

THE DIVINE SERVICE

February 23, 2020

The Seventh Sunday After the Epiphany

The Transfiguration of Our Lord

In Preparation



Please observe silence as you read, pray, and meditate.

PRELUDE

Michael Phillips

Prelude on 'Rhosymedre' – Ralph Vaughan Williams (1872-1958)

WORDS OF PREPARATION

2 Peter 1:16-21

“You shall be holy, for I am holy.” And if you call on him as Father who judges impartially according to each one’s deeds, conduct yourselves with fear throughout the time of your exile, knowing that you were ransomed from the futile ways inherited from your forefathers, not with perishable things such as silver or gold, but with the precious blood of Christ, like that of a lamb without blemish or spot. He was foreknown before the foundation of the world but was made manifest in the last times for the sake of you who through him are believers in God, who raised him from the dead and gave him glory, so that your faith and hope are in God.

COLLECT OF THE DAY

O God, in the glorious transfiguration of your only-begotten Son you once confirmed the mysteries of the faith by the testimony of the ancient fathers, and in the voice that came from the bright cloud you wondrously foreshowed our adoption by grace. Therefore mercifully make us coheirs with our King of his glory, and bring us to the fullness of our inheritance in heaven; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

The Service of Entrance



INTROIT

Oh, Wondrous Type! Oh, Vision Fair – Sarum Plainchant (15th century)

Oh, wondrous type! Oh, vision fair
Of glory that the Church may share,
Which Christ upon the mountain shows,
Where brighter than the sun he glows!
Alleluia.

❖ HYMN OF INVOCATION

Sarum plainchant, 15th cent.

English melody, 15th cent.



1. Oh, won - drous type! Oh, vi - sion fair of
2. *With Mo - ses and E - li - jah nigh the in -*
3. With shin - ing face and bright ar - ray Christ
4. *O Light from light, by love in - clined, Je -*
5. O Fa - ther, with th'e - ter - nal Son and



glo - ry that the Church may share, which Christ up - on the
car - nate Lord holds con - verse high; and from the cloud the
deigns to man - i - fest to - day what glo - ry shall be
sus, Re - deem - er of man - kind, ac - cept thy peo - ple's
Ho - ly Spir - it ev - er one, we pray you, bring us



moun - tain shows, where bright - er than the sun he glows!
Ho - ly One bears re - cord to the on - ly Son.
theirs a - bove who joy in God with per - fect love.
pray'r and praise which on the mount to thee they raise.
by your grace to see your glo - ry face to face.

Minister: Worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness, and tremble before him all the earth.

People: **Let the heavens be glad and the earth rejoice for the Lord is coming to judge the earth.**

Minister: In the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit.

People: **Amen.**

Minister: Let us pray.

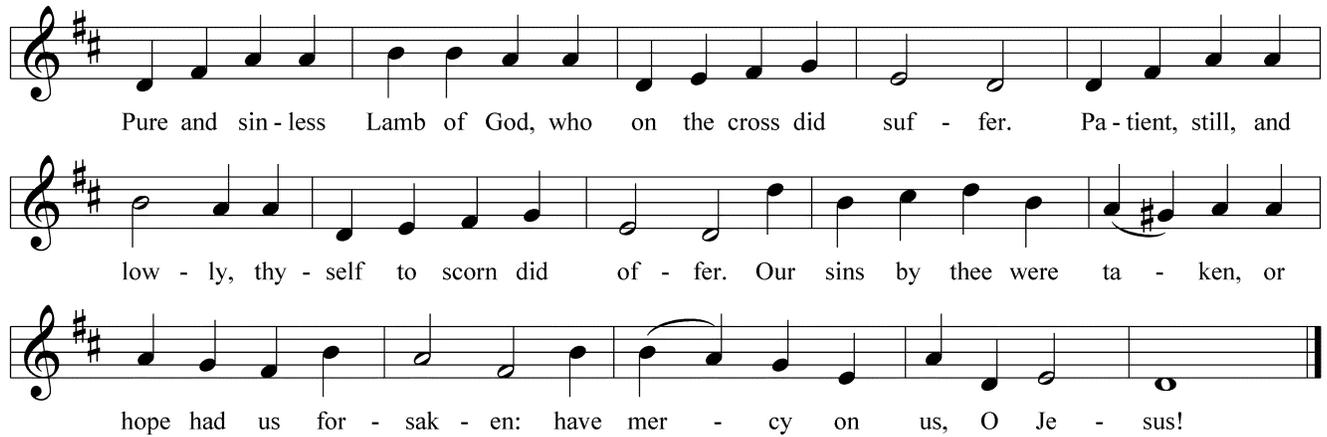
PRAYER OF ADORATION

... world without end. **Amen.**

CONFESSION OF SIN

Nikolaus Decius, 1531

German chorale, 1540



Pure and sin-less Lamb of God, who on the cross did suf-fer. Pa-tient, still, and
low-ly, thy-self to scorn did of-fer. Our sins by thee were ta-ken, or
hope had us for-sak-en: have mer-cy on us, O Je-sus!

Minister: Hear what our Lord Jesus Christ says, “You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind. This is the great and first commandment. And a second is like it: You shall love your neighbor as yourself. On these two commandments depend all the Law and the Prophets.”

Minister: Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.

People: **Almighty God, our Maker and Redeemer, we poor sinners confess unto thee, that we are by nature sinful and unclean, and that we have sinned against thee by thought, word, and deed. Wherefore we flee for refuge to thine infinite mercy, seeking and imploring thy grace, for the sake of our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.**

DECLARATION OF ABSOLUTION

Minister: Hear the Word of the Gospel: “Christ has died for our sins and been raised for our justification.” All you who repent of your sin and trust in the Lord Jesus Christ for your salvation, rejoice and be glad and give glory to the Lord who has taken away all of your sins in the name of the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit.

People: **Amen.**

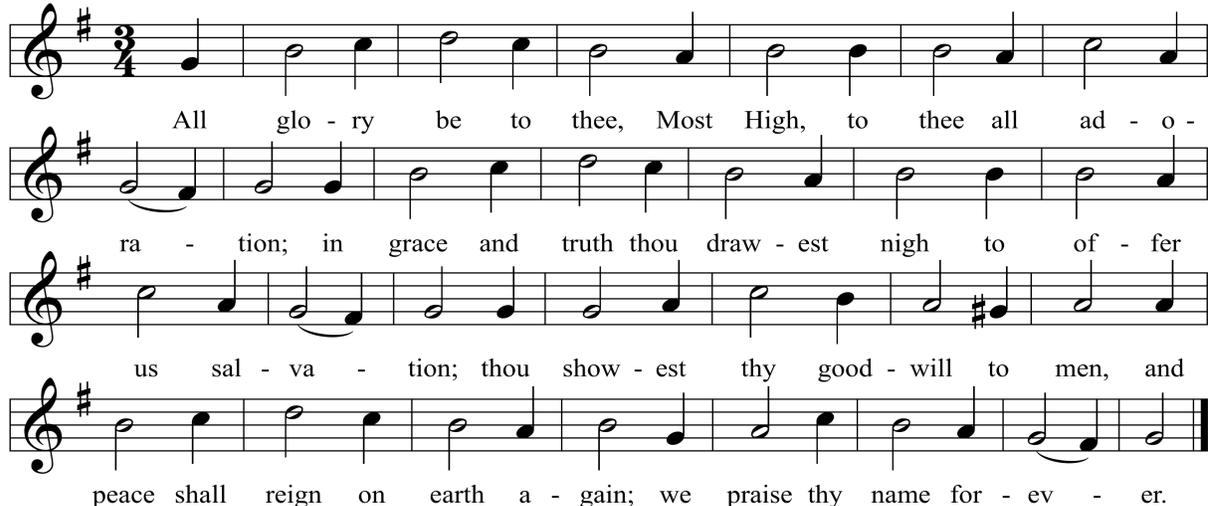
- ❖ Minister: Our help is in the name of the Lord,
People: **the Maker of heaven and earth.**
- Minister: O Lord, open our lips,
People: **and our mouth will declare your praise.**

❖ THE GLORIA

Gloria in Excelsis

Nikolaus Decius, 1525

Deutsche Evangelisch Messze, 1539



All glo-ry be to thee, Most High, to thee all ad-o-
ra-tion; in grace and truth thou draw-est nigh to of-fer
us sal-va-tion; thou show-est thy good-will to men, and
peace shall reign on earth a-gain; we praise thy name for-ev-er.

❖ HYMN OF GRATITUDE

Edmund P. Clowney, 1987

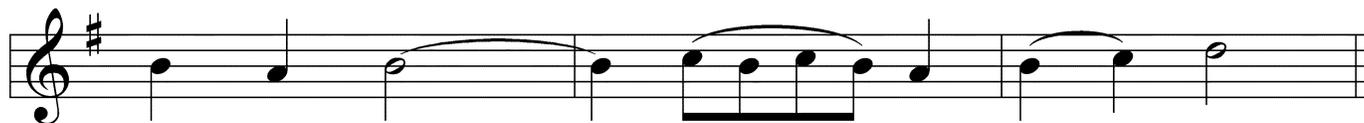
Charles V. Stanford, 1904



1. Who shall as - cend the moun-tain of the Lord, to search the
 2. *One King a - lone, whose hands and heart are pure, one Ser - vant*
 3. He on - ly can as - cend to God's right hand who first came
 4. *Be - fore the clouds re - ceive the King on high, a cross lifts*
 5. He shall as - cend the moun-tain of the Lord, the King of



mys - ter - y in heav - en stored, the know - ledge of the Ho - ly
of the Lord with pur - pose sure, can en - ter in that glo - ry
 down as his high mer - cy planned; true God and man has earth and
up his form a - gainst the sky; the Fram - er of the worlds has
 glo - ry, whose own blood out - poured paid that dear price that mer - cy



One a - dored? Al - - le - lu - ia!
to en - dure. Al - - le - lu - ia!
 heav - en spanned. Al - - le - lu - ia!
come to die. Al - - le - lu - ia!
 did af - ford. Al - - le - lu - ia!

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CHORAL ANTHEM

Youth Choir

Dona Nobis Pacem – Mary Lynn Lightfoot (1971-)

Dona nobis pacem. (Give us peace.)

The Service of the Word



THE OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

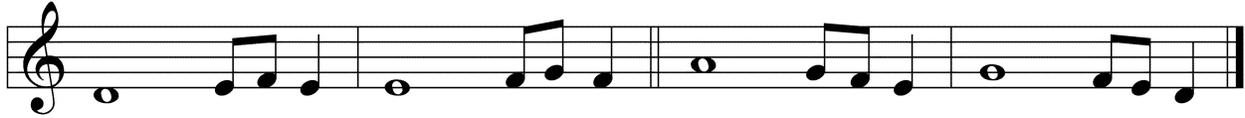
Exodus 24:8-18

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

THE PSALTER

Psalm 2:6-13



Cantor: *"I myself have | set my king
upon my holy hill of | Zion."
Let me announce the decree | of the LORD:
he said to me, "You are my Son; this day have I be- | gotten you.*

All: Ask of me, and I will give you the nations for your in- | heritance
and the ends of the earth for your pos- | session.
You shall crush them with an | iron rod
and shatter them like a piece of | pottery."

And now, you | kings, be wise;
be warned, you rulers | of the earth.
Submit to the | LORD with fear,
and with trembling bow be- | fore him;

Lest he be angry and you | perish;
for his wrath is quickly | kindled.
Happy | are they all
who take re- | fuge in him!

Glory be to the Father and | to the Son
and to the Holy | Spirit;
As it was in the be- | ginning,
is now, and will be forever. | Amen.

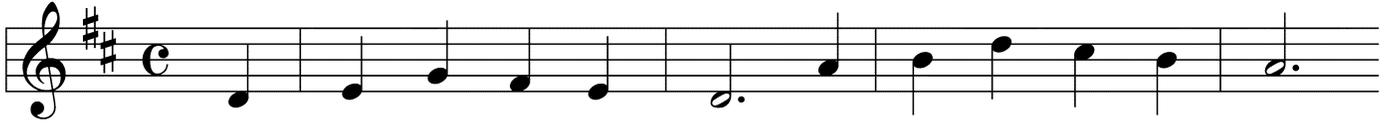
Leader: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise be to you, O Christ.

❖ OUR RESPONSE

Joseph A. Robinson, 1858-1933

Johann Sebastian Bach, 1685-1750



1. How good, Lord, to be here! Your glo - ry fills the night;
 2. *How good, Lord, to be here, your beau - ty to be - hold*
 3. Ful - fill - er of the past and hope of things to be!
 4. *Be - fore we taste of death, we see your king - dom come;*
 5. How good, Lord, to be here! Yet we may not re - main;



your face and gar - ments, like the sun, shine with un - bor - rowed light.
where Mo - ses and E - li - jah stand, your mes - sen - gers of old.
 We hail your bod - y glo - ri - fied and our re - demp - tion see.
we long to hold the vi - sion bright and make this hill our home.
 but since you bid us leave the mount, come with us to the plain.

WELCOME

At this time, please sign and pass the attendance pads down the row.

INTERLUDE

PRAYER OF SUPPLICATION AND THANKSGIVING

Ruling Elder Landy Ligon

Unison: Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation; but deliver us from evil: for thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

❖ **THE SECOND GOSPEL LESSON**

John 10:22-42

Minister: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise be to you, O Christ.

❖ **PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION**

MORNING SERMON

Rev. Bryce Waller

Assurance
John 10:22-42

The Service of the Table



❖ CORPORATE CONFESSION OF FAITH

The Apostles' Creed

Unison: I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth,

And in Jesus Christ, his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

PASSING OF THE PEACE

- ❖ Minister: The peace of the Lord be always with you.
People: And also with you!
Minister: Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

Members of the congregation greet one another with a sign of friendship such as the ancient words that the church has used over the centuries, "The peace of Christ be with you," and the response, "And also with you."

Communion

Communion, along with the preaching of the Word, Baptism, and prayer, is a means of grace—a way that God communicates to his people the tangible benefits of Christ's redemptive work. For that reason, we believe that Communion should be part of every worship service, for in Communion God confirms the promises that we hear in the preaching with signs and seals of the New Covenant. The way we celebrate Communion may be different from what you have done in other churches. Our service uses an ancient form called, "The Great Thanksgiving." Through these words ("The Lord be with you..."), prayer ("It is very good and right..."), and song (the "Sanctus"), we claim fellowship with Christ and entrance into heaven itself. We here in Austin join the angels and the archangels and all the company of heaven in worship around the throne of God. We believe that in Communion the Holy Spirit miraculously unites us with "the holy catholic church" in heaven and earth and creates "the communion of saints" around the table.

TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Minister: The earth is the Lord's, and the fullness thereof;

People: **the world, and they that dwell therein.**

HYMN OF GRATITUDE TO GOD

Münster Gesangbuch, 1677

Schlesische Volkslieder, Leipzig, 1842



1. Beau - ti - ful Sav - ior, King of Cre - a - tion,
 2. Fair are the mead - ows, fair are the wood - lands,
 3. Fair is the sun - shine, fair is the moon - light,
 4. Beau - ti - ful Sav - ior, Lord of the na - tions,



Son of _____ God and _____ Son of Man!
 robed in _____ flowers of _____ bloom - ing spring;
 bright the _____ spark - ling _____ stars on high;
 Son of _____ God and _____ Son of Man!



Tru - ly I'd love thee, tru - ly I'd serve thee,
 Je - sus is fair - er, Je - sus is pur - er,
 Je - sus shines bright - er, Je - sus shines pur - er,
 Glo - ry and hon - or, praise, a - dor - a - tion,



Light of my soul, my joy, my crown.
 he makes our sor - rowing spir - it sing.
 than all the an - gels in the sky.
 now and for - ev - er - more be thine!

- ❖ Minister: Yours, Lord, is the greatness, the power, the glory, the splendor, and the majesty; for everything in heaven and on earth is yours.

DOXOLOGY

L. Bourgeois' *Genevan Psalter*, 1551

Praise God from whom all bless - ings flow; praise him, all crea - tures here be - low;
 praise him a - bove, ye heav'n - ly host: praise Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost. A - men.

- ❖ **PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

Minister: Our gracious God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, giver of all good gifts, receive these offerings as our worship properly given to you for the glory due your name. Use them to strengthen your church, expand your kingdom, and show mercy to our neighbors. In the name of your Son we pray.

People: **Amen.**

- ❖ **THE GREAT THANKSGIVING**

Minister: The Lord be with you!

People: **And also with you!**

Minister: Lift up your hearts!

People: **We lift them up to the Lord!**

Minister: Let us give thanks to our Lord God!

People: **It is good and right to do so!**

Minister: It is very good and right that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to you, O Holy Lord, Father Almighty, Everlasting God, through Jesus Christ our Lord. And now we do praise you who sent your only begotten Son, and that in him, being found in fashion as a man, you did reveal the fullness of your glory. Therefore, with angels and archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we praise and magnify your glorious name, evermore praising you and singing:

SANCTUS

11th cent. Plainsong, Steinau, 1726

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - - - ly, Lord God of Sab - a - oth;
 heav'n and earth are full of thy glo - ry; Ho - san - na in the high - est.
 Bless - ed is he that com - eth in the Name of the Lord; Ho - san - na in the high - est.

INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

THE WORDS OF OUR LORD – The Bread

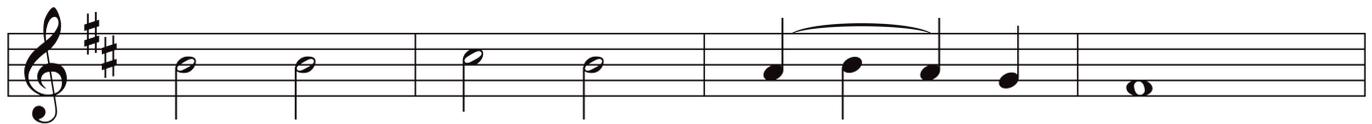
The Lord Jesus on the night when he was betrayed took bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it, and said, "This is my body, which is for you. Do this in remembrance of me." (1 Cor. 11:23-24)

Latin hymn, 6th cent.

Bohemian Brethren, 1566



1. At the Lamb's high feast we sing
2. Praise we him, whose love di - vine
3. Where the pas - chal blood was poured,
4. Praise we Christ, whose blood was shed,
5. Might - y Vic - tim from the sky,



praise to our vic - to - rious King,
gives his sa - cred blood for wine,
death's dread an - gel sheathes the sword;
pas - chal vic - tim, pas - chal bread;
hell's fierce pow'rs be - neath you lie;



who has washed us in the tide flow - ing from his
gives his bod - y for the feast, Christ the vic - tim,
Is - rael's hosts tri - um - phant go through the wave that
with sin - cer - i - ty and love eat we man - na
you have con - quered in the fight, you have brought us



pierc - ed side. Al - le - lu - ia!
Christ the priest. Al - le - lu - ia!
drowns the foe. Al - le - lu - ia!
from a - bove. Al - le - lu - ia!
life and light. Al - le - lu - ia!

6. Now no more can death appall,
Now no more the grave enthrall;
You have opened paradise,
And your saints in you shall rise.
Alleluia!

7. Easter triumph, Easter joy!
This alone can sin destroy;
From sin's pow'r, Lord, set us free,
Newborn souls in you to be.
Alleluia!

8. Father, who the crown shall give,
Savior, by whose death we live,
Spirit, guide through all our days:
Three in One, your name we praise.
Alleluia!

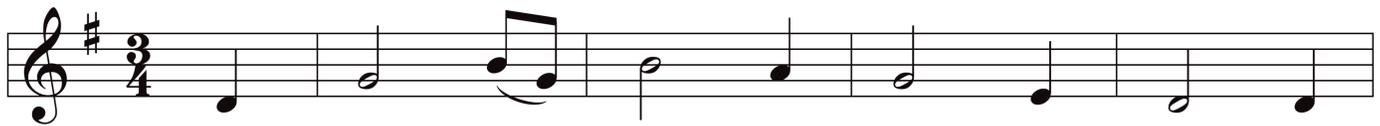
THE WORDS OF OUR LORD – The Cup

In the same way also he took the cup, after supper, saying, “This cup is the new covenant in my blood. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.” (1 Cor. 11:25)

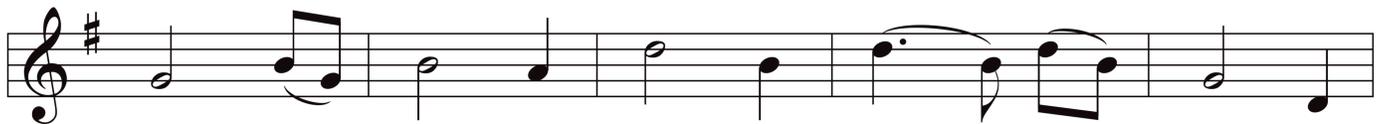
St. 1-5, John Newton, 1779

St. 6, *A Collection of Sacred Ballads*, 1790

Traditional American melody



1. A - maz - ing grace! - how sweet the sound - that
 2. 'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, and
 3. Thro' man - y dan - gers, toils, and snares, I
 4. The Lord has prom - ised good to me, his



saved a wretch like me! I once was lost, but
 grace my fears re - lieved, how pre - cious did that
 have al - read - y come; 'tis grace has brought me
 Word my hope se - cures; he will my shield and



now am found, was blind, but now I see.
 grace ap - pear the hour I first be - lieved!
 safe thus far, and grace will lead me home.
 por - tion be, as long as life en - dures.

5. And when this flesh and heart shall fail,
 And mortal life shall cease,
 I shall possess within the veil
 A life of joy and peace.

6. When we've been there ten thousand years,
 Bright shining as the sun,
 We've no less days to sing God's praise
 Than when we've first begun.

❖ **BENEDICTION**

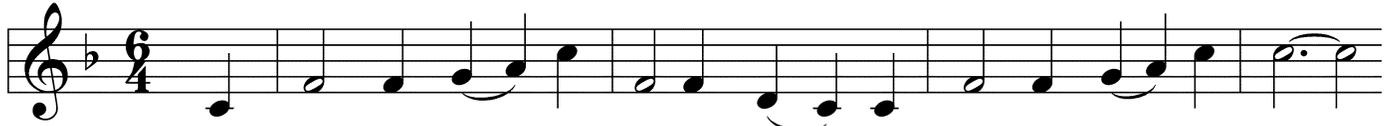
❖ **DEPARTING HYMN**

Nunc Dimittis

Song of Simeon

Luke 2:29-32, para. James Quinn

Traditional American melody



1. Lord, bid your ser - vant go in peace, your word is now ful - filled.
2. This is the Sav - ior of the world, the Gen-tiles' prom - ised light,



These eyes have seen sal - va-tion's dawn, this child so long fore - told.
God's glo - ry dwell - ing in our midst, the joy of Is - ra - el.

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LESSONS

Psalm 2:6-13

“I myself have set my king
upon my holy hill of Zion.”

Let me announce 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 crush them with an iron rod
and shatter them like a piece of pottery.”

And now, you kings, be wise;
be warned, you rulers of the earth.

Submit to the LORD with fear,
and with trembling bow before him;

Lest he be angry and you perish;
for his wrath is quickly kindled.

Happy are they all
who take refuge in him!

Exodus 24:8-18

Moses took the blood and threw it on the people and said, “Behold the blood of the covenant that the LORD has made with you in accordance with all these words.”

Then Moses and Aaron, Nadab, and Abihu, and seventy of the elders of Israel went up, and they saw the God of Israel. There was under his feet as it were a pavement of sapphire stone, like the very heaven for clearness. And he did not lay his hand on the chief men of the people of Israel; they beheld God, and ate and drank.

The LORD said to Moses, “Come up to me on the mountain and wait there, that I may give you the tablets of stone, with the law and the commandment, which I have written for their instruction.” So Moses rose with his assistant Joshua, and Moses went up into the mountain of God. And he said to the elders, “Wait here for us until we return to you. And behold, Aaron and Hur are with you. Whoever has a dispute, let him go to them.”

Then Moses went up on the mountain, and the cloud covered the mountain. The glory of the LORD dwelt on Mount Sinai, and the cloud covered it six days. And on the seventh day he called to Moses out of the midst of the cloud. 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. Moses entered the cloud and went up on the mountain. And Moses was on the mountain forty days and forty nights.

Matthew 17:1-9

After six days Jesus took with him Peter and James, and John his brother, and led them up a high mountain by themselves. And he was transfigured before them, and his face shone like the sun, and his clothes became white as light. And behold, there appeared to them Moses and Elijah, talking with him. And Peter said to Jesus, “Lord, it is good that we are here. If you wish, I will make three tents here, one for you and one for Moses and one for Elijah.” He was still speaking when, behold, a bright cloud overshadowed them, and a voice from the cloud said, “This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased; listen to him.” When the disciples heard this, they fell on their faces and were terrified. But Jesus came and touched them, saying, “Rise, and have no fear.” And when they lifted up their eyes, they saw no one but Jesus only.

And as they were coming down the mountain, Jesus commanded them, “Tell no one the vision, until the Son of Man is raised from the dead.”

Sermon Lesson – John 10:22-42

²²At that time the Feast of Dedication took place at Jerusalem. It was winter, ²³and Jesus was walking in the temple, in the colonnade of Solomon. ²⁴So the Jews gathered around him and said to him, “How long will you keep us in suspense? If you are the Christ, tell us plainly.” ²⁵Jesus answered them, “I told you, and you do not believe. The works that I do in my Father’s name bear witness about me, ²⁶but you do not believe because you are not among my sheep. ²⁷My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me. ²⁸I give them eternal life, and they will never perish, and no one will snatch them out of my hand. ²⁹My Father, who has given them to me, is greater than all, and no one is able to snatch them out of the Father’s hand. ³⁰I and the Father are one.”

³¹The Jews picked up stones again to stone him. ³²Jesus answered them, “I have shown you many good works from the Father; for which of them are you going to stone me?” ³³The Jews answered him, “It is not for a good work that we are going to stone you but for blasphemy, because you, being a man, make yourself God.” ³⁴Jesus answered them, “Is it not written in your Law, ‘I said, you are gods’? ³⁵If he called them gods to whom the word of God came—and Scripture cannot be broken—³⁶do you say of him whom the Father consecrated and sent into the world, ‘You are blaspheming,’ because I said, ‘I am the Son of God’? ³⁷If I am not doing the works of my Father, then do not believe me; ³⁸but if I do them, even though you do not believe me, believe the works, that you may know and understand that the Father is in me and I am in the Father.” ³⁹Again they sought to arrest him, but he escaped from their hands.

⁴⁰He went away again across the Jordan to the place where John had been baptizing at first, and there he remained.

⁴¹And many came to him. And they said, “John did no sign, but everything that John said about this man was true.”

⁴²And many believed in him there.