



# THE LAST SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY

## YEAR A

These Lessons may be used on the Sunday Before Ash Wednesday

### Exodus 24:12-18

*A reading from the book of the Exodus*

Moses went up on Mount Sinai as the Lord commanded, and there he received the Law and the Commandments.

The LORD said to Moses, “Come up to me on the mountain, and wait there; and I will give you the tables of stone, with the law and the commandment, which I have written for their instruction.” So Moses rose with his servant Joshua, and Moses went up into the mountain of God. And he said to the elders, “Tarry here for us, until we come to you again; and, behold, Aaron and Hur are with you; whoever has a cause, let him 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 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. And Moses entered the cloud, and went up on the mountain. And Moses was on the mountain forty days and forty nights.

The Word of the Lord.

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## 2 Peter 1:16-21

### *A reading from the second letter of Peter*

You must understand that no prophecy of scripture is a matter of one's own interpretation.

We did not follow cleverly devised myths when we made known to you the power and coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, but we were eyewitnesses of his majesty. For when he received honor and glory from God the Father and the voice was borne to him by the Majestic Glory, "This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased," we heard this voice borne from heaven, for we were with him on the holy mountain. And we have the prophetic word made more sure. You will do well to pay attention 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 the impulse of man, but men moved by the Holy Spirit spoke from God.

The Word of the Lord.

## Matthew 17:1-9

*Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.*

From the shining cloud the Father's voice is heard;  
this is my beloved Son; listen to him.

*Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.*

## **The ✠ Holy Gospel of Our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew**

His face shone like the sun.

Jesus took with Him Peter and James and John his brother, and led them up a high mountain apart. And He was transfigured before them, and

His face shone like the sun, and His garments became white as light. And behold, there appeared to them Moses and Elijah, talking with Him. And Peter said to Jesus, “Lord, it is well that we are here; if you wish, I will make three booths here, one for you and one for Moses and one for Elijah.” He was still speaking, when lo, 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 filled with awe. 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.”

The gospel of the Lord.