

# SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

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## ENTRANCE HYMN

1. I will never forget you, my people;  
I have carved you on the palm of my hand.  
I will never forget you;  
I will not leave you orphaned.  
I will never forget my own.

2. Does a mother forget her baby?  
Or a woman the child within her womb?  
Yet even if these forget,  
yes, even if these forget,  
I will never forget my own.



2. O Lord, hear my voice when I call;  
have mercy and answer.  
Of you my heart has spoken:  
'Seek his face.' (R.)

3. It is your face, O Lord, that I seek;  
hide not your face.  
Dismiss not your servant in anger;  
you have been my help. (R.)

4. I am sure I shall see the Lord's goodness  
in the land of the living.  
Hope in him, hold firm and take heart.  
Hope in the Lord! (R.)

## FIRST READING

A reading from the book of Genesis

15:5-12.17-18

*God enters into a Covenant with Abraham, the man of faith.*

Taking Abram outside the Lord said, 'Look up to heaven and count the stars if you can. Such will be your descendants' he told him. Abram put his faith in the Lord, who counted this as making him justified.

'I am the Lord' he said to him 'who brought you out of Ur of the Chaldaeans to make you heir to this land.' 'My Lord, the Lord' Abram replied 'how am I to know that I shall inherit it?' He said to him, 'Get me a three-year-old heifer, a three-year-old goat, a three-year-old ram, a turtledove and a young pigeon.' He brought him all these, cut them in half and put half on one side and half facing it on the other; but the birds he did not cut in half. Birds of prey came down on the carcasses but Abram drove them off.

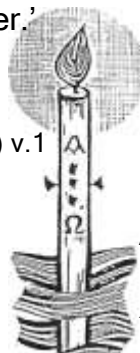
Now as the sun was setting Abram fell into a deep sleep, and terror seized him. When the sun had set and darkness had fallen, there appeared a smoking furnace and a firebrand that went between the halves. That day the Lord made a Covenant with Abram in these terms: 'To your descendants I give this land, from the wadi of Egypt to the Great River.'

The word of the Lord.

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM** Ps26:1.7-9.13-14.R) v.1

**R. The Lord is my light and my help.**

1 The Lord is my light and my help;  
whom shall I fear?  
The Lord is the stronghold of my life;  
before whom shall I shrink? (R.)



## SECOND READING

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the  
Philippians

3:17-4:1

*Christ will transfigure our bodies into copies of his glorious body.*

My brothers, be united in following my rule of life. Take as your models everybody who is already doing this and study them as you used to study us. I have told you often, and I repeat it today with tears, there are many who are behaving as the enemies of the cross of Christ. They are destined to be lost. They make foods into their god and they are proudest of something they ought to think shameful; the things they think important are earthly things.  
\*For us, our homeland is in heaven, and from heaven comes the saviour we are waiting for, the Lord Jesus Christ, and he will transfigure these wretched bodies of ours into copies of his glorious body. He will do that by the same power with which he can subdue the whole universe.

So then, my brothers and dear friends, do not give way but remain faithful in the Lord. I miss you very much, dear friends; you are my joy and my crown.

The word of the Lord.\*

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

Mt 17:5

Glory and praise to you, O Christ!

**GOSPEL**

A reading from the holy Gospel according to  
Luke

9:28-36

*As Jesus prayed, the aspect of his face was changed.*

Jesus took with him Peter and John and James and went up the mountain to pray. As he prayed, the aspect of his face was changed and his clothing became brilliant as lightning. Suddenly there were two men there talking to him; they were Moses and Elijah appearing in glory, and they were speaking of his passing which he was to accomplish in Jerusalem. Peter and his companions were heavy with sleep, but they kept awake and saw his glory and the two men standing with him. As these were leaving him, Peter said to Jesus, 'Master, it is wonderful for us to be here; so let us make three tents, one for you, one for Moses and one for Elijah.' - He did not know what he was saying. As he spoke, a cloud came and covered them with shadow; and when they went into the cloud the disciples were afraid. And a voice came from the cloud saying, 'This is my Son, the Chosen One. Listen to him'. And after the voice had spoken, Jesus was found alone. The disciples kept silence and, at that time, told no one what they had seen.

The Gospel of the Lord.

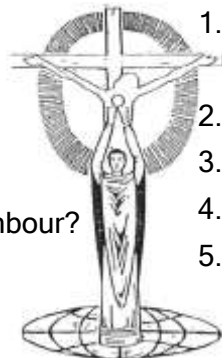
**APOSTLES' CREED**

I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
 Creator of heaven and earth,  
 and in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,  
 (All bow)  
 who was conceived by the Holy Spirit  
 born of the Virgin Mary,  
 suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
 was crucified, died and was buried;  
 he descended into hell;  
 on the third day he rose again from the dead;  
 he ascended into heaven,  
 and is seated at the right hand of God the Father  
 almighty;  
 from there he will come to judge the living and the  
 dead,

I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
 the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints,  
 the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body,  
 and life everlasting. Amen.

**OFFERTORY HYMN**

1. In bread we bring you, Lord, our bodies  
 labour.  
 In wine we offer you, our spirit's grief.  
 We do not ask you, Lord, who is my neighbour?



but stand united now, one in belief.  
 Oh we have gladly heard, your Word, your holy  
 Word,  
 and now in answer, Lord, our gifts we bring.  
 Our selfish hearts make true, our failing faith renew,  
 our lives belong to you, our Lord and King.

2. The bread we offer you is blessed and broken,  
 and it becomes for us our spirit's food.  
 Over the cup we bring your Word is spoken;  
 make it your gift to us, your healing blood.  
 Take all that daily toil, plants in our heart's poor soil  
 take all we start and spoil, each hopeful dream,  
 the chances we have missed, the graces we resist,  
 Lord, in thy Eucharist, take and redeem.

**COMMUNION HYMNS**

*Jesus meek and humble of heart,  
 Make my heart like yours.*

1. Come to me you who are heavily broken  
 And I will give you rest.  
 Take my yoke and learn from me  
 I am meek and humble of heart.
2. Come to me you who are thirsting for water  
 And I will give you drink  
 Come and stay beneath my cross.  
 From my heart flows living streams
3. Follow me why do you walk in the darkness?  
 When I'm the light of life?  
 Come to where my Father dwells  
 I am the way the truth and the life.

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1. Soul of my Saviour, sanctify my breast;  
 Body of Christ, be thou my saving guest;  
 Blood of my Saviour, bathe me in thy tide,  
 Wash me with water flowing from thy side.
2. Strength and protection may thy Passion be;  
 O Blessed Jesus, hear and answer me;  
 deep in thy wounds, Lord, hide and shelter me;  
 so shall I never, never part from thee.
3. Guard and defend me from the foe malign;  
 in death's dread moments make me only thine;  
 call me, and bid me come to thee on high,  
 when I may praise thee with my saints for aye.

**RECESSIONAL HYMN**

1. I have decided to follow Jesus (3)  
*Ch: No turning back, no turning back*
2. The world behind me, the cross before me (3)
3. Though none go with me, still I will follow (3)
4. O take the whole world but give me Jesus (3)
5. We have decided to follow Jesus (3)