

LAST SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY - TRANSFIGURATION

3RD MARCH 2019

First Reading

Deuteronomy 34:1–12

The Fifth Book of Moses Called Deuteronomy

³⁴ Then Moses went up from the plains of Moab to Mount Nebo, to the top of Pisgah, which is opposite Jericho, and the LORD showed him the whole land: Gilead as far as Dan, ² all Naphtali, the land of Ephraim and Manasseh, all the land of Judah as far as the Western Sea, ³ the Negeb, and the Plain—that is, the valley of Jericho, the city of palm trees—as far as Zoar. ⁴ The LORD said to him, “This is the land of which I swore to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob, saying, ‘I will give it to your descendants’; I have let you see it with your eyes, but you shall not cross over there.” ⁵ Then Moses, the servant of the LORD, died there in the land of Moab, at the LORD’s command. ⁶ He was buried in a valley in the land of Moab, opposite Beth-peor, but no one knows his burial place to this day. ⁷ Moses was one hundred twenty years old when he died; his sight was unimpaired and his vigour had not abated. ⁸ The Israelites wept for Moses in the plains of Moab thirty days; then the period of mourning for Moses was ended.

⁹ Joshua son of Nun was full of the spirit of wisdom, because Moses had laid his hands on him; and the Israelites obeyed him, doing as the LORD had commanded Moses.

¹⁰ Never since has there arisen a prophet in Israel like Moses, whom the LORD knew face to face. ¹¹ He was unequalled for all the signs and wonders that the LORD sent him to perform in the land of Egypt, against Pharaoh and all his servants and his entire land, ¹² and for all the mighty deeds and all the terrifying displays of power that Moses performed in the sight of all Israel.

Hear the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God

Psalm 99

¹ The LORD is king; let the peoples tremble:
He sits enthroned upon the cherubim; let the earth quake!

² The LORD is great in Zion:
he is exalted over all the peoples.

³ Let them praise your great and awesome name:
Holy is he!

- ⁴ Mighty King, lover of justice:
you have established equity;
you have executed justice and righteousness in Jacob.
- ⁵ Extol the LORD our God:
worship at his footstool.
Holy is he!
- ⁶ Moses and Aaron were among his priests, Samuel also was among those who called on his name:
They cried to the LORD, and he answered them.
- ⁷ He spoke to them in the pillar of cloud:
they kept his decrees, and the statutes that he gave them.
- ⁸ O LORD our God, you answered them:
you were a forgiving God to them,
but an avenger of their wrongdoings.
- ⁹ Extol the LORD our God:
and worship at his holy mountain;
for the LORD our God is holy.

EPISTLE

Hebrews 3:1–6

The Letter of Paul the Apostle to the Hebrews

³ Therefore, brothers and sisters, holy partners in a heavenly calling, consider that Jesus, the apostle and high priest of our confession, ² was faithful to the one who appointed him, just as Moses also “was faithful in all God’s house.” ³ Yet Jesus is worthy of more glory than Moses, just as the builder of a house has more honour than the house itself. ⁴ (For every house is built by someone, but the builder of all things is God.) ⁵ Now Moses was faithful in all God’s house as a servant, to testify to the things that would be spoken later. ⁶ Christ, however, was faithful over God’s house as a son, and we are his house if we hold firm the confidence and the pride that belong to hope.

Hear the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God

Gospel

Luke 9:28–36

The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke
Glory to you Lord Jesus Christ.

²⁸ Now about eight days after these sayings Jesus took with him Peter and John and James, and went up on the mountain to pray.²⁹ And while

he was praying, the appearance of his face changed, and his clothes became dazzling white.³⁰ Suddenly they saw two men, Moses and Elijah, talking to him.³¹ They appeared in glory and were speaking of his departure, which he was about to accomplish at Jerusalem. ² 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.³³ 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”—not knowing what he said.³⁴ While he was saying this, a cloud came and overshadowed them; and they were terrified as they entered the cloud.³⁵ Then from the cloud came a voice that said, “This is my Son, my Chosen; listen to him!”³⁶ When the voice had spoken, Jesus was found alone. And they kept silent and, in those days, told no one any of the things they had seen.

The Gospel of the Lord

Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.

Sentence

And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we have seen his glory, the glory as of a father’s only son, full of grace and truth.

John 1.14

Prayer of the day

O God, glorious and faithful,
you reveal the beauty of your face
to those who seek you with a sincere heart:
strengthen us in faith
to embrace the mystery of the cross,
and open our hearts to its transforming power,
so that, clinging in love to your will for us,
we may walk as followers of your Son,
Jesus Christ our Lord,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, for ever and ever.

Amen.

Supplementary Readings

Deuteronomy 34.1-12

Psalm 2

John 12.27-41

Prayer Response

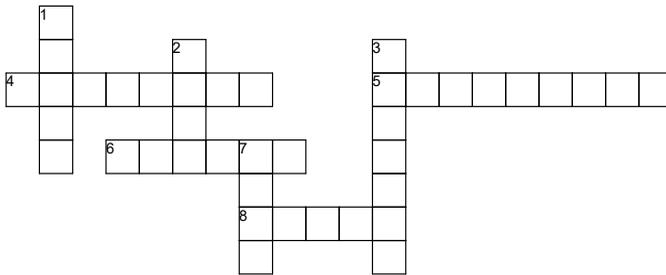
Lord, let your glory be about us
and fill our hearts and minds.



The Best Is Yet to Come

As he was praying, the appearance of his face changed, and his clothes became as bright as a flash of lightning. Luke 9:29 (NIV)

The words used in this puzzle are found in Luke 9:28-36 (NIV).



HORIZONTAL

4. A raised part of the Earth's surface, much larger than a hill
5. A flash of bright light in the sky produced by electricity
6. Ready to go to bed or take a nap
8. The opposite of being asleep

VERTICAL

1. A grey or white mass floating in the sky, made of very small drops of water
2. The front of the head, where the eyes, nose and mouth are
3. Things such as a dress or trousers that you wear to cover your body
7. To speak to God

LIGHTNING
AWAKE

CLOUD
MOUNTAIN

FACE
PRAY

SLEEPY
CLOTHES