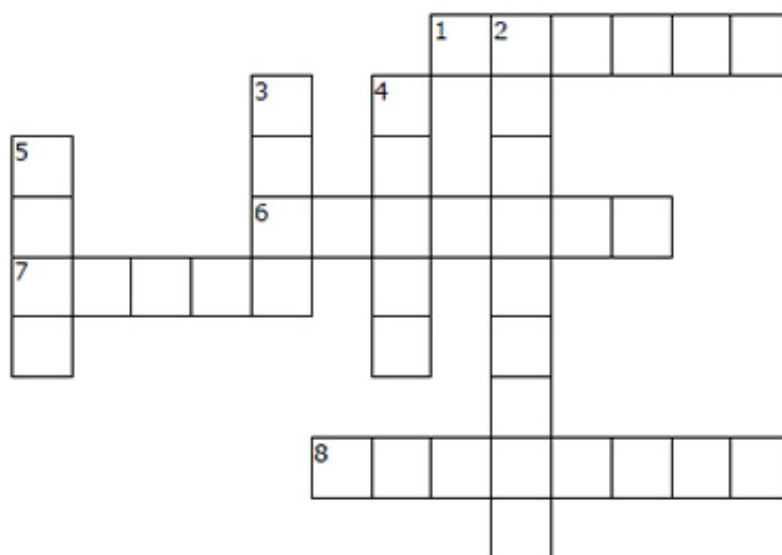




# The Transfiguration

As he was praying, the appearance of his face changed, and his clothes became as bright as a flash of lightning. Luke 9:29 (NIV)

This puzzle is based on Luke 9:28-36 (NIV)



## ACROSS

1. Ready to go to bed or take a nap
6. Things such as a dress or trousers that you wear to cover your body
7. The opposite of being asleep
8. A raised part of the Earth's surface, much larger than a hill

## DOWN

2. A flash of bright light in the sky produced by electricity
3. The front of the head, where the eyes, nose and mouth are
4. A grey or white mass floating in the sky, made of very small drops of water
5. To speak to God

MOUNTAIN  
PRAY

FACE  
CLOTHES

LIGHTNING  
SLEEPY

AWAKE  
CLOUD