

## SECOND SUNDAY IN LENT, Year B

# Season of lent

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

*The sacrifice of Abraham, our father in faith.*

### **A reading from the book of Genesis**

It happened some time later that God put Abraham to the test.

‘Abraham, Abraham!’ he called.

‘Here I am,’ he replied.

God said,

‘Take your son, your only son, Isaac whom you love, and go to the land of Moriah, and there you shall offer him as a burnt offering on one of the mountains which I shall point out to you.’

When they arrived at the place that God had indicated to him, Abraham built an altar there, and arranged the wood. Then he bound his son Isaac and put him on the altar on top of the wood. Abraham reached out his hand and took the knife to kill his son. But the angel of the Lord called to him from heaven.

‘Abraham, Abraham!’ he said.

‘Here I am,’ he replied.

He said,

‘Do not raise your hand against the boy or do anything to him, for now I know you fear God. You have not refused me your own beloved son.’

Then looking up, Abraham saw a ram caught by its horns in a bush. Abraham went and 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, the Lord declares, that because you have done this, because you have not refused me your own beloved son, I will shower blessings on you and make your descendants as numerous as the stars of heaven and the grains of sand on the seashore. Your descendants will gain possession of the gates of their enemies. All nations on earth will bless themselves by your descendants, because you have obeyed my command.’

The word of the Lord.

*Responsorial # Psalm 115:10,15-19*

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

I trusted, even when I said,  
'I am sorely afflicted,'  
How precious in the eyes of the Lord  
is the death of his faithful.

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

Your servant, Lord, your servant am I,  
the child of your handmaid;  
you have loosened my bonds.  
A thanksgiving sacrifice I will make;  
I will call on the name of the Lord.

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

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.

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

*Second Reading # Romans 8:31-34*

*God did not spare his own Son.*

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

What more shall we say? If God is for us, who can be against us? Since he did not spare his own Son, but gave him up for the sake of us all, will he not with him give us everything else?

Who can bring a charge against those whom God has chosen? It is God who justifies; *who can condemn?* Jesus Christ who died, or rather was raised up, who is also at the right hand of God and who intercedes for us?

The word of the Lord.

*Gospel Acclamation # cf Matthew 17:5*

Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!  
From the shining cloud, the Father's voice is heard:  
this is my beloved Son, hear him.  
Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!

## ***Gospel 7 Mark 9:2-10***

*This is my Son, the beloved; listen to him.*

### **A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark**

Six days later, Jesus took with him Peter and James and John and led them up a high mountain on their own by themselves. In their presence he was transfigured: his clothes became brilliantly white, whiter than any earthly bleacher could make them. Elijah appeared to them with Moses; and they were talking to Jesus.

Then Peter spoke to Jesus,

‘Rabbi,’ he said, ‘it is wonderful for us to be here; so let us make three shelters, 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 from the cloud came a voice,

‘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 were coming down from the mountain he instructed them to tell no one what they had seen, except when the Son of man had risen from the dead. And they kept the matter to themselves, though they puzzled what ‘rising from the dead’ could mean.

The Gospel of the Lord.

*Monday of the second week of Lent*