**18th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (A)**

**Collect**

**O God, who in the glorious Transfiguration of your Only Begotten Son confirmed the mysteries of faith by the witness of the Fathers and wonderfully prefigured our full adoption to sonship, grant, we pray, to your servants, that, listening to the voice of your Beloved Son, we may merit to be co-heirs with him.**

**Who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,**

**one God, for ever and ever.**

**1st. READING** (Dn 7:9-10)

As I watched, Thrones were set up and the Ancient One took his throne.

His clothing was snow bright, and the hair on his head as white as wool; his throne was flames of fire, with wheels of burning fire. A surging stream of fire flowed out from where he sat;

thousands upon thousands were ministering to him, and myriads upon myriads attended him. The court was convened, and the books were opened. As the visions during the night continued, I saw one like a son of man coming, on the clouds of heaven; when he reached the Ancient One and was presented before him, the one like a Son of man received dominion, glory, and kingship; all peoples, nations and languages serve him. His dominion is an everlasting dominion that shall not be taken away, his kingship shall not be destroyed.

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM** (Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 9)

R. The Lord is king, the most high over all the earth. / The LORD is king; let the earth rejoice; let the many islands be glad. Clouds and darkness are round about him; justice and judgment are the foundation of his throne./The mountains melt like wax before the LORD, before the LORD of all the earth. The heavens proclaim his justice; all peoples see his glory./

Because you, O LORD, are the Most High over all the earth, exalted far above all gods.

**2nd. READING** (2 Pt 1:16-19)

Beloved: 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. For he received honor and glory from God the Father when that unique declaration came to him from the majestic glory, This is my Son, my beloved, with whom I am well pleased.” We ourselves heard this voice come from heaven while we were with him on the holy mountain.

Moreover, we possess the prophetic message that is altogether reliable.

You will do well to be attentive to it, as to a lamp shining in a dark place, until day dawns and the morning star rises in your hearts.

**GOSPEL** (Mt 17:1-9)

esus took Peter, James, and his brother John, and led them up a high mountain by themselves. And he was transfigured before them; his face shone like the sun and his clothes became white as light. And behold, Moses and Elijah appeared to them, conversing with him. Then Peter said to Jesus in reply, “Lord, it is good that we are here. If you wish, I will make three tents here, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah.” While he was still speaking, behold, a bright cloud cast a shadow over them, then from the cloud came a voice that said,

“This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased; listen to him.” When the disciples heard this, they fell prostrate and were very much afraid.

But Jesus came and touched them, saying, “Rise, and do not be afraid.”

And when the disciples raised their eyes, they saw no one else but Jesus alone. As they were coming down from the mountain, Jesus charged them, “Do not tell the vision to anyone until the Son of Man has been raised from the dead.”

**Prayer over the Offerings**

**Sanctify, O Lord, we pray,**

**these offerings here made to celebrate the glorious Transfiguration of your Only begotten Son, and by his radiant splendor cleanse us from the stains of sin. Through Christ our Lord.**

**Prayer after Communion**

**May the heavenly nourishment we have received, O Lord, we pray,**

**transform us into the likeness of your Son, whose radiant splendor you willed to make manifest**

**in his glorious Transfiguration.**

**Through Christ our Lord.**