



TRANSFIGURATION OF OUR LORD

LAST SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

Year B

FIRST READING: 2 Kings 2:1-12

A reading from Second Kings.

¹Now when the LORD was about to take Elijah up to heaven by a whirlwind, Elijah and Elisha were on their way from Gilgal.

²Elijah said to Elisha,

“Stay here, for the LORD has sent me as far as Bethel.”

But Elisha said,

“As the LORD lives and as you yourself live, I will not leave you.”

So they went down to Bethel.

³The company of prophets who were in Bethel came out to Elisha and said to him,

“Do you know that today the LORD will take your master away from you?”

And he said, “Yes, I know; keep silent.”

⁴Elijah said to him,

“Elisha, stay here, for the LORD has sent me to Jericho.”

But Elisha said,

“As the LORD lives and as you yourself live, I will not leave you.”

So they came to Jericho.

⁵The company of prophets who were at Jericho drew near to Elisha and said to him,

“Do you know that today the LORD will take your master away from you?”

And he answered, “Yes, I know; keep silent.”

⁶Then Elijah said to him,

“Stay here, for the LORD has sent me to the Jordan.”

But Elisha said,

“As the LORD lives and as you yourself live, I will not leave you.”

So the two of them went on.

⁷Fifty men of the company of prophets also went and stood at some distance from them, as they both were standing by the Jordan.

⁸Then Elijah took his mantle and rolled it up and struck the water; the water was parted to the one side and to the other, and the two of them crossed on dry ground. ▶

⁹When they had crossed, Elijah said to Elisha,
“Tell me what I may do for you before I am taken from you.”
Elisha said, “Please let me inherit a double share of your spirit.”
¹⁰He responded, “You have asked a hard thing,
yet if you see me as I am being taken from you, it will be granted you;
if not, it will not.”
¹¹As they continued walking and talking,
a chariot of fire and horses of fire separated the two of them,
and Elijah ascended in a whirlwind into heaven.
¹²Elisha kept watching and crying out, “Father, father!
The chariots of Israel and its drivers!”
But when Elisha could no longer see Elijah,
he grasped his own clothes and tore them in two pieces.

Word of God, word of life. *or* The word of the Lord.

PSALMODY: Psalm 50:1-6

SECOND READING: 2 Corinthians 4:3-6

A reading from Second Corinthians.

³Even if our gospel is veiled,
it is veiled to those who are perishing.
⁴In their case the god of this world has blinded the minds of the unbelievers,
to keep them from seeing clearly the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ,
who is the image of God.
⁵For we do not proclaim ourselves;
we proclaim Jesus Christ as Lord and ourselves as your slaves for Jesus’ sake.
⁶For it is the God who said, “Light will shine out of darkness,”
who has shone in our hearts
to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God
in the face of Christ.

Word of God, word of life. *or* The word of the Lord.

GOSPEL: Mark 9:2-9

The holy gospel according to Mark.

²Six days later, Jesus took with him Peter and James and John and led them up a high mountain apart, by themselves.

And he was transfigured before them,

³and his clothes became dazzling bright, such as no one on earth could brighten them.

⁴And there appeared to them Elijah with Moses, who were talking with Jesus.

⁵Then Peter said to Jesus, “Rabbi, it is good for us to be here; let us set up three tents: one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah.”

⁶He did not know what to say, for they were terrified.

⁷Then a cloud overshadowed them, and from the cloud there came a voice,

“This is my Son, the Beloved; listen to him!”

⁸Suddenly when they looked around, they saw no one with them any more, but only Jesus.

⁹As they were coming down the mountain, Jesus ordered them to tell no one about what they had seen, until after the Son-of-Man had risen from the dead.

The gospel of the Lord.