

Second Sunday in Lent C

13 March 2022

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

First Reading

Genesis 15:5-12, 17-18

A reading from the book of Genesis

The Lord brought Abram outside and said,

"Look toward heaven and count the stars,
if you are able to count them."

Then the Lord said to him,

"So shall your descendants be."

And Abram believed the Lord;

and the Lord reckoned it to him as righteousness.

Then the Lord said to Abram,

"I am the Lord who brought you from Ur of the Chaldeans,
to give you this land to possess."

But Abram said, "O Lord God, how am I to know that I shall possess it?"

The Lord said to him,

"Bring me a heifer three years old, a female goat three years old,
a ram three years old, a turtledove, and a young pigeon."

Abram brought the Lord all these and cut them in two,
laying each half over against the other;

but he did not cut the birds in two.

And when birds of prey came down on the carcasses,

Abram drove them away.

As the sun was going down, a deep sleep fell upon Abram,

and a deep and terrifying darkness descended upon him.

When the sun had gone down and it was dark,

a smoking fire pot and a flaming torch passed between these pieces.

On that day the Lord made a covenant with Abram,

saying, "To your descendants I give this land,

from the river of Egypt to the great river, the river Euphrates."

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 26:1, 7-9, 13-14

R. The Lord is my light and my salvation.

The Lord is my light and my salvation;
whom shall I fear?

The Lord is the stronghold of my life;
Of whom shall I be afraid? **R.**

Hear, O Lord, when I cry aloud,
be gracious to me and answer me!
“Come,” my heart says, “Seek his face.”
Your face, Lord, do I seek. **R.**

Do not hide your face from me.
Do not turn your servant away in anger,
you who have been my help.
Do not cast me off, do not forsake me,
O God of my salvation. **R.**

I believe that I shall see the goodness of the Lord
in the land of the living.
Wait for the Lord; be strong.
and let your heart take courage; wait for the Lord! **R.**

Second Reading

Philippians 3:17 - 4:1

A reading from the letter of Paul to the Philippians

Brothers and sisters,
join in imitating me,
and observe those who live according to the example you have in us.
For many live as enemies of the cross of Christ;
I have often told you of them,
and now I tell you even with tears.
Their end is destruction; their god is the belly;
and their glory is in their shame;
their minds are set on earthly things.

But our citizenship is in heaven,
and it is from there that we are expecting a Saviour,

the Lord Jesus Christ.

He will transform the body of our humiliation
that it may be conformed to the body of his glory,
by the power that also enables him
to make all things subject to himself.

Therefore, my brothers and sisters,
whom I love and long for,
my joy and crown,
stand firm, my beloved, in the Lord in this way.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation

Luke 9:35

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

Luke 9:28-36

A reading from the holy gospel according to Luke
Jesus took with him Peter and John and James,
and went up on the mountain to pray.

And while he was praying,
the appearance of his face changed,
and his clothes became dazzling white.

Suddenly they saw two men, Moses and Elijah, talking to Jesus.
They appeared in glory and were speaking of his departure,
which he was about to accomplish at Jerusalem.

Now Peter and his companions were weighed down with sleep;
but since they had stayed awake,
they saw his glory and the two men who stood with him.

Just as Moses and Elijah were leaving Jesus, Peter said to him,
"Master, it is good for us to be here;
let us make three tents,

one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah."

Peter did not know what he was saying.

While Peter was saying this,

a cloud came and overshadowed them;

and they were terrified as they entered the cloud.

Then from the cloud came a voice that said,

"This is my Son, my Chosen; listen to him!"

When the voice had spoken, Jesus was found alone.

And the disciples kept silent

and in those days told no one any of the things they had seen.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.