

## **Sunday 15 February – Sunday next before Lent**

### **Collect**

Almighty Father,  
whose Son was revealed in majesty  
before he suffered death upon the cross:  
give us grace to perceive his glory,  
that we may be strengthened to suffer with him  
and be changed into his likeness, from glory to glory;  
who is alive and reigns with you,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.

### **First Reading: Exodus 24:12-18**

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

<sup>15</sup>Then Moses went up on the mountain, and the cloud covered the mountain. <sup>16</sup>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. <sup>17</sup>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 people of Israel. <sup>18</sup>Moses entered the cloud, and went up on the mountain. Moses was on the mountain for forty days and forty nights.

### **Psalm 2**

Why are the nations in tumult, ♦  
and why do the peoples devise a vain plot?

The kings of the earth rise up,  
and the rulers take counsel together, ♦  
against the Lord and against his anointed:

‘Let us break their bonds asunder ♦  
and cast away their cords from us.’ **R**

He who dwells in heaven shall laugh them to scorn; ♦  
the Lord shall have them in derision.

Then shall he speak to them in his wrath ♦  
and terrify them in his fury:

‘Yet have I set my king ♦  
upon my holy hill of Zion.’ **R**  
I will proclaim the decree of the Lord; ♦  
he said to me: ‘You are my Son; this day have I begotten you.

‘Ask of me and I will give you the nations for your inheritance ♦  
and the ends of the earth for your possession.

‘You shall break them with a rod of iron ♦  
and dash them in pieces like a potter’s vessel.’ **R**

Now therefore be wise, O kings; ♦  
be prudent, you judges of the earth.

Serve the Lord with fear, and with trembling kiss his feet, ♦  
lest he be angry and you perish from the way,  
for his wrath is quickly kindled.

Happy are all they ♦  
who take refuge in him.

### **Second Reading 2 Peter 1:16-21**

<sup>16</sup>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. <sup>17</sup>For he received honour 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.’ <sup>18</sup>We ourselves heard this voice come from heaven, while we were with him on the holy mountain.

<sup>9</sup>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. <sup>20</sup>First of all you must understand this, that no prophecy of scripture is a matter of one’s own

interpretation, <sup>21</sup>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**

<sup>1</sup>Jesus took with him Peter and James and his brother John and led them up a high mountain, by themselves. <sup>2</sup>And he was transfigured before them, and his face shone like the sun, and his clothes became dazzling white.

<sup>3</sup>Suddenly there appeared to them Moses and Elijah, talking with him.

<sup>4</sup>Then Peter said to Jesus, 'Lord, it is good for us to be here; if you wish, I will make three dwellings here, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah.'

<sup>5</sup>While he was still speaking, suddenly a bright cloud overshadowed them, and from the cloud a voice said, 'This is my Son, the Beloved; with him I am well pleased; listen to him!' <sup>6</sup>When the disciples heard this, they fell to the ground and were overcome by fear. <sup>7</sup>But Jesus came and touched them, saying, 'Get up and do not be afraid.' <sup>8</sup>And when they looked up, they saw no one except Jesus himself alone.

<sup>9</sup>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.'