

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-end

A reading from the book of Exodus.
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." So Moses set out with his assistant Joshua, and Moses went up into the mountain of God. 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." Then Moses went up on the mountain, and the cloud covered the mountain. 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. 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. Moses was on the mountain for forty days and forty nights.

PSALM Either Psalm 2

R *The Lord is the strength of his people, a safe refuge for his anointed.*

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. **R**

Or Psalm 99

R *He spoke to them out of the pillar of cloud.*

The Lord is king; let the people tremble;
he is enthroned above the cherubim; let
the earth shake.
The Lord is great in Zion
and high above all peoples.
Let them praise your name, which is great
and awesome;
he is the Holy One. **R**

Mighty King, who loves justice,
you have established equity;
you have executed justice and
righteousness in Jacob.
Lord our God Exalt
bow down before his footstool, for he is
holy. **R**

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

You answered them, O Lord our God;
you were a God who forgave them
and pardoned them for their offences.
Exalt the Lord our God and worship him
upon his holy hill;
for the Lord our God is the holy. **R**

SECOND READING 2 Peter 1:16-end

A reading from the second letter of Peter.
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.
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." We ourselves
heard this voice come from heaven, while
we were with him on the holy mountain.
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. First
of all you must understand this, that no
prophecy of scripture is a matter of one's
own interpretation, 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

Hear the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

Jesus took with him Peter and James and his brother John 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 dazzling white. Suddenly there appeared to them Moses and Elijah, talking with him. 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." 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!" When the disciples heard this, they fell to the ground and were overcome by fear. But Jesus came and touched them, saying, "Get up and do not be afraid." And when they looked up, they saw no one except Jesus himself alone. 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."

POST COMMUNION

Holy God,
we see your glory in the face of Jesus Christ:
may we who are partakers at his table
reflect his life in word and deed,
that all the world may know
his power to change and save.
This we ask through Jesus Christ our Lord.



Sunday, The Revised Common Lectionary is copyright © the Consultation on Common Texts, 1992. The Christian Year: Calendar, Lectionary and Collects, 1997, which includes The Common Worship Lectionary (the Church of England's adaptations of the Revised Common Lectionary, published as the Principal Service Lectionary) and the compilation of Collects and Post Communion Prayers, is copyright © The Archbishops' Council, and material from it is reproduced with permission. Bible readings from NRSV published by Mowbray and used by permission. All rights reserved. Copyright © Redemptorist Publications Wolf's Lane Chawton Hampshire GU34 3HQ. A Registered Charity limited by guarantee. Registered in England 03261721. www.rpbooks.co.uk Email customercare@rpbooks.co.uk