

*Daily Morning Message*

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Daily Lectionary Readings      Psalm 125  
   Malachi 3:16-4:6  
   Mark 9:9-13

Today's Scripture Verse:      *Then they asked him, "Why do the scribes say that Elijah must come first?" He said to them, "Elijah is indeed coming first to restore all things. How then is it written about the Son of Man, that he is to go through many sufferings and be treated with contempt? But I tell you that Elijah has come, and they did to him whatever they pleased, as it is written about him." (Mark 9:11-13)*

What it means:                      This conversation takes place as Jesus is returning from the Mount of Transfiguration with his three disciples who saw the vision of Moses and Elijah standing with him as he was transfigured in light. Again, John the Baptist is alluded to as having the spirit of Elijah, preparing for the coming of Jesus as the Son of Man, who bears the Spirit of God.

Our time of prayer:                Dear God, each generation of your people is called to discern your Spirit's presence in our own time, remembering those who have gone before us who have led us into truth. May the discernment of Christ's Spirit fill us with hopefulness for our present time as well.

