

First Reading: Exodus 24:12-18

¹² The Lord said to Moses, “Come up to me on the mountain and wait there; I will give you the tablets of stone, with the law and the commandment, which I have written for their instruction.” ¹³ So Moses set out with his assistant Joshua, and Moses went up onto the mountain of God. ¹⁴ To the elders he had said, “Wait here for us, until we come back to you. Look, Aaron and Hur are with you; whoever has a dispute may go to them.”

¹⁵ Then Moses went up on the mountain, and the cloud covered the mountain. ¹⁶ The glory of the Lord settled on Mount Sinai, and the cloud covered it for six days; on the seventh day he called to Moses out of the cloud. ¹⁷ Now the appearance of the glory of the Lord was like a devouring fire on the top of the mountain in the sight of the Israelites. ¹⁸ Moses entered the cloud and went up on the mountain. Moses was on the mountain for forty days and forty nights.

Psalm: Psalm 2

¹ Why are the nations | in an uproar?

Why do the peoples mutter | empty threats?

² **Why do the kings of the earth rise up in revolt, and the princes | plot together, against the Lord and against the | Lord's anointed?**

³ “Let us break their | yoke,” they say;

“let us cast off their | bonds from us.”

⁴ **God whose throne is in heav- | en is laughing;**

the Lord holds them | in derision.

⁵ Then in wrath God | speaks to them,

and in rage fills | them with terror.

⁶ **“As for me, I have anoint- | ed my king**

upon Zion, my | holy mountain.”

⁷ Let me announce the decree | of the Lord,

who said to me, “You are my son; this day have I be- | gotten you.

⁸ **Ask of me, and I will give you the nations for | your inheritance**

and the ends of the earth for | your possession.

⁹ You shall crush them with an | iron rod

and shatter them like a | piece of pottery.”

¹⁰ **And now, you | kings, be wise;**

be warned, you rulers | of the earth.

¹¹ Submit to the | Lord with fear,
and with trembling | bow in worship;

¹² **lest the Lord be angry, and you perish in a sudden | blaze of wrath. Happy are all who take refuge in God!**

Second Reading: 2 Peter 1:16-21

¹⁶ We did not follow cleverly devised myths when we made known to you the power and coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, but we had been eyewitnesses of his majesty. ¹⁷ For he received honor and glory from God the Father when that voice was conveyed to him by the Majestic Glory, saying, “This is my Son, my Beloved, with whom I am well pleased.” ¹⁸ We ourselves heard this voice come from heaven, while we were with him on the holy mountain.

¹⁹ So we have the prophetic message more fully confirmed. You will do well to be attentive to this as to a lamp shining in a dark place, until the day dawns and the morning star rises in your hearts. ²⁰ First of all you must understand this, that no prophecy of scripture is a matter of one’s own interpretation, ²¹ because no prophecy ever came by human will, but men and women moved by the Holy Spirit spoke from God.

Gospel: Matthew 17:1-9

¹ Six days later, Jesus took with him Peter and James and his brother John and led them up a high mountain, by themselves. ² And he was transfigured before them, and his face shone like the sun, and his clothes became bright as light. ³ Suddenly there appeared to them Moses and Elijah, talking with him. ⁴ Then Peter said to Jesus, “Lord, it is good for us to be here; if you wish, I will set up three tents here, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah.” ⁵ While he was still speaking, suddenly a bright cloud overshadowed them, and a voice from the cloud said, “This is my Son, the Beloved; with him I am well pleased; listen to him!” ⁶ When the disciples heard this, they fell to the ground and were overcome by fear. ⁷ But Jesus came and touched them, saying, “Get up and do not be afraid.” ⁸ And when they raised their eyes, they saw no one except Jesus himself alone.

⁹ As they were coming down the mountain, Jesus ordered them, “Tell no one about the vision until after the Son of Man has been raised from the dead.”