

First Reader: **A READING FROM 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.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Leader: Our Responsorial Psalm is Psalm 2. We will respond by half verse.

- 1 Why are the nations in an uproar?
Why do the peoples mutter empty threats?
- 2 Why do the kings of the earth rise up in revolt,
and the princes plot together,
against the Lord and against his Anointed?
- 3 "Let us break their yoke," they say;
"let us cast off their bonds from us."
- 4 He whose throne is in heaven is laughing;
the Lord has them in derision.
- 5 Then he speaks to them in his wrath,
and his rage fills them with terror.
- 6 "I myself have set my king
upon my holy hill of Zion."
- 7 Let me announce the decree of the Lord:
he said to me, "You are my Son;
this day have I begotten you.
- 8 Ask of me, and I will give you the nations for your inheritance
and the ends of the earth for your possession.
- 9 You shall crush them with an iron rod
and shatter them like a piece of pottery."
- 10 And now, you kings, be wise;
be warned, you rulers of the earth.
- 11 Submit to the Lord with fear,
and with trembling bow before him;
- 12 Lest he be angry and you perish;
for his wrath is quickly kindled.
- 13 Happy are they all
who take refuge in him!

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 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.” 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.

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THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE:

Leader: Let us pray for the Church and for the world.

God of love, we pray for your church: For Sean our Presiding Bishop: for Andy, Jeff, Kai, Hector, and Brian, our bishops; for Katie, and Andrew, our priests; for Bill and Charla, our deacons; In our Diocesan Cycle of Prayer, we pray especially for St. Mark's, Austin; St. Joan of Arc, Pflugerville; St. John's, Austin; St. James', La Grange; and St. James', Taylor; and for all who seek you in the community of the faithful. Equip us with compassion and love, to carry out your work of reconciliation in the world.

God of love, **Hear our prayers for the church.**

God of freedom, we pray for our nation, and all the nations of the world: For peace and unity across the barriers of race, class, and creed, and for your divine inspiration for all communities to speak out against hatred and actively resist evil. Silence.

God of freedom, **Hear our prayers for the world.**

God of justice, we pray for the earth: for the plants and the animals, the mountains and the streams. Stir up in us a thirst for justice that protects the earth and all its resources to ensure a legacy of beauty and abundance that you have given us. Silence.

God of justice, **Hear our prayers for the earth.**

God of peace, we pray for our national, state, and local leaders; for Donald, our president; Greg, our governor; Kirk, our mayor; for our schools and markets; for our neighborhoods and workplaces. Kindle in every heart a desire for equality, respect, and opportunity for all. Silence.

God of peace, **Hear our prayers for this community.**

God of mercy, we pray for all in any kind of need or trouble: For those whose lives are closely linked with ours, and those connected to us as part of the human family. For refugees and prisoners; for the sick and suffering, the lonely and despairing; for those facing violence; for all held down by prejudice or injustice. Awaken in us compassion and humility of spirit, as we seek and serve Christ in all persons. Silence.

God of mercy, **Hear our prayers for all who are in need.**

God of grace, we pray for those who have died: For the faithful in every generation who have worked for your Kingdom; for prophets who called us to reconciliation; for martyrs who died for the sake of love; and for all the communion of saints. Silence.

God of grace, **Hear our prayers for those who have died.**

Celebrant concludes, adding a collect