


26 SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

FIRST READING

Genesis 22.1-2, 9-13, 15-18

Abraham, our father in faith, was ready for sacrifice.

A reading from the book of Genesis.

- 1 God tested Abraham.
God said to him, "Abraham!"
And Abraham said, "Here I am."
- 2 God said,
"Take your son, your only son Isaac, whom you love,
and go to the land of Moriah,
and offer him there as a burnt offering
on one of the mountains that I shall show you."
- 9 When Abraham and Isaac came to the place that God had shown him,
Abraham built an altar there and laid the wood in order.
He bound his son Isaac,
and laid him on the altar, on top of the wood.
- 10 Then Abraham reached out his hand
and took the knife to kill his son.
- 11 But the angel of the Lord called to Abraham from heaven,
and said, "Abraham, Abraham!"
And he replied, "Here I am."
- 12 The angel said,
"Do not lay your hand on the boy or do anything to him;
for now I know that you fear God,
since you have not withheld your son,
your only son, from me."
- 13 Abraham looked up
and saw a ram, caught in a thicket by its horns.
Abraham went and took the ram
and offered it up as a burnt offering instead of his son.
- 15 The angel of the Lord called to Abraham a second time from heaven,
16 and said,
"By myself I have sworn, says the Lord:
Because you have done this,
and have not withheld your son, your only son,
17 I will indeed bless you,
and I will make your offspring as numerous as the stars of heaven
and as the sand that is on the seashore.
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18 And your offspring shall possess the gate of their enemies,
and by your offspring
shall all the nations of the earth gain blessing for themselves,
because you have obeyed my voice.”

The word of the Lord.

A period of silence is observed after the reading.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Psalm 116.10+15, 16-17, 18-19 (R.9)

R. I will walk in the presence of the Lord
in the land of the living.

10 I kept my faith, even when I said,
“I am greatly afflicted”;
15 Precious in the sight of the Lord
is the death of his faithful ones. **R.**
16 O Lord, I am your servant;
You have loosed my bonds.
17 I will offer to you a thanksgiving sacrifice
and call on the name of the Lord. **R.**
18 I will pay my vows to the Lord
in the presence of all his people,
19 in the courts of the house of the Lord,
in your midst, O Jerusalem. **R.**

SECOND READING

Romans 8.31b-35, 37++

God did not withhold his own Son.

A reading from the letter of Paul to the Romans.

31 If God is for us, who is against us?
32 He who did not withhold his own Son,
but gave him up for all of us,
will he not with him also give us everything else?
33 Who will bring any charge against God’s elect?
Is it God who justifies?
34 Who is to condemn?
Is it Christ Jesus,
who died, and indeed, who was raised,
who is at the right hand of God,
who intercedes for us?
35 Who will separate us from the love of Christ?
Will hardship, or distress, or persecution,
or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword?

37 No,
in all these things we are more than conquerors
through him who loved us.

The word of the Lord.

A period of silence is observed after the reading.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

See Luke 9.35

This verse may accompany the singing of the acclamation.
If the acclamation is not sung, it is omitted.

From the shining cloud the Father's voice is heard:
This is my beloved Son, hear him.

GOSPEL

Mark 9.2-10

This is my Son, the Beloved; listen to him.

✠ A reading from the holy gospel according to Mark.

2 Jesus took with him Peter and James and John,
and led them up a high mountain apart, by themselves.
And he was transfigured before them,
3 and his clothes became dazzling white,
such as no one on earth could bleach them.
4 And there appeared to them Elijah and Moses,
who were talking with Jesus.
5 Then Peter said to Jesus,
“Rabbi, it is good for us to be here;
let us make three tents,
one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah.”
6 Peter did not know what to say, for they were terrified.
7 Then a cloud overshadowed them,
and from the cloud there came a voice,
“This is my Son, the Beloved; listen to him!”
8 Suddenly when they looked around,
they saw no one with them any more, but only Jesus.
9 As they were coming down the mountain,
Jesus ordered them to tell no one about what they had seen,
until after the Son of Man had risen from the dead.
10 So they kept the matter to themselves,
questioning what this rising from the dead could mean.

The gospel of the Lord.