

A reading from Exodus chapter 34 verses 29 through 35. You can find this reading on page 75 of your pew Bible.

When Moses came down from Mount Sinai, with the two tablets of the testimony in his hand as he came down from the mountain, Moses did not know that the skin of his face shone because he had been talking with God. Aaron and all the people of Israel saw Moses, and behold, the skin of his face shone, and they were afraid to come near him. But Moses called to them, and Aaron and all the leaders of the congregation returned to him, and Moses talked with them. Afterward all the people of Israel came near, and he commanded them all that the Lord had spoken with him in Mount Sinai. And when Moses had finished speaking with them, he put a veil over his face.

Whenever Moses went in before the Lord to speak with him, he would remove the veil, until he came out. And when he came out and told the people of Israel what he was commanded, the people of Israel would see the face of Moses, that the skin of Moses' face was shining. And Moses would put the veil over his face again, until he went in to speak with him.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Please join me in praying Psalm 99.

Leader: The Lord reigns; let the peoples tremble!
He sits enthroned upon the cherubim; let the earth quake!

**People: The Lord is great in Zion;
he is exalted over all the peoples.**

Leader: Let them praise your great and awesome name!
Holy is he!

**People: The King in his might loves justice.
You have established equity;**

Leader: you have executed justice
and righteousness in Jacob.

**People: Exalt the Lord our God;
worship at his footstool!
Holy is he!**

Leader: Moses and Aaron were among his priests,
Samuel also was among those who called upon his name.
They called to the Lord, and he answered them.

**People: In the pillar of the cloud he spoke to them;
they kept his testimonies
and the statute that he gave them.**

Leader: O Lord our God, you answered them;
you were a forgiving God to them,
but an avenger of their wrongdoings.

**People: Exalt the Lord our God,
and worship at his holy mountain;
for the Lord our God is holy!**

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

**Leader: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ
according to Luke.**

People: Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Now about eight days after these sayings he took with him Peter and John and James and went up on the mountain to pray. And as he was praying, the appearance of his face was altered, and his clothing became dazzling white. And behold, two men were talking with him, Moses and Elijah, who appeared in glory and spoke of his departure, which he was about to accomplish at Jerusalem. Now Peter and those who were with him were heavy with sleep, but when they became fully awake they saw his glory and the two men who stood with him. And as the men were parting from him, Peter said to Jesus, “Master, it is good that we are here. Let us make three tents, one for you and one for Moses and one for Elijah”—not knowing what he said. As he was saying these things, a cloud came and overshadowed them, and they were afraid as they entered the cloud. And a voice came out of the cloud, saying, “This is my Son, my Chosen One; listen to him!” And when the voice had spoken, Jesus was found alone. And they kept silent and told no one in those days anything of what they had seen.

Leader: The Gospel of the Lord

People: Praise to you, Lord Christ.