

# Our Lady of Loretto and St Michael with St Martin of Tours

## SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

(YEAR A)



### Penitential Rite

You raise the dead to life in the Spirit:

Kyrie Eleison

**All Kyrie Eleison, Kyrie Eleison**

You bring pardon and peace to the broken in heart:

Christe Eleison

**All Christe Eleison, Christe Eleison**

You make one by your Spirit the torn and divided:

Kyrie Eleison

**All Kyrie Eleison, Kyrie Eleison**

**FIRST READING** A reading from the book of Genesis (12:1-4)

The Lord said to Abram, 'Leave your country, your family and your father's house, for the land I will show you. I will make you a great nation; I will bless you and make your name so famous that it will be used as a blessing.

'I will bless those who bless you:

I will curse those who slight you.

All the tribes of the earth shall bless themselves by you'.

**The word of the Lord.**

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM (Ps 32:4-5,18-20,22. R. v.22)**

**R. May your love be upon us, O Lord,  
as we place all our hope in you.**

The word of the Lord is faithful  
and all his works to be trusted.  
The Lord loves justice and right  
and fills the earth with his love. **R.**

The Lord looks on those who revere him,  
on those who hope in his love,  
to rescue their souls from death,  
to keep them alive in famine. **R.**

Our soul is waiting for the Lord.

The Lord is our help and our shield.

May your love be upon us, O Lord,  
as we place all our hope in you. **R.**

**SECOND READING** A reading from the second letter of St Paul to Timothy (1:8-10)

With me, bear the hardships for the sake of the Good News, relying on the power of God who has saved us and called us to be holy – not because of anything we ourselves have done but for his own purpose and by his own grace. This grace had already been granted to us, in Christ Jesus, before the beginning of time, but it has only been revealed by the Appearing of our saviour Christ Jesus. He abolished death, and he has proclaimed life and immortality through the Good News. **The word of the Lord.**

**Glory and praise to you, O Christ!**

**From the bright cloud the Father's voice was heard:**

**'This is my Son, the Beloved. Listen to him.'**

**Glory and praise to you, O Christ!**



**GOSPEL** A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew (17:1-9)

Jesus took with him Peter and James and his brother John and led them up a high mountain where they could be alone. There in their presence he was transfigured; his face shone like the sun and his clothes became as white as the light. Suddenly Moses and Elijah appeared to them; they were talking with him.

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Then Peter spoke to Jesus. 'Lord,' he said 'it is wonderful for us to be here; if you wish, I will make three tents here, one for you, one for Moses and one for Elijah.' He was still speaking when suddenly a bright cloud covered them with shadow, and from the cloud there came a voice which said, 'This is my Son, the Beloved; he enjoys my favour. Listen to him.' When they heard this, the disciples fell on their faces, overcome with fear. But Jesus came up and touched them. 'Stand up,' he said 'do not be afraid.' And when they raised their eyes they saw no one but only Jesus.

As they came down from the mountain Jesus gave them this order. 'Tell no one about the vision until the Son of Man has risen from the dead'. **The Gospel of the Lord.**

### The Apostles Creed

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
Creator of heaven and earth,  
and in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord  
(All Bow until Mary)  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
born of the Virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died and was buried;  
he descended into hell;  
on the third day he rose again from the dead;  
he ascended into heaven,  
and is seated at the right hand of God the Father  
almighty;  
from there he will come to judge the living and the  
dead.  
I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic Church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and life everlasting. Amen.**

## The Transfiguration

Each year on the Second Sunday of Lent we read one of the accounts of the Transfiguration of Christ. Since we are in year A of our three-year cycle of readings, this year we read Matthew's account of the Transfiguration.

While some of the particulars may vary in the different accounts of the Transfiguration, the major details are the same.

1. The Transfiguration took place 6 or 8 days after Jesus' first prediction of his passion; 2. Jesus took Peter, James and John up a "high mountain;" 3. He was transfigured before their eyes; 4. Moses and Elijah (representing the law and the prophets) appeared with Jesus; 5. Peter wanted to stay; and finally 6. A voice from the cloud identified Jesus as "my beloved Son. Listen to him."

We don't know exactly what happened at the Transfiguration or how it happened. What we do know, though, is important. The Transfiguration was a glimpse of the glory of God revealed in and through Jesus Christ. It was a moment of grace that enabled the disciples to continue to persevere and to trust when they encountered difficulties and trials.

Our first reading this weekend is from the book of Genesis. It is God's promise to Abraham our father in faith: *"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."*

Our second reading this weekend is from the second Letter of Saint Paul to Timothy. The opening sentence reminds us that we are to: *"Bear your share of hardship for the gospel with the strength that comes from God."*

### Questions for reflection:

I believe we all have "transfiguring" moments in our lives --- times of great grace, comfort and peace. These moments are fleeting, and while not as intense as the experience of the disciples at Jesus' Transfiguration, they are no less real. When have you had a "transfiguring" moment in your life?

These "transfiguring" moments can help us "bear our share of hardship." Has this been true for you?

God told Abraham He would bless him. When have you felt God's blessings in your life?