

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 34:29-end

A reading from the book of Exodus.

Moses came down from Mount Sinai.
As he came down from the mountain
with the two tablets of the covenant
in his hand, Moses did not know that
the skin of his face shone because
he had been talking with God. When
Aaron and all the Israelites saw Moses,
the skin of his face was shining, 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 spoke
with them. Afterwards all the Israelites
came near, and he gave them in
commandment all that the LORD had
spoken with him on Mount Sinai. When
Moses had finished speaking with them,
he put a veil on his face; but whenever
Moses went in before the LORD to
speak with him, he would take the veil
off, until he came out; and when he
came out, and told the Israelites what
he had been commanded, the Israelites
would see the face of Moses, that the
skin of his face was shining; and Moses
would put the veil on his face again,
until he went in to speak with him.

PSALM Psalm 99

R *Proclaim the greatness of the Lord
our God.*

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

"O mighty King, lover of justice,
you have established equity;
you have executed justice and
righteousness in Jacob."
Proclaim the greatness of the Lord
our God

and fall down before his footstool;
he is the Holy One. **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 decree that he gave them. **R**

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

SECOND READING

2 Corinthians 3:12 – 4:2

*A reading from the second letter of
Paul to the Corinthians.*

Since we have such a hope, we act with
great boldness, not like Moses, who put
a veil over his face to keep the people
of Israel from gazing at the end of the
glory that was being set aside. But their
minds were hardened. Indeed, to this
very day, when they hear the reading of
the old covenant, that same veil is still
there, since only in Christ is it set aside.
Indeed, to this very day whenever
Moses is read, a veil lies over their
minds; but when one turns to the Lord,
the veil is removed. Now the Lord is the
Spirit, and where the Spirit of the Lord
is, there is freedom. And all of us, with
unveiled faces, seeing the glory of the
Lord as though reflected in a mirror, are
being transformed into the same image
from one degree of glory to another;
for this comes from the Lord, the Spirit.
Therefore, since it is by God's mercy
that we are engaged in this ministry, we
do not lose heart. We have renounced
the shameful things that one hides; we
refuse to practise cunning or to falsify
God's word; but by the open statement
of the truth we commend ourselves to
the conscience of everyone in the sight
of God.

GOSPEL Luke 9:28-36 [37-43a]

*Hear the gospel of our Lord Jesus
Christ according to Luke.*

Jesus took with him Peter and John and
James, and went up on the mountain
to pray. And while he was praying,
the appearance of his face changed,

and his clothes became dazzling
white. Suddenly they saw two men,
Moses and Elijah, talking to him. They
appeared in glory and were speaking
of his departure, which he was about
to accomplish at Jerusalem. Now Peter
and his companions were weighed
down with sleep; but since they had
stayed awake, they saw his glory and
the two men who stood with him. Just
as they were leaving him, Peter said
to Jesus, "Master, it is good for us to
be here; let us make three dwellings,
one for you, one for Moses, and one
for Elijah." Peter did not know what
he said. While he was saying this, a
cloud came and overshadowed them;
and they were terrified as they entered
the cloud. Then from the cloud came
a voice that said, "This is my Son, my
Chosen; listen to him!" When the voice
had spoken, Jesus was found alone.
And the disciples kept silent and in
those days told no one any of the
things they had seen. [On the next day,
when they had come down from the
mountain, a great crowd met him. Just
then a man from the crowd shouted,
"Teacher, I beg you to look at my son;
he is my only child. Suddenly a spirit
seizes him, and all at once he shrieks.
It throws him into convulsions until he
foams at the mouth; it mauls him and
will scarcely leave him. I begged your
disciples to cast it out, but they could
not." Jesus answered, "You faithless
and perverse generation, how much
longer must I be with you and bear
with you? Bring your son here." While
he was coming, the demon dashed
him to the ground in convulsions.
But Jesus rebuked the unclean spirit,
healed the boy, and gave him back to
his father. And all were astounded at
the greatness of God. Everyone was
amazed at all that he was doing.]

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.