

Readings + Transfiguration of Our Lord, year A + 15 February 2026

Prayer of the Day

O God, in the transfiguration of your Son you confirmed the mysteries of the faith by the witness of Moses and Elijah, and in the voice from the bright cloud declaring Jesus your beloved Son, you foreshadowed our adoption as your children. Make us heirs with Christ of your glory, and bring us to enjoy its fullness, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen

First Reading Exodus 24:12-18

¹² 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.” ¹³ So Moses set out with his assistant Joshua, and Moses went up onto the mountain of God. ¹⁴ To the elders Moses had said, “Wait here for us, until we come 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 God 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.

Psalmody Psalm 2

Why are the nations in an uproar? Why do the peoples mutter empty threats?

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

“Let us break their yoke,” they say; “let us cast off their bonds from us.”

God whose throne is in heaven is laughing; the LORD holds them in derision.

Then in wrath God speaks to them, and in rage fills them with terror.

“As for me, I have anointed my king upon Zion, my holy mountain.”

Let me announce the decree of the LORD, who 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 in worship;

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 Jesus 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 Jesus 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 people moved by the Holy Spirit spoke from God.

Holy Gospel Matthew 17:1-9

Matthew, Mark, and Luke all tell of the Transfiguration, and their accounts are very similar. The biggest difference is that Matthew and Mark say

that Jesus commanded the disciples to say nothing about this until after the resurrection; Luke simply says they kept silent.

¹ Six days later, Jesus took with him Peter and James and his brother John and led them up a high mountain, by themselves. And Jesus 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 Jesus. 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 Peter was still speaking, suddenly a bright cloud overshadowed them, and a voice

from the cloud said, “This is my Son, the Beloved; with whom 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-Humanity has been raised from the dead.”