

The Reign of the LORD's Anointed

¹Why do the nations rage

and the peoples plot in vain?

²The kings of the earth set themselves,

and the rulers take counsel together,

against the LORD and against his anointed, saying,

³"Let us burst their bonds apart

and cast away their cords from us."

⁴He who sits in the heavens laughs;

the Lord holds them in derision.

⁵Then he will speak to them in his wrath,

and terrify them in his fury, saying,

⁶"As for me, I have set my King

on Zion, my holy hill."

⁷I will tell of the decree:

The LORD said to me, "You are my Son;

today I have begotten you.

⁸Ask of me, and I will make the nations your heritage,

and the ends of the earth your possession.

⁹You shall break them with a rod of iron

and dash them in pieces like a potter's vessel."

¹⁰Now therefore, O kings, be wise;

be warned, O rulers of the earth.

¹¹Serve the LORD with fear,

and rejoice with trembling.

¹²Kiss the Son,

lest he be angry, and you perish in the way,

for his wrath is quickly kindled.

Blessèd are all who take refuge in him.

Old Testament Reading

Exodus 34:29–35

In those days: When Moses came down from Mount Sinai (and the two tablets of the Testimony were in Moses' hand when he came down from the mountain), Moses did not know that the skin of his face shone while he talked with Him. So when Aaron and all the children of Israel saw Moses, behold, the skin of his face shone, and they were afraid to come near him. Then Moses called to them, and Aaron and all the rulers of the congregation returned to him; and Moses talked with them. Afterward all the children of Israel came near, and he gave them as commandments all that the Lord had spoken with him on Mount Sinai. And 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 he would come out and speak to the children of Israel whatever he had been commanded. And whenever the children of Israel saw the face of Moses, that the skin of Moses' face shone, then Moses would put the veil on his face again, until he went in to speak with Him.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Gradual

Psalms 45:2a; 110:1

You are the most handsome of the sons of men;
grace is poured upon your lips.

The LORD says to my Lord: "Sit at my right hand,
until I make your enemies your footstool."

Epistle

2 Peter 1:16–21

Dearly beloved: We did not follow cunningly devised fables when we made known to you the power and coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, but were eyewitnesses of His majesty. For He received from God the Father honor and glory when such a voice came to Him from the Excellent Glory: "This is My beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased." And we heard this voice which came from heaven when we were with Him on the holy mountain.

And so we have the prophetic word confirmed, which you do well to heed as a light that shines in a dark place, until the day dawns and the morning star rises in your hearts; knowing this first, that no prophecy of Scripture is of any private

interpretation, for prophecy never came by the will of man, but holy men of God spoke as they were moved by the Holy Spirit.

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Verse of the Day

Psalm 96:2–3

Alleluia. Sing to the LORD; tell of his salvation from day to day. Declare his glory among the nations, his marvelous works among all the peoples! Alleluia.

Holy Gospel

Matthew 17:1–9

P The continuation of the Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew.



C Glo - ry to You, O Lord.

At that time: Jesus took Peter, James, and John his brother, led them up on a high mountain by themselves; and He was transfigured before them. His face shone like the sun, and His clothes became as white as the light. And behold, Moses and Elijah appeared to them, talking with Him. Then Peter answered and said to Jesus, “Lord, it is good for us to be here; if You wish, let us make here three tabernacles: one for You, one for Moses, and one for Elijah.”

While he was still speaking, behold, a bright cloud overshadowed them; and suddenly a voice came out of the cloud, saying, “This is My beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased. Hear Him!” And when the disciples heard it, they fell on their faces and were greatly afraid. But Jesus came and touched them and said, “Arise, and do not be afraid.” When they had lifted up their eyes, they saw no one but Jesus only.

Now as they came down from the mountain, Jesus commanded them, saying, “Tell the vision to no one until the Son of Man is risen from the dead.”

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.



C Praise to You, O Christ.

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