

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON Cf. Ps 26: 8-9
 Of you my heart has spoken:
 Seek his face.
 It is your face, O Lord, that I seek;
 hide not your face from me.

ENTRANCE HYMN

Be thou my Vision, O Lord of my heart,
 Naught be all else, to me
 save that thou art:
 Thou my best thought in the
 day and the night,
 Waking or sleeping,
 thy presence my light.

Riches I heed not, nor man's
 empty praise
 Thou mine inheritance through
 all my days;
 Thou, and thou only,
 the first in my heart,
 High King of heaven, my treasure
 thou art!

High King of heaven,
 when battle is done
 grant heaven's joy to me bright
 heaven's sun;
 Christ of my own heart, whatever
 befall,
 still be my Vision, O Ruler of all.

Priest: In the name of the Father and
 of the Son, and of the Holy
 Spirit.

People: **Amen.**

Grace to you and peace from God our
 Father
 and the Lord Jesus Christ.

And with your spirit.

PENITENTIAL ACT

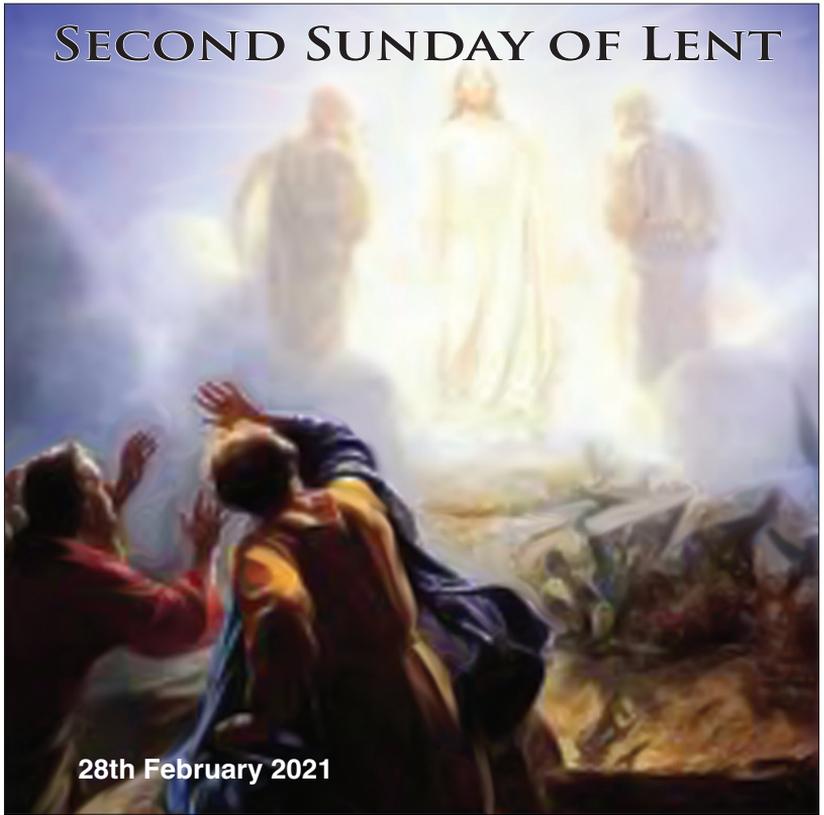
Brethren (Brothers and sisters),
 let us acknowledge our sins,
 and so prepare ourselves to
 celebrate the sacred mysteries.

**I confess to almighty God
 and to you, my brothers and sisters,
 that I have greatly sinned,
 in my thoughts and in my words,
 in what I have done and in what I
 have failed to do,**

Striking your breast as you say:
 through my fault, through my fault,
 through my most grievous fault;

therefore I ask blessed Mary
 ever-Virgin,
 all the Angels and Saints,
 and you, my brothers and sisters,
 to pray for me to the Lord our God.

SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT



28th February 2021

The absolution by the priest follows:

May almighty God have mercy on us,
 forgive us our sins,
 and bring us to everlasting life.
Amen.

Lord have mercy. **Lord have mercy.**
 Christ have mercy. **Christ have mercy.**
 Lord have mercy. **Lord have mercy.**

COLLECT

O God, who have commanded us
 to listen to your beloved Son,
 be pleased, we pray,
 to nourish us inwardly by your word,
 that, with spiritual sight made pure,
 we may rejoice to behold your glory.
 Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your
 Son, who lives and reigns with you
 in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
 God, for ever and ever.

Amen.



THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

FIRST READING 22:1-2.9-13.15-18

**A reading from the book of
 Genesis**

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.

Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps115:10.15-19.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 fulfil
before all his people,
in the courts of the house of the Lord,
in your midst, O Jerusalem. **R.**

SECOND READING

8:31-34

**A reading from the letter of
St Paul to the Romans**

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.

Thanks be to God.

STAND

ACCLAMATION *Mt17.5*

**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."**

Glory and praise to you, O Christ.

GOSPEL

9:2-10

The Lord be with you.

And with your spirit.

A reading from the holy
Gospel according to Mark.



Glory to you, O Lord.

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.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

STAND

PROFESSION OF FAITH

**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 during the next three lines)
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.**

PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL

LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

SIT

Raising the host, the priest says:

Blessed are you, Lord, God of all creation, for through your goodness we have received the bread we offer you: fruit of the earth and work of human hands, it will become for us the bread of life.
Blessed be God for ever.

*The priest pours wine and a little water
into the chalice, saying quietly:*

By the mystery of this water and wine may we come to share in the divinity of Christ, who humbled himself to share in our humanity.

Raising the chalice, the priest says:

Blessed are you, Lord, God of all creation, for through your goodness we have received the wine we offer you: fruit of the vine and work of human hands, it will become our spiritual drink.
Blessed be God for ever.

Bowing the priest says quietly:

With humble spirit and contrite heart may we be accepted by you, O Lord, and may our sacrifice in your sight this day be pleasing to you, O Lord.

Then the priest washes his hands, saying quietly:

Wash me, O Lord, from my iniquity; and cleanse me from my sin.

STAND

Facing the people the priest says:

Pray, brethren (brothers and sisters), that my sacrifice and yours may be acceptable to God, the almighty Father.

May the Lord accept the sacrifice at your hands for the praise and glory of his name, for our good, and the good of all his holy Church.

PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS

May this sacrifice, O Lord, we pray, cleanse us of our faults and sanctify your faithful in body and mind for the celebration of the paschal festivities.

Through Christ our Lord.
Amen.

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER II

PREFACE: The Transfiguration of the Lord.

The Lord be with you.

And with your Spirit.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right and just

It is truly right and just, our duty and our salvation, always and everywhere to give you thanks, Lord, holy Father, almighty and eternal God, through Christ our Lord. For after he had told the disciples of his coming Death, on the holy mountain he manifested to them his glory, to show, even by the testimony of the law and the prophets, that the Passion leads to the glory of the Resurrection. And so, with the Powers of heaven, we worship you constantly on earth, and before your majesty without end we acclaim:

Holy, Holy, Holy Lord God of hosts. Heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

KNEEL

You are indeed Holy, O Lord, the fount of all holiness.

The Priest joins his hands and, holding them extended over the offerings, says:

Make holy, therefore, these gifts, we pray, by sending down your Spirit upon them like the dewfall, so that they may become for us the Body ✠ and Blood of our Lord, Jesus Christ.

At the time he was betrayed and entered willingly into his Passion, he took bread and, giving thanks, broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:

TAKE THIS, ALL OF YOU, AND EAT OF IT, FOR THIS IS MY BODY, WHICH WILL BE GIVEN UP FOR YOU.

In a similar way, when supper was ended, he took the chalice and, once more giving thanks, he gave it to his disciples, saying:

TAKE THIS, ALL OF YOU, AND DRINK FROM IT, FOR THIS IS THE CHALICE OF MY BLOOD, THE BLOOD OF THE NEW AND ETERNAL COVENANT, WHICH WILL BE POURED OUT FOR YOU AND FOR MANY FOR THE FORGIVENESS OF SINS. DO THIS IN MEMORY OF ME.

The mystery of faith

We proclaim your Death, O Lord, and profess your Resurrection until you come again.

Then the Priest, with hands extended, says:

Therefore, as we celebrate the memorial of his Death and Resurrection, we offer you, Lord, the Bread of life and the Chalice of salvation, giving thanks that you have held us worthy to be in your presence and minister to you.

Humbly we pray that, partaking of the Body and Blood of Christ, we may be gathered into one by the Holy Spirit.

Remember, Lord, your Church, spread throughout the world,

and bring her to the fullness of charity, together with Francis, our Pope, N. our Bishop, his assistant Bishop(s), and all the clergy.

Remember also our brothers and sisters who have fallen asleep in the hope of the resurrection, and all who have died in your mercy: welcome them into the light of your face.

Have mercy on us all, we pray, that with the Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of God, with blessed Joseph, her Spouse, with the blessed Apostles, and all the Saints who have pleased you throughout the ages, we may merit to be coheirs to eternal life, and may praise and glorify you through your Son, Jesus Christ.

The Priest takes the chalice and the paten with the host and, elevating both, he says:

Through him, and with him, and in him, O God, almighty Father, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory and honour is yours, for ever and ever.

Amen.

COMMUNION RITE

STAND

At the Saviour's command and formed by divine teaching, we dare to say:

Our Father, who art in heaven . . .

Deliver us, Lord, we pray, from every evil, graciously grant peace in our days, that, by the help of your mercy, we may be always free from sin and safe from all distress, as we await the blessed hope and the coming of our Saviour, Jesus Christ.

For the kingdom, the power and the glory are yours, now and for ever.

Lord Jesus Christ, who said to your Apostles: Peace I leave you, my peace I give you, look not on our sins, but on the faith of your Church, and graciously grant her peace and unity in accordance with your will. Who live and reign for ever and ever.
Amen.



The peace of the Lord be with you
always.

And with your Spirit.

The priest may add these or similar words.

Let us offer each other the sign of peace.

The priest places a small piece of the host in the chalice saying quietly:

May this mingling of the body and
blood of our Lord Jesus Christ
bring eternal life to us who receive it.

Meanwhile the people sing or say:

**Lamb of God, you take away the
sins of the world:
have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God, you take away the
sins of the world
have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God, you take away the
sins of the world
grant us peace.**

◆◆◆ KNEEL ◆◆◆

The priest says quietly:

May the receiving of your Body and
Blood,
Lord Jesus Christ,
not bring me to judgement and
condemnation,
but through your loving mercy
be for me protection in mind and
body, and a healing remedy.

Raising the host the priest says:

Behold the Lamb of God,
behold him who takes away the sins of
the world.
Blessed are those called to the supper
of the Lamb.

And together with the people he says once:

**Lord, I am not worthy
that you should enter under my roof,
but only say the word
and my soul shall be healed.**

May the Body of Christ
keep me safe for eternal life.

The Priest reverently consumes the Body of Christ.

Then he takes the chalice and says quietly:
May the Blood of Christ
keep me safe for eternal life.

The Priest raises a host slightly and shows it to each of the communicants, saying:

The Body of Christ.
Amen.



COMMUNION ANTIPHON *Mt 17: 5*
**This is my beloved Son, with whom
I am well pleased; listen to him.**

COMMUNION HYMN

O bread of heaven, beneath this veil
thou dost my very God conceal;
my Jesus, dearest treasure, hail;
I love thee and adoring kneel;
each loving soul by thee is fed
with thine own self in form of bread.

O food of life, thou who dost give
the pledge of immortality;
I live; no, 'tis not I that live;
God gives me life, God lives in me:
he feeds my soul, he guides my ways,
and every grief with joy repays.

Beloved Lord in heaven above,
there, Jesus, thou awaitest me;
to gaze on thee with changeless love,
yes, thus I hope, thus shall it be:
for how can he deny me heaven
who here on earth himself hath given.

PRIVATE PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

My Jesus, you are with me now,
more close to me even than you
were to Peter, James and John on
the high mountain.
It is wonderful for me to be here,
my soul the tent in which you are
dwelling at this moment.
I believe, Lord; help my unbelief.
Give me the strong faith of
Abraham, my spiritual father.
If you are on my side,
who can be against me?
In giving you to me,
God has given all he can possibly
give.
All I have to do is listen to you.
Speak to me, Lord, in the stillness
of my soul.
Speak, Lord, your servant is
listening.

◆◆◆ STAND ◆◆◆

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

As we receive these glorious
mysteries, we make thanksgiving to
you, O Lord,
for allowing us while still on earth
to be partakers even now of the things
of heaven.
Through Christ our Lord.
Amen.

CONCLUDING RITES

PRAYER OVER THE PEOPLE

Bless your faithful, we pray, O Lord,
with a blessing that endures for ever,
and keep them faithful
to the Gospel of your Only Begotten
Son, so that they may always desire
and at last attain that glory whose
beauty he showed in his own Body,
to the amazement of his Apostles.
Through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The Lord be with you.

And with your spirit.

Bow head for the blessing – short silence

And may the blessing of almighty God,
the Father, and the Son, ✠ and the
Holy Spirit, come down on you and
remain with you for ever.

Amen.

Go and announce the Gospel of
the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

RECESSIONAL HYMN

**Holy God we praise thy name,
Lord of all we bow before thee.
All on earth thy sceptre own.
All in heaven above adore thee.
Endless is thy vast domain.
Ever lasting is thy reign.**

**Hark, with loud and pealing hymn,
Thee the angel choirs are praising;
Cherubim and seraphim,
One unceasing chorus raising,
Ever sing with sweet accord,
Holy, holy, holy Lord.**

**Spare thy people, Lord, we pray,
By a thousand snares surrounded:
Keep us free from sin today;
Never let us be confounded.
All my trust I place in thee,
Never, Lord, abandon me.**