

SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

Year B

ENTRANCE HYMN *(tune: All people that on earth)*

1. Transfigured Christ, none comprehends
your majesty, whose splendour stuns
all waking souls; whose light transcends
the brightness of a thousand suns!
2. You stand with Moses on the hill,
you speak of your new exodus.
The way through death you will fulfill
by dying helpless on the cross.
3. You stand here with Elijah too,
by whom the still small voice was heard;
and you, yourself, will prove God true,
made mute in death, incarnate Word.
4. If we could bear your brightness here
and stay forever in your light,
then we would conquer grief and fear,
and scorn the terrors of the night.
5. But, from the heights, you bring us down
to share earth's agonies with you,
where piercing thorns are made your crown
and death, accepted, proves love true.
6. Majestic Christ, God's well-loved Son,
if we must share your grief and loss,
transfigure us, when all is done,
with glory shining from your cross.

FIRST READING

A reading from the book of Genesis 22:1-2.9-13.15-18
The sacrifice of Abraham, our father in faith.

God put Abraham to the test. 'Abraham, Abraham' he called. 'Here I am' he replied. 'Take your son,' God said 'your only child Isaac, whom you love, and go to the land of Moriah. There you shall offer him as a burnt offering, on a mountain I will point out to you.' When they arrived at the place God had pointed out to him, Abraham built an altar there and arranged the wood. Then he stretched out his hand and seized the knife to kill his son. But the angel of the Lord called to him from heaven. 'Abraham, Abraham' he said. 'I am here' he replied. 'Do not raise your hand against the boy' the angel said. 'Do not harm him, for now I know you fear God. You have not refused me your son, your only son.' Then looking up, Abraham saw a ram caught by its horns in a bush. Abraham took the ram and offered it as a burnt-offering in place of his son. The angel of the Lord called Abraham a second time from heaven. 'I swear by my own self - it is the Lord who speaks - because you have done this, because you have not refused me your son, your only son, I will shower blessings on you, I will make your descendants as many as the stars of heaven and the grains of sand on the seashore. Your descendants shall gain possession of the gates of their enemies. All the nations of the earth shall bless themselves by your descendants, as a reward for your obedience.' The word of the Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM Ps 115:10.15-19.R) Ps 114:9

**R. I will walk in the presence of the Lord
in the land of the living.**

1. I trusted, even when I said:
'I am sorely afflicted.'
O precious in the eyes of the Lord
is the death of his faithful. (R.)
2. Your servant, Lord, your servant am I;
you have loosened my bonds.

A thanksgiving sacrifice I make:
I will call on the Lord's name. (R.)

3. My vows to the Lord I will fulfill
before all his people,
in the courts of the house of the Lord,
in your midst, O Jerusalem. (R.)

SECOND READING

A reading from the letter of St. Paul to the Romans 8:31-34
God did not spare his own Son.

With God on our side who can be against us? Since God did not spare his own Son, but gave him up to benefit us all, we may be certain, after such a gift, that he will not refuse anything he can give. Could anyone accuse those that God has chosen? When God acquits, could anyone condemn? Could Christ Jesus? No! He not only died for us - he rose from the dead, and there at God's right hand he stands and pleads for us. The word of the Lord.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Mt 17:5

Praise to you, O Christ, king of eternal glory! From the bright cloud the Father's voice was heard: "This is my Son, the Beloved. Listen to him! *Praise to you...*

GOSPEL

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark 9:2-10
This is my Son, the Beloved.

Jesus took with him Peter and James and John and led them up a high mountain where they could be alone by themselves. There in their presence he was transfigured: his clothes became dazzlingly white, whiter than any earthly bleacher could make them. Elijah appeared to them with Moses; and they were talking with Jesus. Then Peter spoke to Jesus. 'Rabbi', he said '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 to say; they were so frightened. And a cloud came, covering them in shadow; and there came a voice from the cloud, 'This is my Son, the Beloved. Listen to him.' Then suddenly, when they looked round, they saw no one with them any more but only Jesus. As they came down the mountain he warned them to tell no one what they had seen, until after the Son of Man had risen from the dead. They observed the warning faithfully, though among themselves they discussed what 'rising from the dead' could mean. The Gospel of the Lord.

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I believe in one God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all things visible and invisible. I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ, the Only Begotten Son of God, born of the Father before all ages. God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, consubstantial with the Father; through him all things were made. For us men and for our salvation he came down from heaven; (*All bow*) and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the Virgin Mary, and became man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate, he suffered death and was buried, and rose again on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is adored and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. I believe in one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church. I confess one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins and I look forward to the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.

OFFERTORY HYMN (*tune: O Father, take in sign*)

1. O raise your eyes on high and see
There stands our sovereign Lord,
His glory is this day revealed,
His Word a two-edged sword.
2. We glimpse the splendor and the power
Of him who conquered death,
The Christ in whom the universe
Knows God's creating breath.
3. Of every creed and nation King
In him all strife is stilled;
The promise made to Abraham
In him has been fulfilled.
4. The prophets stand and with great joy
Give witness as they gaze;
The Father with a sign has sealed
Our trust, our hope, our praise,
5. This glory that today our eyes
Have glimpsed of God's own Son
Will help us ever sing with Love
Of Three who are but One.

COMMUNION HYMNS

1. Be still for the presence of the Lord
The Holy One is here
Come bow before him now
In reverence and fear
In Him no sin is found
We stand on Holy ground
Be still for the presence of the Lord
The Holy One is here.
2. Be still for the glory of the Lord
Is shining all around
He burns with Holy fire
With splendor He is crowned
How awesome is the sight
Our radiant King of light
Be still for the glory of the Lord
Is shining all around.
3. Be still for the power of the Lord
Is moving in this place
He comes to cleanse and heal
To minister His grace
No work too hard for Him
In faith receive from Him
Be still for the power of the Lord
Is moving in this place.
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1. "Take up your cross," the Saviour said,  
"If you would my disciple be;  
Deny yourself, the world forsake,  
And humbly follow after me."
2. Take up your cross: let not its weight  
Fill your weak spirit with alarm;  
His strength shall bear your spirit up,  
And brace your heart and nerve your arm.
3. Take up your cross, heed not the shame,  
And let your foolish heart be still;  
The Lord for you accepted death  
Upon a cross on Calv'ry's hill.

4. Take up your cross, then, in his strength,  
And calmly ev'ry danger brave:  
It guides you to a better home  
And leads to vict'ry o'er the grave.
5. Take up your cross and follow Christ,  
Nor think till death to lay it down;  
For only those who bear the cross  
May hope to wear the glorious crown.  
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1. Be Thou my vision, O Lord of my heart;
Naught be all else to me, save that Thou art;
Thou my best thought, by day or by night;
Waking or sleeping, Thy presence my light.
2. Be Thou my wisdom, and Thou my true Word;
I ever with Thee and Thou with me, Lord;
Thou my great Father and I, Thy true son;
Thou in me dwelling, and I with Thee one.
3. Riches I heed not, nor man's empty praise;
Thou mine inheritance, now and always;
Thou and Thou only, first in my heart;
High King of heaven, my treasure Thou art.
4. High King of heaven, my victory won;
May I reach heaven's joys; bright heaven's Sun!
Heart of my own heart whatever befall;
Still be my vision, O Ruler of all.
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1. Meekness and majesty | Manhood and deity  
In perfect harmony | The Man who is God  
Lord of eternity | Dwells in humanity  
Kneels in humility | And washes our feet  
  
*Oh what a mystery: | Meekness and majesty!  
Bow down and worship| For this is your God  
This is your God*
2. Father's pure radiance | Perfect in innocence  
Yet loves obedience| To death on a cross  
Suffering to give us life | Conquering through  
sacrifice | And as they crucify, prays "Father  
forgive"
3. Wisdom unsearchable | God the invisible  
Love indestructible| In frailty appears  
Lord of infinity | Stopping so tenderly  
Lifts our humanity to the heights of His throne

**RECESSIONAL** (*tune: From all that dwell*)

1. The Father's holy ones, the blest,  
Who drank the chalice of the Lord,  
Have learned that bitterness is sweet  
And courage keener than the sword.
2. In darkness they were unafraid,  
And kept alight their living fire;  
They now keep timeless days of joy,  
Where God gives all their hearts desire.
3. May all that splendid company,  
Whom Christ in glory came to meet,  
Help us on our uneven road  
Made smoother by their passing feet.
4. O Father, Son and Spirit blest,  
May we keep faith till time shall cease;  
Grant us a place among your saints,  
The poor who served the Prince of Peace.