

Second Sunday in Lent

INTRODUCTION

INTROIT HYMN— **220**

Hymns Old & New

In the name of the Father,
and of ✠ the Son,
and of the Holy Spirit.

All respond: Amen.

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

The PRAYERS OF PENITENCE are introduced.

**Lord God, we have sinned against you;
we have done evil in your sight.
We are sorry and repent.
Have mercy on us according to your love.
Wash away our wrongdoing
and cleanse us from our sin.
Renew a right spirit within us
and restore us to the joy of your salvation,
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

May the God of love and power
forgive ✠ you and free you from your sins,
heal and strengthen you by his Spirit,
and raise you to new life in Christ our Lord.
Amen.

KYRIE ELEÏSON *is sung.*

Kyrie, eleïson. (× 3) *(Lord, have mercy.)*

Christe, eleïson. (× 3) *(Christ, have mercy.)*

Kyrie, eleïson. (× 3) *(Lord, have mercy.)*

All remain standing for the COLLECT.

Almighty God, you show to those who are in error the light of your truth, that they may return to the way of righteousness: grant to all those who are admitted into the fellowship of Christ's religion, that they may reject those things that are contrary to their profession, and follow all such things as are agreeable to the same; through our Lord Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

LITURGY OF THE WORD

Readings for Year C

FIRST READING

Gen 15.1–12,17–18

A reading from the book of Genesis.

The word of the Lord came to Abram in a vision: "Fear not, Abram, I am your shield; your reward shall be very great." But Abram said, "O Lord God, what will you give me, for I continue childless, and the heir of my house is Eliezer of Damascus?" And Abram said, "Behold, you have given me no offspring, and a member of my household will be my heir." And behold, the word of the Lord came to him: "This man shall not be your heir; your very own son shall be your heir." And he brought him outside and said, "Look towards heaven, and number the stars, if you are able to number them." Then he said to him, "So shall your offspring be." And he believed the Lord, and he counted it to him as righteousness.

And he said to him, "I am the Lord who brought you out from Ur of the Chaldeans to give you this land to possess." But he said, "O Lord God, how am I to know that I shall possess it?" He said to him, "Bring me a heifer three years old, a female goat three years old, a ram three years old, a turtle-dove, and a young pigeon." And he brought him all these, cut them in half, and laid each half over against the other. But he did not cut the birds in half. And when birds of prey came down on the carcasses, Abram drove them away.

As the sun was going down, a deep sleep fell on Abram. And behold, dreadful and great darkness fell upon him.

When the sun had gone down and it was dark, behold, a smoking firepot and a flaming torch passed between these pieces. On that day the Lord made a covenant with Abram, saying, "To your offspring I give this land, from the river of Egypt to the great river, the river Euphrates."

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

from Ps 27

℟. The Lord is my light and my help.

(All repeat)

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

The Lord is the stronghold of my life;
of whom then shall I be afraid? ℟.

One thing have I asked of the Lord, one thing
I seek:

to dwell in the Lord's house all the days of my
life;

to behold the fair beauty of the Lord
and to seek him in his temple. ℟.

I am sure I shall see the Lord's goodness
in the land of the living.

Be strong and he shall comfort your heart,
and put your trust in the Lord. ℟.

SECOND READING

Php 3.17 – 4.1

A reading from the letter of Paul to the
Philippians.

Brothers and sisters, join in imitating me, and
keep your eyes on those who walk according
to the example you have in us. For many, of
whom I have often told you and now tell you
even with tears, walk as enemies of the cross
of Christ. Their end is destruction, their god
is their belly, and they glory in their shame,
with minds set on earthly things. But our citi-
zenship is in heaven, and from it we await a
Saviour, the Lord Jesus Christ, who will trans-
form our lowly body to be like his glorious
body, by the power that enables him even to
subject all things to himself.

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

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

GRADUAL HYMN

1. **With joy and by the Spirit led,
the Church of Christ seeks desert paths,
all else forgotten, God alone
to worship and to follow there.**

2. **There silence shall set free the will,
the heart to one desire restore.
There each restraint shall purify
and strengthen those who seek the Lord.**

3. **There bread from heaven shall sustain
and water from the rock be struck.
There shall his people hear his word,
the living God encounter there.**

4. **All praise to God who calls his church
to make her exodus from sin,
that tested, fasting and prepared,
she may go up to keep the feast.**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Ps 95.3,7,8

Praise to you, O Christ, King of eternal glory.

The Lord is a great God, O that today you
would listen to his voice:

Harden not your hearts.

Praise to you, O Christ, King of eternal glory.

GOSPEL READING

Lk 13.31–35

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Hear the Gospel ✠ of our Lord Jesus Christ
according to Luke.

Glory to you, O Lord.

At that very hour some Pharisees came and
said to Jesus, "Get away from here, for Herod
wants to kill you." And he said to them, "Go
and tell that fox, 'Behold, I cast out demons
and perform cures today and tomorrow, and
the third day I finish my course. Nevertheless,
I must go on my way today and tomorrow
and the day following, for it cannot be that a
prophet should perish away from Jerusalem.'
O Jerusalem, Jerusalem, the city that kills
the prophets and stones those who are sent
to it! How often would I have gathered your
children together as a hen gathers her brood
under her wings, and you would not! Behold,
your house is forsaken. And I tell you, you will
not see me until you say, 'Blessed is he who
comes in the name of the Lord!'"

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

All *stand* to recite the NICENE CREED.

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven,

(all bow) **was incarnate from the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary, and was made man.**

(all rise) **For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again 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.**

We 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 worshipped and glorified, who has spoken through the Prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life ✠ of the world to come. Amen.

The INTERCESSIONS are introduced, and all kneel. One of these responses may be used:

∇. Lord, hear us. ℞. **Lord, graciously hear us.**
or ∇. Lord, in your mercy, ℞. **Hear our prayer.**

At the Commemoration of the Departed:

∇. Rest eternal ✠ grant unto them, O Lord;
℞. **And let light perpetual shine upon them.**

The Intercessions may end:

Merciful Father,
Accept these prayers, for the sake of your Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.

LITURGY OF THE SACRAMENT

All stand as the priest introduces the PEACE.

The peace of the Lord be always with you.
And also with you.

OFFERTORY HYMN— **332**

The people unite their prayers with the priest, who says the PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS.

Pray, my 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 Church.

Lord, may this sacrifice wash away our sins: may it sanctify your people in body and soul and prepare us to celebrate the paschal feast; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give him thanks and praise.

The PREFACE follows.

All respond with the SANCTUS & BENEDICTUS.

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, 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.

All kneel. After the Consecration, all acclaim:
Jesus Christ is Lord:

Lord, by your cross and resurrection you have set us free.

You are * the Saviour of the world. (* repeat)

The Eucharistic Prayer continues, and ends:

... for ever and ever. **Amen.**

RITE OF COMMUNION

The priest introduces the LORD'S PRAYER.

**Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name;
thy kingdom come;
thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation;
but deliver us from evil.**

**For thine is the kingdom,
the power and the glory,
for ever and ever. Amen.**

The priest breaks the Host; AGNUS DEI is sung.

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

The priest gives the COMMUNION INVITATION.

Draw near with faith. Receive the body of our Lord Jesus Christ which he gave for you, and his blood which he shed for you.

Eat and drink in remembrance that he died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith with thanksgiving.

Holy Communion is distributed.

COMMUNION HYMN— **351**

The priest says the POST-COMMUNION prayer.

Almighty God, you see that we have no power of ourselves to help ourselves: keep us both outwardly in our bodies, and inwardly in our souls; that we may be defended from all adversities which may happen to the body, and from all evil thoughts which may assault and hurt the soul; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

CONCLUSION

The priest gives the BLESSING and DISMISSAL.

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

... The blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son, ✠ and the Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always. **Amen.**

Go in the peace of Christ.
Thanks be to God.

RECESSIONAL HYMN— **206**

The service may be followed by the ANGELUS.

∇. The angel of the Lord declared unto Mary:
℟. **And she conceived by the Holy Spirit.**
Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with thee;
blessed art thou among women,
and blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus.
**Holy Mary, Mother of God,
pray for us sinners, now,
and at the hour of our death. Amen.**

∇. Behold the handmaid of the Lord:
℟. **Be it unto me according to thy word.**
Hail Mary ...

∇. And the Word was made flesh:
℟. **And dwelt among us.**
Hail Mary ...

∇. Pray for us, O holy Mother of God:
℟. **That we may be made worthy of the
promises of Christ.**

Let us pray. Pour forth, we beseech you, O Lord, your grace into our hearts; that we to whom the Incarnation of Christ, your Son, was made known by the message of an angel, may by his Passion and Cross ✠ be brought to the glory of his Resurrection; through the same Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

16.3.25