THE TRANSFIGURATION OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST

Collect

O God, who on the holy mount revealed to chosen witnesses thy well-beloved Son, wonderfully transfigured, in raiment white and glistening: Mercifully grant that we, being delivered from the disquietude of this world, may by faith behold the King in his beauty; who with thee and the Holy Spirit, liveth and reigneth, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen*.

The Lesson is written in the Thirty-fourth Chapter of the Book of Exodus beginning at the twenty-ninth verse

Exodus 34:29-35

When Moses came down from Mount Sinai, with the two tablets of the testimony in his hand as he came down from the mountain, Moses did not know that the skin of his face shone because he had been talking with God. Aaron and all the people of Israel saw Moses, and behold, the skin of his face shone, and they were afraid to come near him. But Moses called to them, and Aaron and all the leaders of the congregation returned to him, and Moses talked with them. Afterward all the people of Israel came near, and he commanded them all that the LORD had spoken with him in Mount Sinai. And when Moses had finished speaking with them, he put a veil over his face. Whenever Moses went in before the LORD to speak with him, he would remove the veil, until he came out. And when he came out and told the people of Israel what he was commanded, the people of Israel would see the face of Moses, that the skin of Moses' face was shining. And Moses would put the veil over his face again, until he went in to speak with him.

The Word of the Lord

Pro - claim the great - ness of the LORD our God, and wor - ship up - on his ho - ly hill.

- 1. The Lord is King; let the people tremble;* he is enthroned upon the cherubim; let the earth shake.
- 2. The Lord is great in Zion;* he is high above all peoples.
- 3. Let them confess his Name, which is great and awesome;*
 he is the Holy One.

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- 4. "O mighty King, lover of justice, you have established equity;* you have executed justice and righteousness in Jacob.
- 5. Proclaim the greatness of the Lord our God and fall down before his footstool;* he is the Holy One.

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- 6. Moses and Aaron among his priests, and Samuel among those who call upon his Name,* they called upon the Lord, and he answered them.
- 7. He spoke to them out of the pillar cloud;* they kept his testimonies and the decree that he gave them.

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- 8. "O Lord our God, you answered them indeed;* you were a God who forgave them, yet punished them for their evil deeds."
- 9. Proclaim the greatness of the Lord our God and worship him upon his holy hill;* for the Lord our God is the Holy One.

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The Lesson is written in the First Chapter of the Second Letter of the Apostle Peter beginning at the thirteenth verse

2 Peter 1:13-21

I think it right, as long as I am in this body, to stir you up by way of reminder, since I know that the putting off of my body will be soon, as our Lord Jesus Christ made clear to me. And I will make every effort so that after my departure you may be able at any time to recall these things. For we did not follow cleverly devised myths when we made known to you the power and coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, but we were eyewitnesses of his majesty. For when he received honor and glory from God the Father, and the voice was borne to him by the Majestic Glory, "This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased," we ourselves heard this very voice borne from heaven, for we were with him on the holy mountain. And we have something more sure, the prophetic word, to which you will do well to pay attention as to a lamp shining in a dark place, until the day dawns and the morning star rises in your hearts, knowing this first of all, that no prophecy of Scripture comes from someone's own interpretation. For no prophecy was ever produced by the will of man, but men spoke from God as they were carried along by the Holy Spirit.

The Word of the Lord

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Saint Luke

Luke 9:28-36

† Now about eight days after these sayings he took with him Peter and John and James and went up on the mountain to pray. And as he was praying, the appearance of his face was altered, and his clothing became dazzling white. And behold, two men were talking with him, Moses and Elijah, who appeared in glory and spoke of his departure, which he was about to accomplish at Jerusalem. Now Peter and those who were with him were heavy with sleep, but when they became fully awake they saw his glory and the two men who stood with him. And as the men were parting from him, Peter said to Jesus, "Master, it is good that we are here. Let us make three tents, one for you and one for Moses and one for Elijah"--not knowing what he said. As he was saying these things, a cloud came and overshadowed them, and they were afraid as they entered the cloud. And a voice came out of the cloud, saying, "This is my Son, my Chosen One; listen to him!" And when the voice had spoken, Jesus was found alone. And they kept silent and told no one in those days anything of what they had seen.