

Readings at Mass on the Second Sunday of Lent (Year A)

FIRST READING

GENESIS 12.1-4

A reading from the book, Genesis

The Lord said to Abram, 'Leave your country, your family and your father's house, for the land I will show you. I will make you a great nation; I will bless you and make your name so famous that it will be used as a blessing. I will bless those who bless you: I will curse those who slight you. All the tribes of the earth shall bless themselves by you.' So Abram went as the Lord told him.

The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps. 32.4-5, 18-20, 22; R. v. 22

**R. May your love be upon us, O Lord,
as we place all our hope in you.**

The word of the Lord is faithful
and all his works to be trusted.

The Lord loves justice and right
and fills the earth with his love. **R.**

The Lord looks on those who revere him,
on those who hope in his love,
to rescue their souls from death,
to keep them alive in famine. **R.**

Our soul is waiting for the Lord.
The Lord is our help and our shield.
May your love be upon us, O Lord,
as we place all our hope in you. **R.**

SECOND READING

2 TIMOTHY 1.8-10

A reading from the second letter of St Paul to Timothy

With me, bear the hardships for the sake of the Good News, relying on the power of God who has saved us and called us to be holy - not because of anything we ourselves have done but for his own purpose and by his own grace. This grace had already been granted to us, in Christ Jesus, before the beginning of time, but it has only been revealed by the Appearing of our saviour Christ Jesus. He abolished death, and he has proclaimed life and immortality through the Good News.

The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

R. Glory and praise to you, O Christ!

From the bright cloud the Father's voice was heard:
'*This is my Son, the Beloved. Listen to him.*' **R.**

GOSPEL

MATTHEW 17.1-9

Jesus took with him Peter and James and his brother John and led them up a high mountain where they could be alone. There in their presence he was transfigured; his face shone like the sun and his clothes became as white as the light. Suddenly Moses and Elijah appeared to them; they were talking with him. Then Peter spoke to Jesus. 'Lord,' he said, 'it is wonderful for us to be here; if you wish, I will make three tents here, one for you, one for Moses and one for Elijah.' He was still speaking when suddenly a bright cloud covered them with shadow, and from the cloud there came a voice which said, 'This is my Son, the Beloved; he enjoys my favour. Listen to him.' When they heard this, the disciples fell on their faces, overcome with fear. But Jesus came up and touched them. 'Stand up,' he said, 'do not be afraid.' And when they raised their eyes they saw no one but only Jesus.

As they came down the mountain Jesus gave them this order. 'Tell no one about the vision until the Son of Man has risen from the dead.'

STEWARDSHIP PRAYER

Father almighty, giver of every good and perfect gift, open our hearts and our hands to reflect your generous graciousness: inspire us to reflect humbly and honestly upon our contribution to the mission of your Church, and to offer cheerfully of our time, our talents and our treasure. By our gift to the work and witness of St Mary's, draw us more deeply into the mystery of salvation, into the fellowship of your people and into the image of your Son - for he is Lord of all Creation, Jesus Christ your Son, our Saviour - and it is in his name we pray. Amen.

MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION

The mystery of faith.

**Save us, Saviour of the world, for by
your Cross and Resurrection you have
set us free.**