

**Sunday, February 25, 2024**  
**Second Sunday of Lent**

**Prayer for the Morning**

*Let us seek in faith the glory of the risen Christ.*

**Glory to the Father...Amen. Alleluia**

**Hymn**

**Meter: SM**

'Tis good, Lord, to be here!  
Your glory fills the night;  
Your face and garments, like the sun,  
Shine with unborrowed light.  
'Tis good, Lord, to be here!  
Your beauty to behold,  
Where Moses and Elijah stand,  
Your messengers of old.  
Fulfiller of the past!  
Promise of things to be!  
We hail your body glorified,  
And our redemption see.  
Before we taste of death,  
We see your kingdom come;  
We long to hold the vision bright,  
And make this hill our home.  
'Tis good, Lord, to be here!  
Yet we may not remain;  
But since you bid us leave the mount,  
Come with us to the plain.

**Psalm** **104:1-2a, 31-35**

*He will change our lowly body to conform with his glorified body by the power that enables him also to bring all things into subjection to himself. (Phil 3:21)*

*Lent is a time of transformation. As we gaze in prayer upon the glory of God revealed in Jesus Christ, we are transformed into his likeness. As we leave the work of prayer for the work of charity in our world, we live in his likeness.*

**Bless the Lord, my soul!**  
Lord God, how great you are,  
clothed in majesty and glory,  
wrapped in light as in a robe!  
May the glory of the Lord last for ever!  
May the Lord rejoice in his works!  
He looks on the earth and it trembles;  
the mountains send forth smoke at his touch.  
I will sing to the Lord all my life,  
make music to my God while I live.

May my thoughts be pleasing to him.  
I find my joy in the Lord.  
Let sinners vanish from the earth  
and the wicked exist no more.  
Bless the Lord, my soul.

Glory to the Father

**Word of God** **Exodus 24:16-18; 34:29**

The glory of the Lord settled upon Mount Sinai. The cloud covered it for six days, and on the seventh day he called to Moses from the midst of the cloud. To the Israelites the glory of the Lord was seen as a consuming fire on the mountaintop. But Moses passed into the midst of the cloud as he went up on the mountain; and there he stayed for forty days and forty nights. As Moses came down from Mount Sinai with the two tablets of the commandments in his hands, he did not know that the skin of his face had become radiant while he conversed with the Lord.

Jesus was transfigured before them;/ his face shone like the sun and his clothes became white as light. (cf. Mt 17:2)

**Canticle of Zechariah**

*We shall be like him, for we shall see him as he is.*

(1 Jn 3:2)

Blessed be the Lord, the God of Israel; he has come to his people and set them free. He has raised up for us a mighty savior, born of the house of his servant David.

Through his holy prophets he promised of old that he would save us from our enemies, from the hands of all who hate us. He promised to show mercy to our fathers and to remember his holy covenant.

This was the oath he swore to our father Abraham: to set us free from the hands of our enemies, free to worship him without fear, holy and righteous in his sight all the days of our life. You, my child, shall be called the prophet of the Most High; for you will go before the Lord to prepare his way, to give his people knowledge of salvation by the forgiveness of their sins. In the tender compassion of our God the dawn from on high shall break upon us, to shine on those who dwell in darkness and the shadow of death, and to guide our feet into the way of peace.

Glory to the Father...

## Intercessions

To the transfigured Lord, we pray:

R/Lord, renew us in your image.

Transform us by our Lenten observance,  
– that we may become visible signs of your  
Kingdom. R/

Deepen us in prayer by our Lenten observance,  
– that we may dwell with you in faith and love. R/  
Strengthen us in charity by our Lenten observance,  
– that we may burn with your love before all the  
world. R/

## **Personal intentions**

Our Father....

*O God, whom no eye has ever seen, you have  
–revealed your glory in the transfigured face of your  
Son. Through his voice, you have spoken your word  
to us. Give us ears to hear, that we may follow his  
footsteps through suffering and death to the glory  
foreshadowed on Mount Tabor, for he is your beloved  
Son, living and reigning with you in the unity of the  
Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever. Amen.*

**Sunday, February 25, 2024**  
**Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

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

God put Abraham to the test. He called to him, “Abraham!” “Here I am!” he replied. Then God said: “Take your son Isaac, your only one, whom you love, and go to the land of Moriah. There you shall offer him up as a holocaust on a height that I will point out to you.”

When they came to the place of which God had told him, Abraham built an altar there and arranged the wood on it. Then he reached out and took the knife to slaughter his son. But the Lord’s messenger called to him from heaven, “Abraham, Abraham!” “Here I am!” he answered. “Do not lay your hand on the boy,” said the messenger. “Do not do the least thing to him. I know now how devoted you are to God, since you did not withhold from me your own beloved son.” As Abraham looked about, he spied a ram caught by its horns in the thicket. So he went and took the ram and offered it up as a holocaust in place of his son. Again the Lord’s messenger called to Abraham from heaven and said: “I swear by myself, declares the Lord, that because you acted as you did in not withholding from me your beloved son, I will bless you abundantly and make your descendants as countless as the stars of the sky and the sands of the seashore; your descendants shall take

possession of the gates of their enemies, and in your descendants all the nations of the earth shall find blessing—all this because you obeyed my command.”

Reading 2      Romans 8:31b-34

Brothers and sisters: If God is for us, who can be against us? He who did not spare his own Son but handed him over for us all, how will he not also give us everything else along with him?

Who will bring a charge against God’s chosen ones? It is God who acquits us. Who will condemn? Christ Jesus it is who died—or, rather, was raised—who also is at the right hand of God, who indeed intercedes for us.

Gospel      Mark 9:2-10

Jesus took Peter, James, and John and led them up a high mountain apart by themselves. And he was transfigured before them, and his clothes became dazzling white, such as no fuller on earth could bleach them. Then Elijah appeared to them along with Moses, and they were conversing with Jesus. Then Peter said to Jesus in reply, “Rabbi, it is good that we are here! Let us make three tents: one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah.” He hardly knew what to say, they were so terrified. Then a cloud came, casting a shadow over them; from the cloud came a voice, “This is my beloved Son. Listen to him.” Suddenly, looking around, they no longer saw anyone but Jesus alone with them.

As they were coming down from the mountain, he charged them not to relate what they had seen to anyone, except when the Son of Man had risen from the dead. So they kept the matter to themselves, questioning what rising from the dead meant.

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## **Men of St. Joseph Prayer**

St. Joseph, help me to be like you. Help me to be obedient to the teachings of the Church and faithful to God’s commands. Help me to patiently endure my cross each day. Let me be a model of holiness and a pillar of virtue. I solemnly promise to embrace God’s will and I accept the challenge to work tirelessly for my family’s salvation. Be my guide and companion on this journey. St. Joseph, terror of demons, pray for us!

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