



THE TENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST THE TRANSFIGURATION

SUNDAY 6 AUGUST 2023

THE HOLY EUCHARIST, RITE I
8:00 A.M.

THE WORD OF GOD

Opening Acclamation

The Book of Common Prayer, p. 323

The Collect for Purity

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O God, who on the holy mount didst reveal to chosen witnesses thy well-beloved Son, wonderfully transfigured, in raiment white and glistening: Mercifully grant that we, being delivered from the disquietude of this world, may by faith behold the King in his beauty; who with thee, O Father, and thee, O Holy Ghost, liveth and reigneth, one God, world without end. **Amen.**

The Lesson: Exodus 34:29–35

The Holy Bible; *NRSV*, p. 80

Commentary: Moses, on Mt Sinai, spent time in God's presence and the transformation he experienced as a result of this showed in his physical appearance. The Israelites were uncomfortable around Moses because the evidence of his close relationship with God reminded them of their own sinfulness. As mediator of the covenant, Moses resembled and reflected the God of glory whom he represented. And, in his reflected radiance, Moses foreshadowed the glorious Mediator of the new covenant, Jesus Christ.

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. Afterward 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.

The Word of the Lord.

People

Thanks be to God.

The Holy Gospel: Luke 9:28–36

NRSV, p. 947

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.

People

Glory be to thee, O Lord.

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” —not knowing 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 they kept silent and in those days told no one any of the things they had seen.

People The Gospel of the Lord.
Praise be to thee, O Christ.

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Celebrant & Preacher: The Reverend Gray Hodsdon

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