Second Sunday of Lent (C)

Gospel text (*Lk* 9:28-36): Jesus took Peter, John, and James and went up the mountain to pray. While he was praying his face changed in appearance and his clothing became dazzling white. And behold, two men were conversing with him, Moses and Elijah, who appeared in glory and spoke of his exodus that he was going to accomplish in Jerusalem. (…). Then from the cloud came a voice that said, “This is my chosen Son; listen to him.” (…).

Transfiguration: "Jesus... alone": this must suffice on the journey

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Today, the Face of Jesus changes and his clothes that become a dazzling white in the presence of Moses and Elijah, a symbol of the Law and of the Prophets.

The three disciples who witness the scene are heavy with sleep. It is only the struggle against drowsiness that enables Peter, James and John to "see" Jesus in his glory. Then the rhythm quickens… Peter speaks and as he speaks a cloud envelops him and the other disciples. Their eyes can no longer see but their ears can hear the voice that comes out of the cloud: "This is my Son, my Chosen; listen to him!".

—The disciples no longer have before them a transfigured face or dazzling garments or a cloud that reveals the divine presence. They have before them "Jesus… alone": is all that the disciples and the Church of every epoch have been granted; and this must suffice on the journey, the only voice to listen to.