***Introit (Psalm 99)***

P: Praise the Lord our God and worship on His holy mountain,

C: Because the Lord our God is holy.

P: The Lord reigns, let the nations fear.

C: The Lord sits on His throne between bright burning angels. Let the earth shake.

P: The Lord is great in Jerusalem.

C: He is exalted above all people.

P: Let the people praise Your great and wonderful name.

C: He is holy!

P: The King is mighty. He loves right judgment.

C: In Israel, You did what is fair and good and right.

P: Praise the Lord our God and worship in-front-of His throne.

C: He is holy!

**All: Glory give to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit, the same as it was in the beginning, is now, and will continue forever. Amen.**

***Prayer for God’s Word***

P: God, on the mountain Jesus changed and became bright and shining. You named Jesus as Your Son and You also make us Your children. Keep us in Your mercy and make us inherit Your kingdom and Jesus as our King. We pray in the name of Jesus Christ, our Lord. Jesus lives and reigns with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: (copy) Amen.

The Old Testament lesson is from Exodus chapter 24.

 MOSES took the blood and sprinkled that on the people. MOSES said, “Look, the blood of God’s promise. The Lord made His promise for you, the same-as all His words said.”

 Then MOSES, AARON, NADAB, ABIHU, and 70 of the elders in Israel all went up the mountain. They saw Israel’s God. Under His feet, there was something like pavement made with sapphire, clear the same-as the sky. God didn’t hurt the leaders of Israel. They saw God and they ate and drank.

 The Lord told MOSES, “Come up to Me on the mountain and stay here. I will give you stone tablets with the law and commandments. I wrote them to teach the people.”

 MOSES stood-up with his servant JOSHUA. MOSES went up the mountain of God. But he told the elders, “Wait here for us. We will come back to you. AARON and HUR are with you. If you need a judge, go to them.”

 MOSES went up the mountain, and the cloud covered the mountain. God’s glory stayed on Mount SINAI. For six days the cloud covered the mountain. On the seventh day, from the cloud God called to MOSES.

 The people of Israel saw the Lord’s glory on the mountain. His glory looked the same-as a huge fire on the mountain. MOSES went up the mountain and entered the cloud. MOSES stayed on the mountain forty days and nights.

This is the word of the Lord.

C: (copy) Thanks give to God.

The New Testament lesson is from 2 Peter chapter 1.

 PETER wrote: We did not follow stories that people invented. We told you the truth about our Lord Jesus Christ, His power and His coming. Our own eyes saw His glory. Jesus received honor and glory from God the Father. God’s wonderful glory said this about Jesus; “This is My Son, I love Him and I am very pleased with Him.” When we were with Jesus on the holy mountain, we heard that voice from heaven.

 Now we have the prophets’ words more sure. It is good for you to pay attention to His word. God’s word is the same-as a lamp shining in a dark place, until sunrise and the morning star rises in your hearts. Remember this first; no Bible prophecy comes from one person’s interpretation. Because prophecy did not come from people. The Holy Spirit inspired people to speak God’s word.

This is the word of the Lord.

C: (copy) Thanks give to God.

The Gospel lesson is from Matthew chapter 17.

C: (copy) Glory to You, O Lord.

 Six days later, Jesus took PETER, JAMES and JOHN, and Jesus led them up a high mountain. Jesus changed in front of them. His face became bright as the sun, and His clothes became white as light. And look! MOSES and ELIJAH appeared and talked with Jesus.

 PETER said to Jesus, “Lord, it is good that we are here. If you want, I will make three tents, one for You, one for MOSES, one for ELIJAH.”

 While PETER was speaking, a bright cloud came and covered them. A voice from the cloud said, “This is My Son, I love Him, and I am very pleased with Him. Listen to Him!” The disciples heard the voice and were very afraid, and they fell face down.

Jesus came and touched them and said, “Get up, and don’t be afraid.” The disciples looked up and saw only Jesus, no one else. Jesus and His disciples came down the mountain. Jesus told them, “What you saw here, tell no one. After the Son of Man rises from the dead, then you can tell people.”

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: (copy) Praise to You, O Christ.