

SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

First Reading: Genesis 22:1-2, 9, 10-13, 15-18

A reading from the book of Genesis.

Then YHWH tested Abraham.

“Abraham!” God called.

“Here I am,” Abraham replied.

“Take your son,” YHWH said, “your only child Isaac, whom you love, and go to the land of Moriah, ‘Seeing.’ Offer him there as a burnt offering, on a mountain I will point out to you.”

When they arrived at the place YHWH had pointed out, Abraham built an altar there, and arranged wood on it. Then he tied up his son Isaac and put him on the altar on top of the wood. Abraham stretched out his hand and seized the knife to kill the child.

But the angel of YHWH called to him from heaven: “Abraham! Abraham!”

“Here I am!” he replied.

“Do not raise your hand against the boy!” the angel said. “Do not do the least thing to him. I know now how deeply you revere YHWH, since you did not refuse me your son, your only child.”

Then looking up, Abraham saw a ram caught by its horns in a bush. He went and took the ram, and offered it up as a burnt offering instead of his child.

The angel of YHWH called Abraham a second time from heaven, and said,

“I swear by myself —
it is YHWH who speaks —
because you have done this,
because you have not refused me your son,
your only child,
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 will possess
the gates of their enemies,
and in your descendants
all the nations of the earth will find blessing —
all this because you obeyed my command.”

The Word of God. R. Thanks be to God.

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Second Reading: Romans 8:31-34

A reading from the letter of Paul to the Romans.

If God is for us, who can be against us? Since God did not spare the Only Begotten, but gave Christ up for the sake of us all, we may be certain, after such a gift, that God will freely give us everything. Who will bring a charge against God's chosen

ones? Since God is the One who justifies, who has the power to condemn? Only Christ Jesus, who died — or rather, was raised — and sits at the right hand of God, and who now intercedes for us!

The Word of God. R. Thanks be to God!

Praise to You, Jesus Christ, who reigns in endless glory!

or

Glory to You, Word of God, Jesus Christ, Savior!

From the shining cloud a voice is heard:

This is my beloved One; listen!

Praise to You, Jesus Christ, who reigns in endless glory!

Gospel Reading: Mark 9:2-10

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Mark.

Jesus took Peter and James and John and led them up a high mountain where they could be alone. And there Jesus was transfigured before their eyes; the clothes Jesus wore became dazzlingly white — whiter than any earthly bleach could make them.

Elijah appeared to them, as did Moses, and the two were talking with Jesus. Then Peter spoke to Jesus. “Rabbi,” he said, “how wonderful it is for us to be here! Let us make three shelters — one for you, one for Moses and one for Elijah.”

Peter did not know what he was saying, so overcome were they all with awe.

Then a cloud formed, overshadowing them; and there came a voice from out of the cloud: “This my Beloved, my Own; listen to this One.” Then suddenly, when they looked around, they saw no one with them anymore — only Jesus.

As they were coming down from the mountain, Jesus gave them orders not to tell anyone what they had seen until after the Promised One had risen from the dead. They agreed to this, though they discussed among themselves what “rising from the dead” could mean.

The Good News of Salvation!

R. Glory and praise to our Savior Jesus Christ!