

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

FIRST READING

GENESIS 12.1-4A

A reading from the Book, Genesis

In those days: *The Lord said to Abram, 'Go from your country and your kindred and your father's house to the land that I will show you. And I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you and make your name great, so that you will be a blessing.*

I will bless those who bless you, and him who dishonours you I will curse, and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed.'

So Abram went, as the Lord had told him.

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

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

PSALM 33(32). 4-5, 18-19, 20, 22; R. v. 22

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

The word of the Lord is upright,
and all his works to be trusted.
The Lord loves justice and right,
and his merciful love fills the earth. **R.**

Yes, the Lord's eyes are on those who fear him,
who hope in his merciful love,
to rescue their soul from death,
to keep them alive in famine. **R.**

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

SECOND READING

2 TIMOTHY 1.8B-10

A reading from the Second Letter of St Paul to Timothy
Beloved: We share in suffering for the gospel by the power of God, who saved us and called us to a holy calling, not because of our works, but because of his own purpose and grace, which he gave us in Christ Jesus before the ages began, and which now has been manifested through the appearing of our Saviour Christ Jesus, who abolished death and brought life and immortality to light through the gospel.

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

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

**R. Praise to you, O Christ, King of
eternal glory!**

**Cease not, wet eyes, His mercies to
entreat; To cry for vengeance
Sin doth never cease R.**

GOSPEL

MATTHEW 17.1-9

At that time: Jesus took with him Peter and James and John his brother, and led them up a high mountain by themselves. And he was transfigured before them, and his face shone like the sun, and his clothes became white as light. And behold, there appeared to them Moses and Elijah, talking with him. And Peter said to Jesus, 'Lord, it is good that we are here. If you wish, I will make three tents here, one for you and one for Moses and one for Elijah.' He was still speaking when, behold, a bright cloud overshadowed them, and a voice from the cloud said, 'This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased; listen to him.' When the disciples heard this, they fell on their faces and were terrified. But Jesus came and touched them, saying, 'Rise, and have no fear.'

And when they lifted up their eyes, they saw no one, but Jesus only. And as they were coming down the mountain, Jesus commanded them, 'Tell no one the vision, until the Son of Man is raised from the dead.'

MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION

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

*The numbers of this evening's Entrance and Offertory
hymns are displayed on the boards on the pillars.*

This evening's incense is Desert Flower