First Scripture Reading **2 Corinthians 4:3-6** from the Common English Bible

³And even if our gospel is veiled, it is veiled to those who are on the road to destruction. ⁴The god of this age has blinded the minds of those who don't have faith so they couldn't see the light of the gospel that reveals Christ's glory. Christ is the image of God. ⁵We don't preach about ourselves. Instead, we preach about Jesus Christ as Lord, and we describe ourselves as your slaves for Jesus' sake. ⁶God said that light should shine out of the darkness. He is the same one who shone in our hearts to give us the light of the knowledge of God's glory in the face of Jesus Christ.

Psalm Reading 50:1-6 from the Common English Bible

¹From the rising of the sun to where it sets, God, the Lord God, speaks, calling out to the earth.

²From Zion, perfect in beauty, God shines brightly.

³Our God is coming; he won't keep quiet. A devouring fire is before him; a storm rages all around him.

⁴God calls out to the skies above and to the earth in order to judge his people:

⁵"Bring my faithful to me, those who made a covenant with me by sacrifice."

⁶The skies proclaim his righteousness because God himself is the judge.

Second Scripture Reading Mark 9:2-9 from the Common English Bible

²Six days later Jesus took Peter, James, and John, and brought them to the top of a very high mountain where they were alone. He was transformed in front of them, ³and his clothes were amazingly bright, brighter than if they had been bleached white. ⁴Elijah and Moses appeared and were talking with Jesus. ⁵Peter reacted to all of this by saying to Jesus, "Rabbi, it's good that we're here. Let's make three shrines - one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah." ⁶He said this because he didn't know how to respond, for the three of them were terrified. ⁷Then a cloud overshadowed them, and a voice spoke from the cloud, "This is my Son, whom I dearly love. Listen to him!" ⁸Suddenly, looking around, they no longer saw anyone with them except Jesus. ⁹As they were coming down the mountain, he ordered them not to tell anyone what they had seen until after the Human One had risen from the dead.