

# SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

February 28, 2021

## *Entrance Chant*

Of you my heart has spoken,  
Seek his face.  
It is your face, O Lord, that I seek;  
Hide not your face from me.

## *Psalm 17:8-9*

OR

## *Psalm 25:6, 2, 22*

Remember your compassion, O Lord,  
And your merciful love, for they are from of old.  
Let not our enemies exult over us.  
Redeem us, O God of Israel, from all our distress.

## *First Reading*

## *Genesis 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18*

God put Abraham to the test.  
He called to him, "Abraham!"  
"Here I am!" he replied.  
Then God said:  
"Take your son Isaac, your only one, whom you love,  
and go to the land of Moriah.  
There you shall offer him up as a holocaust  
on a height that I will point out to you."

When they came to the place of which God had told him,  
Abraham built an altar there and arranged the wood on it.  
Then he reached out and took the knife to slaughter his son.  
But the LORD's messenger called to him from heaven,  
"Abraham, Abraham!"  
"Here I am!" he answered.  
"Do not lay your hand on the boy," said the messenger.  
"Do not do the least thing to him.  
I know now how devoted you are to God,

since you did not withhold from me your own beloved son."  
As Abraham looked about,  
he spied a ram caught by its horns in the thicket.  
So he went and took the ram  
and offered it up as a holocaust in place of his son.

Again the LORD's messenger called to Abraham from heaven and said:

"I swear by myself, declares the LORD,  
that because you acted as you did  
in not withholding from me your beloved son,  
I will bless you abundantly  
and make your descendants as countless  
as the stars of the sky and the sands of the seashore;  
your descendants shall take possession  
of the gates of their enemies,  
and in your descendants all the nations of the earth  
shall find blessing—  
all this because you obeyed my command."

## *Responsorial Psalm*

## *Psalm 116:10, 15, 16-17, 18-19*

**R. (116:9) I will walk before the Lord, in the land of the living.**

I believed, even when I said,  
"I am greatly afflicted."

Precious in the eyes of the LORD  
is the death of his faithful ones.

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

O LORD, I am your servant;

I am your servant, the son of your handmaid;  
you have loosed my bonds.

To you will I offer sacrifice of thanksgiving,  
and I will call upon the name of the LORD.

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

My vows to the LORD I will pay

in the presence of all his people,

In the courts of the house of the LORD,  
in your midst, O Jerusalem.

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

***Second Reading***

***Romans 8:31b-34***

Brothers and sisters:  
If God is for us, who can be against us?  
He who did not spare his own Son  
but handed him over for us all,  
how will he not also give us everything else along with him?

Who will bring a charge against God's chosen ones?  
It is God who acquits us, who will condemn?  
Christ Jesus it is who died—or, rather, was raised—  
who also is at the right hand of God,  
who indeed intercedes for us.

***Verse before the Gospel***

***Matthew 17:5***

From the shining cloud the Father's voice is heard:  
This is my beloved Son, listen to him.

***Gospel***

***Mark 9:2-10***

Jesus took Peter, James, and John  
and led them up a high mountain apart by themselves.  
And he was transfigured before them,  
and his clothes became dazzling white,  
such as no fuller on earth could bleach them.  
Then Elijah appeared to them along with Moses,  
and they were conversing with Jesus.  
Then Peter said to Jesus in reply,  
"Rabbi, it is good that we are here!  
Let us make three tents:  
one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah."  
He hardly knew what to say, they were so terrified.  
Then a cloud came, casting a shadow over them;  
from the cloud came a voice,  
"This is my beloved Son. Listen to him."

Suddenly, looking around, they no longer saw anyone  
but Jesus alone with them.

As they were coming down from the mountain,  
he charged them not to relate what they had seen to anyone,  
except when the Son of Man had risen from the dead.  
So they kept the matter to themselves,  
questioning what rising from the dead meant.

***Creed***

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,  
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

### ALL THAT IS HIDDEN

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1. If you would fol-low me, fol-low where life will lead: —
2. If you would hon-or me, hon-or the least of these: —
3. If you would speak of me, live all your life in me: —
4. If you would rise with me, rise through your des-ti-ny: —



1. — do not look for me a-mong the dead, for I am
2. — you will not find me dressed in fin-er-y. My Word cries
3. — my ways are not the ways that you would choose; my thoughts are
4. — do not re-fuse the death which brings you life, for as the



1. hid-den in pain, — ris-en in love; there is no
2. out to be heard; — breaks through the world: my Word is
3. far be-yond yours, — as heav-en from earth: if you be-
4. grain in the earth — must die for re-birth, so I have

#### Refrain



1. har-vest with-out sow-ing of grain. All that is hid-den
2. on your lips and lives in your heart.
3. lieve in me my voice will be heard.
4. plant-ed your life deep with-in mine.



will be made clear. All that is dark now will be re-vealed.



What you have heard in the dark pro-claim in the light; what you



hear in whis-pers pro-claim from the house-tops.

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## Communion Chant

## Matthew 17:5

This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased;  
Listen to Him.

### *An Act of Spiritual Communion*

My Jesus, I believe that You are present in the Most Holy Sacrament. I love You above all things, and I desire to receive You into my soul. Since I cannot now receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace You as if You were already there and unite myself wholly to You. Never permit me to be separated from You. Amen.

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