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The Last Sunday After the Epiphany

THE FIRST READING

Exodus 24:12-18

A reading from the Book of 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.

*Lector:* The Word of the Lord.

*People:* Thanks be to God.

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PSALM 99

- 1 The LORD is King, let the people / tremble; \*  
he is enthroned upon the cherubim; let the earth / shake.
- 2 The LORD is great in / Zion; \*  
he is high above all / peoples.
- 3 Let them confess his Name,  
which is great and / awesome; \*  
he is the / Holy One.
- 4 "O mighty King, lover of justice, you have established / equity; \*  
you have executed justice and righteousness in / Jacob."
- 5 Proclaim the greatness of the LORD our God and fall down before his / footstool; \*  
he is the / Holy One.
- 6 Moses and Aaron among his priests,  
and Samuel among those who call upon his / Name, \*  
they called upon the LORD, and he / answered them.
- 7 He spoke to them out of the pillar of / cloud; \*  
they kept his testimonies and the decree that he / gave them.
- 8 O LORD our God, you answered them in- / deed; \*  
you were a God who forgave them, yet punished them for their evil / deeds.
- †9 Proclaim the greatness of the LORD our God and worship him upon his holy / hill; \*  
for the LORD our God is the / Holy One.

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THE SECOND READING

2 Peter 1:16-21

A reading from the Second Letter of Peter:

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.

*Lector:* The Word of the Lord.

*People:* Thanks be to God.

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THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

*Intercessor:* Please respond to the bidding “Lord, in your mercy” with “Hear our prayer.”

Father, we pray for your holy Catholic Church;  
That we all may be one.

Lord, in your mercy

*People:* Hear our prayer.

*Intercessor:* Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve you;

That your Name may be glorified by all people.

Lord, in your mercy

*People:* Hear our prayer.

*Intercessor:* We pray for all bishops, priests, and deacons;  
That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments.

Lord, in your mercy

*People:* Hear our prayer.

*Intercessor:* We pray for all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world;

That there may be justice and peace on the earth.

Lord, in your mercy

*People:* Hear our prayer.

*Intercessor:* Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake;  
That our works may find favor in your sight.

Lord, in your mercy

*People:* Hear our prayer.

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*Intercessor:* Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble;

That they may be delivered from their distress.

Lord, in your mercy

*People:* Hear our prayer.

*Intercessor:* Give to the departed eternal rest;  
Let light perpetual shine upon them.

Lord, in your mercy

*People:* Hear our prayer.

*Intercessor:* The altar flowers in the church are given to the glory of God,  
and in loving memory of John and Jim Isaacs, by Cathy Isaacs.  
Lord, in your mercy

*People:* Hear our prayer.

*Intercessor:* We praise you for your saints who have entered into joy;  
May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.

Lord, in your mercy

*People:* Hear our prayer.

*Intercessor:* Let us pray for our own needs and those of others.