

Sunday, March 1, 2026
Second Sunday of Lent

Prayer for the Morning

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

Glory to the Father,...Amen.

Hymn

Meter: LM

That splendor of celestial state—
For which the Church so deeply pines—
Today Christ shows on Tabor's mount
As brighter than the sun he shines.
With Peter, John, and James to hear,
Christ spoke of his Deliverance
To Moses and Elijah there,
In gracious word and utterance.
All kneeling there they saw the Three
As Law and Prophecy and Grace;
And from the cloud the Father's voice:
"My Son, my Chosen, give him place."
In heav'nly glory on this day,
With light and beauty does Christ show
What lies in store for all the souls
Who love and serve him here below.

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 the dark faith of prayer upon the glory of God revealed in Jesus Christ, we are transformed into his likeness. May our every action be done in imitation of him.

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....

Lord our God, you are loving and merciful to all who turn to you in humility. Draw us ever deeper in your embrace as we seek to please you through holy lives. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

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Reading 1

Genesis 12:1-4a

The Lord said to Abram: "Go forth from the land of your kinsfolk and from your father's house to a land that I will show you.

"I will make of you a great nation,/ and I will bless you;/ I will make your name great,/ so that you will be a blessing./ I will bless those who bless you/ and curse those who curse you./ All the communities of the earth/ shall find blessing in you."

Abram went as the Lord directed him.

Reading 2

2 Timothy 1:8b-10

Beloved: Bear your share of hardship for the gospel with the strength that comes from God.

He saved us and called us to a holy life, not according to our works but according to his own design and the grace bestowed on us in Christ Jesus before time began, but now made manifest through the appearance of our savior Christ Jesus, who destroyed death and brought life and immortality to light through the gospel.

Gospel

Matthew 17:1-9

Jesus took Peter, James, and John his brother, and led them up a high mountain by themselves. And he was transfigured before them; his face shone like the sun and his clothes became white as light. And behold, Moses and Elijah appeared to them, conversing with him. Then Peter said to Jesus in reply, "Lord, it is good that we are here. If you wish, I will make three tents here, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah." While he was still speaking, behold, a bright cloud cast a shadow over them, then from the cloud came a voice that said, "This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased; listen to him." When the disciples heard this, they fell prostrate and were very much afraid. But Jesus came and touched them, saying, "Rise, and do not be afraid." And when the disciples raised their eyes, they saw no one else but Jesus alone. As they were coming down from the mountain, Jesus charged them, "Do not tell the vision to anyone until the Son of Man has been raised from the dead."

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