

SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

– FEBRUARY 28, 2021 –

FIRST READING

Genesis 22:1–2, 9a, 10–13, 15–18 (26B)

A reading from the Book of Genesis

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."

The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Psalm 116:10, 15, 16–17, 18–19

Common Psalm 51, 91 or 130 may be used in place of this psalm.



R. I will walk be - fore the Lord, in the land of the liv - ing.

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▶ I believed, even when I said,
"I am greatly afflicted."
Precious in the eyes of the LORD
is the death of his faithful ones. **R.**

▶ O LORD, I am your servant;
I am your servant, the son
of your handmaid;
you have loosed my bonds.

To you will I offer sacrifice
of thanksgiving,
and I will call upon the name
of the LORD. **R.**

▶ My vows to the LORD I will pay
in the presence of all his people,
in the courts of the house of the LORD,
in your midst, O Jerusalem. **R.**

SECOND READING

Romans 8:31b-34

A reading from the Letter of Saint Paul to the Romans

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.

The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

STAND

cf. Matthew 17:5



R. Praise to you, Lord Je-sus Christ, King of end-less glo-ry!

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(Omit if not sung)

▶ From the shining cloud the Father's voice is heard:
This is my beloved Son, listen to him. **R.**

GOSPEL

Mark 9:2-10

The Lord be with you. **And with your spirit.**

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark **Glory to you, O Lord.**

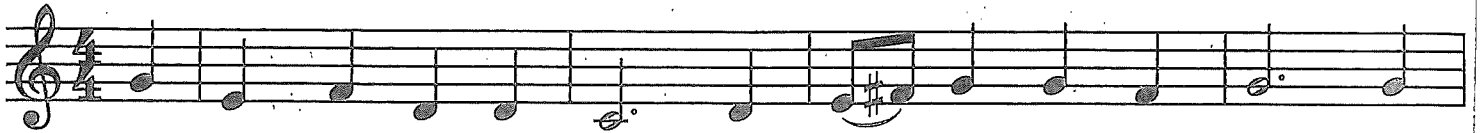
Jesus took Peter, James, and John and led them up a high mountain apart by themselves. And he was transfigured before them, and his clothes became dazzling white, such as no fuller on earth could bleach them. Then Elijah appeared to them along with Moses, and they were conversing with Jesus. Then Peter 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.

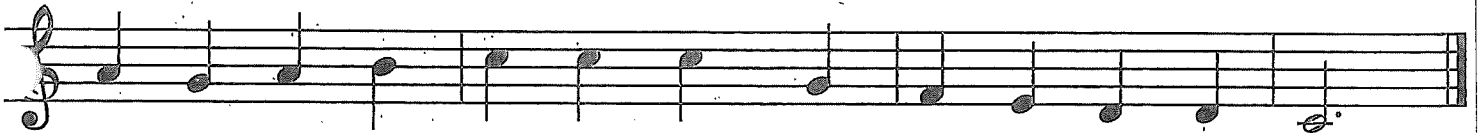
The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

'TIS GOOD, LORD, TO BE HERE

SWABIA



1. 'Tis good, Lord, to be here! Your glo - ry fills the night; Your
2. 'Tis good, Lord, to be here, Your beau - ty to be - hold, Where
3. Ful - fill - er of the past! Prom - ise of things to be! We
4. Be - fore we taste of death, We see your king - dom come; We
5. 'Tis good, Lord, to be here! Yet we may not re - main; But



1. face and gar - ments, like the sun, Shine with un - bor - rowed light.
2. Mo - ses and E - li - jah stand, Your mes - sen - gers of old.
3. hail your bod - y glo - ri - fied, And our re - demp - tion see.
4. long to hold the vi - sion bright, And make this hill our home.
5. since you bid us leave the mount, Come with us to the plain.

Text: SM; based on Luke 9:32-33; Joseph A. Robinson, 1858-1933, alt., Esmé D.E. Bird.
Music: Johann M. Speiss, 1715-1772; adapt. by William H. Havergal, 1793-1870.

LENT

GRACIOUS GOD

Jesse Manibusan

Verses

1. Lead us, Lord, in - to the des - ert; lead us through the
2. In this time of sa - cred strug - gle, in this time of
3. Lord, we hun - ger for your pres - ence; Lord, we're thirst - ing
4. Teach us, Lord: who is our neigh - bor? Is it friend, or

1. wil - der - ness. Through this jour - ney we will fol - low,
2. sac - ri - fice, we re - joice, for we re - mem - ber
3. for your grace. When con - sum - ing all but you, Lord,
4. en - e - my? When we wel - come or con - demn them,

1. for we long to see your face.
2. that you lead us in - to life.
3. all we gain is emp - ti - ness.
4. it is you, O let us see.

Refrain

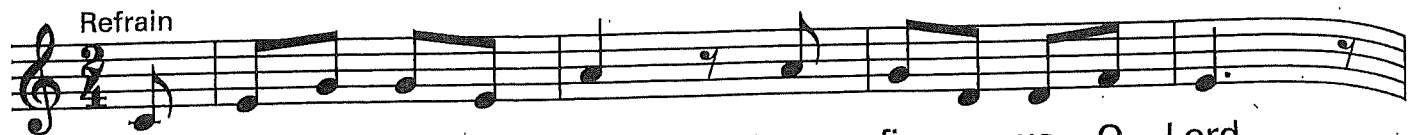
- Gra - cious God, mer - cy is your name. Re - deem -
 Gra - cious God, we bless your ho - ly name. Re - ceiv -

- ing Love, you give your life a - way.
 ing love, we give our lives a - way.

TRANSFIGURE US, O LORD

Bob Hurd

Refrain



Trans - fig - ure us, O Lord, trans - fig - ure us, O Lord.



Break the chains that bind us; speak your heal - ing word, and



where you lead we'll fol - low. Trans - fig - ure us, O Lord.

Verses



1. Down from heights of glo - ry in - to the depths be - low, the glad
2. Light for those in dark - ness, the hun - gry have their fill, a
3. Par - don for the sin - ner, a shep - herd for the sheep, your
4. To the ho - ly cit - y, Je - ru - sa - lem, you go;



1. love of God self - emp - tied, the love of God to show. You
2. tid - ings for the hum - ble, the heal - ing of all ills; in
3. drink of liv - ing wa - ter for all who thirst and seek, and
4. face set toward the end - ing, the cross to be your throne. 7

to Refrain



1. light the path be - fore us, the way that we must go.
2. these we glimpse your glo - ry, God's prom - is - es ful - filled.
3. feast - ing at your ta - ble, the low - ly and the least.
4. Shall we jour - ney with you and share your pas - chal road?

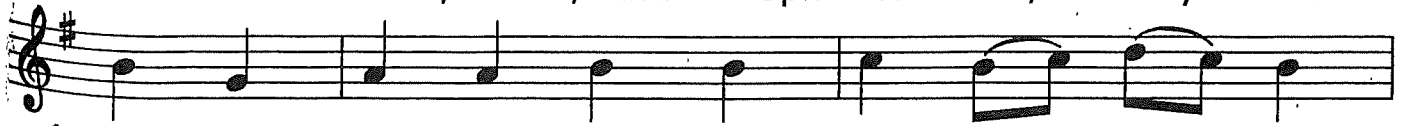
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THE GLORY OF THESE FORTY DAYS

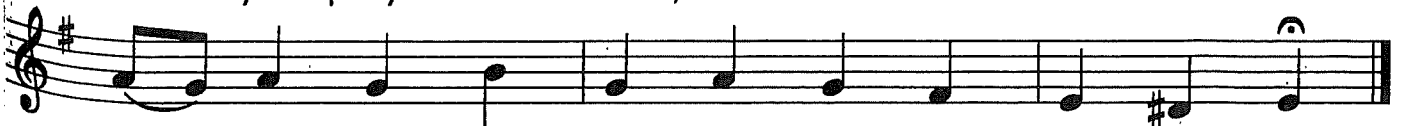
ERHALT UNS, HERR



1. The glo - ry of these for - ty days We cel - e -
2. A - lone and fast - ing Mo - ses saw The lov - ing
3. So Dan - iel trained his mys - tic sight, De - liv - ered
4. Then grant that we like them be true, Con - sumed in
5. O Fa - ther, Son, and Spir - it blest, To you be



1. brate with songs of praise; For Christ, by whom all
2. God who gave the law; And to E - li - jah,
3. from the li - ons' might; And John, the Bride - groom's
4. fast and pray'r with you; Our spir - its strength - en
5. ev - 'ry pray'r ad - dressed; Who are in three - fold



1. things were made, Him - self has fast - ed and has prayed.
2. fast - ing, came The steeds and char - i - ots of flame.
3. friend, be - came The her - ald of Mes - si - ah's name.
4. with your grace, And give us joy to see your face.
5. Name a - dored, From age to age the on - ly Lord.

Text: LM; *Clarum decus jejunii*; St. Gregory the Great, ca. 540–604; tr. fr. the *English Hymnal*, 1906; Maurice F. Bell, 1862–1947, alt.
 Music: J. Klug's *Geistliche Lieder*, Wittenberg, 1543; adapt. by Johann Sebastian Bach, 1685–1750, alt.

Prayer to St. Michael

Saint Michael Archangel, defend us in battle, be our protection against the wickedness and snares of the devil. May God rebuke him, we humbly pray; and do thou, O Prince of the heavenly host, by the power of God, thrust into Hell Satan and the other evil spirits who prowl about the world for the ruin of souls. Amen.

The Memorare

Remember, O most gracious Virgin Mary, that never was it known that anyone who fled to thy protection, implored thy help, and sought thy intercession, was left unaided. Inspired with this confidence, I fly unto thee, O Virgin of virgins, my Mother; to thee I come; before thee I stand, sinful and sorrowful. O Mother of the Word Incarnate, despise not my petitions, but in thy mercy hear and answer me. Amen.

Prayer to St. Joseph

Hail, Guardian of the Redeemer, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary. To you God entrusted his only Son; In you Mary placed her trust; with you Christ became man. Blessed Joseph, to us too, show yourself a father and guide us in the path of life. Obtain for us grace, mercy and courage, and defend us from every evil. Amen

Prayer for Vocations

Leader: Let us ask God to give worthy Priests, Deacons, Brothers, Sisters and Consecrated Secular, to His Holy Church.

Assembly: O GOD, we earnestly beseech You to bless our diocese with many Priests, Deacons, Brothers, Sisters, and Consecrated Seculars who will love you with their whole strength and gladly spend their entire lives to serve Your Church and to make You known and loved.

Leader: Bless our families. Bless our children.

Assembly: Choose from our homes those who are needed for Your work.

Leader: Mary Mother of Vocations

Assembly: Pray for us, that our families may encourage vocations and many may respond to the call of Your Son, Jesus. Amen.