Reading for Sunday, August 6th -A Transfiguration of the Lord

Reading 1, Daniel 7:9-10, 13-14

⁹ While I was watching, thrones were set in place and one most venerable took his seat. His robe was white as snow, the hair of his head as pure as wool. His <u>throne</u> was a blaze of flames, its wheels were a burning fire. ¹⁰ A stream of fire poured out, issuing from his presence. A thousand thousand waited on him, ten thousand times ten thousand stood before him. The court was in session and the books lay open. ¹³ I was gazing into the <u>visions</u> of the night, when I saw, coming on the clouds of heaven, as it were a son of man. He came to the One most venerable and was led into his presence. ¹⁴ On him was conferred rule, <u>honour</u> and kingship, and all peoples, nations and languages became his servants. His rule is an everlasting rule which <u>will</u> never pass away, and his kingship <u>will</u> never come to an end.

Responsorial Psalm, Psalms 97:1-2, 5-6, 9

- ¹ Yahweh is king! Let earth rejoice, the many isles be glad! ² Cloud, black cloud enfolds him, saving <u>justice</u> and judgement the foundations of his throne.
- ⁵ The mountains melt like wax, before the <u>Lord</u> of all the earth. ⁶ The heavens proclaim his saving justice, all nations see his glory.
- ⁹ For you are Yahweh, Most High over all the earth, far transcending all gods.

Reading 2, Second Peter 1:16-19

When we told you about the power and the coming of our <u>Lord Jesus</u> Christ, we were not slavishly repeating cleverly invented myths; no, we had seen his majesty with our own eyes. ¹⁷ He was honoured and glorified by <u>God</u> the Father, when a voice came to him from the transcendent Glory, This is my Son, the Beloved; he enjoys my favour. ¹⁸ We ourselves heard this voice from heaven, when we were with him on the holy mountain. ¹⁹ So we have <u>confirmation</u> of the words of the prophets; and you <u>will</u> be <u>right</u> to pay attention to it as to a lamp for lighting a way through the dark, until the dawn comes and the morning star rises in your minds.

Gospel, Matthew 17:1-9

- ¹ Six days later, <u>Jesus</u> took with him Peter and <u>James</u> and his brother <u>John</u> and led them up a high mountain by themselves. ² There in their presence he was transfigured: his face shone like the sun and his clothes became as dazzling as light.
- ³ And suddenly Moses and Elijah appeared to them; they were talking with him.
- ⁴ Then Peter spoke to Jesus. 'Lord,' he said, 'it is wonderful for us to be here; if you want me to, I <u>will</u> make three shelters here, one for you, one for <u>Moses</u> and one for Elijah.' ⁵ He was still speaking when suddenly a bright cloud covered them with shadow, and suddenly from the cloud there came a voice which said, 'This is my Son, the Beloved; he enjoys my favour. Listen to him.' ⁶ When they heard this, the disciples fell on their faces, overcome with fear. ⁷ But <u>Jesus</u> came up and touched them, saying, 'Stand up, do not be afraid.' ⁸ And when they raised their eyes they saw no one but Jesus. ⁹ As they came down from the mountain <u>Jesus</u> gave them this order, 'Tell no one about this vision until the Son of <u>man</u> has risen from the dead.