

FIRST READING: Exodus 34:29-35 The shining face of Moses (*NIRV*, alt)
²⁹ Moses came down from Mount Sinai. He had the two tablets of the covenant in his hands. His face was shining because he had spoken with the LORD. But he didn't realise it. ³⁰ Aaron and all the people of Israel saw Moses. His face was shining. So they were afraid to come near him. ³¹ But Moses called out to them. So Aaron and all the leaders of the community came to him. And Moses spoke to them. ³² After that, all the Israelites came near him. And he gave them all the commands the LORD had given him on Mount Sinai. ³³ Moses finished speaking to them. Then he covered his face with a veil. ³⁴ But when he would go to speak with the LORD, he would remove the veil. He would keep it off until he came out. Then he would tell the people what the LORD had commanded. ³⁵ They would see that his face was shining. So Moses would cover his face with the veil again. He would keep it on until he went in again to speak with the LORD.

PSALM: Psalm 99 (*NIV*)

¹ The LORD reigns, let the nations tremble; He sits enthroned between the cherubim, let the earth shake. ² Great is the LORD in Zion; He is exalted over all the nations. ³ Let them praise Your great and awesome name – He is holy. ⁴ The King is mighty, he loves justice – You have established equity; in Jacob You have done what is just and right. ⁵ Exalt the LORD our God and worship at His footstool; He is holy. ⁶ Moses and Aaron were among His priests, Samuel was among those who called on His name; they called on the LORD and He answered them. ⁷ He spoke to them from the pillar of cloud; they kept His statutes and the decrees He gave them. ⁸ LORD our God, You answered them; You were to Israel a forgiving God, though You punished their misdeeds. ⁹ Exalt the LORD our God and worship at His holy mountain, for the LORD our God is holy.

SECOND READING: 2 Corinthians 3:12 - 4:2 We reflect the glory of the Lord (*CEB*, alt)

¹² So, since we have such a hope, we act with great confidence. ¹³ We aren't like Moses, who used to put a veil over his face so that the Israelites couldn't watch the end of what was fading away. ¹⁴ But their minds were closed. Right up to the present day the same veil remains when the old

covenant is read. The veil is not removed because it is taken away by Christ.¹⁵ Even today, whenever Moses is read, a veil lies over their hearts.¹⁶ But whenever someone turns to the Lord, the veil is removed.¹⁷ The Lord is the Spirit, and where the Lord's Spirit is, there is freedom.¹⁸ All of us are looking with unveiled faces at the glory of the Lord as if we were looking in a mirror. We are being transformed into that same image from one degree of glory to the next degree of glory. This comes from the Lord, who is the Spirit.^{4:1} This is why we don't get discouraged, given that we received this ministry in the same way that we received God's mercy.² Instead, we reject secrecy and shameful actions. We don't use deception, and we don't tamper with God's Word. Instead, we commend ourselves to everyone's conscience in the sight of God by the public announcement of the truth.

GOSPEL: Luke 9:28-36 The transfiguration of Jesus (*NLT, alt*)

²⁸ About eight days later Jesus took Peter, John, and James up on a mountain to pray.²⁹ And as He was praying, the appearance of His face was transformed, and His clothes became dazzling white.³⁰ Suddenly, two men, Moses and Elijah, appeared and began talking with Jesus.³¹ They were glorious to see. And they were speaking about His exodus from this world, which was to be fulfilled in Jerusalem.³² Peter and the others had fallen asleep. When they woke up, they saw Jesus' glory and the two men standing with Him.³³ As Moses and Elijah were starting to leave, Peter, not even knowing what he was saying, blurted out, "Master, it's wonderful for us to be here! Let's make three tabernacles—one for You, one for Moses, and one for Elijah."³⁴ But even as he was saying this, a cloud overshadowed them, and terror gripped them as the cloud covered them.³⁵ Then a voice from the cloud said, "This is My Son, My Chosen One. Listen to Him."³⁶ When the voice finished, Jesus was there alone. They didn't tell anyone at that time what they had seen.