

**Today's Readings**  
**19<sup>th</sup> February 2023**  
**The Sunday next**  
**before Lent**

**THE COLLECT**

Holy God,  
you know the disorder  
of our sinful lives:  
set straight our crooked  
hearts,  
and bend our wills to  
love your goodness  
and your glory  
in Jesus Christ our  
Lord.

**FIRST READING**  
**Exodus 24.12-18**

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.' <sup>13</sup> So  
Moses set out with his  
assistant Joshua, and  
Moses went up into the  
mountain of God. <sup>14</sup> 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.'

<sup>15</sup> Then Moses went up  
on the mountain, and  
the cloud covered the  
mountain. <sup>16</sup> 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. <sup>17</sup> 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.

<sup>18</sup> Moses entered the  
cloud, and went up on  
the mountain. Moses  
was on the mountain  
for forty days and forty  
nights.

**SECOND READING**  
**2 Peter 1.16-21**

For 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. <sup>17</sup> For he  
received honour 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.'

<sup>18</sup> We ourselves heard  
this voice come from  
heaven, while we were  
with him on the holy  
mountain.

<sup>19</sup> 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. <sup>20</sup> First of all you  
must understand this,  
that no prophecy of  
scripture is a matter of  
one's own

interpretation,  
<sup>21</sup> because no prophecy  
ever came by human  
will, but men and  
women moved by the  
Holy Spirit spoke from  
God.

**GOSPEL**

**Matthew 17.1-9**

Six days later, Jesus  
took with him Peter and  
James and his brother  
John and led them up a  
high mountain, by  
themselves. <sup>2</sup> And he  
was transfigured before  
them, and his face  
shone like the sun, and  
his clothes became  
dazzling white.

<sup>3</sup> Suddenly there  
appeared to them  
Moses and Elijah,  
talking with him. <sup>4</sup> Then  
Peter said to Jesus,  
'Lord, it is good for us  
to be here; if you wish,  
I will make three  
dwellings here, one for  
you, one for Moses,  
and one for Elijah.'

<sup>5</sup> While he was still  
speaking, suddenly a  
bright cloud  
overshadowed them,  
and from the cloud a  
voice said, 'This is my  
Son, the Beloved; with  
him I am well pleased;  
listen to him!' <sup>6</sup> When  
the disciples heard this,  
they fell to the ground  
and were overcome by

fear. <sup>7</sup> But Jesus came  
and touched them,  
saying, 'Get up and do  
not be afraid.' <sup>8</sup> And  
when they looked up,  
they saw no one  
except Jesus himself  
alone.

<sup>9</sup> As they were coming  
down the mountain,  
Jesus ordered them,  
'Tell no one about the  
vision until after the  
Son of Man has been  
raised from the dead.'

**POST COMMUNION**  
**PRAYER**

Holy God,  
we see your glory in  
the face of Jesus  
Christ:  
may we who are  
partakers at his table  
reflect his life in word  
and deed,  
that all the world may  
know his power to  
change and save.  
This we ask through  
Jesus Christ our Lord.