

**2nd Sunday of Lent
Sunday February 28, 2021
OLMC Ridgewood NJ**



Hosea

Come back to me with all your heart,
don't let fear keep us apart.
Trees do bend, tho' straight and tall;
so must we to others' call.

**Long have I waited for your coming
home to me and living deeply our new life.**

The wilderness will lead you
to your heart where I will speak.
Integrity and justice
with tenderness you shall know.

You shall sleep secure with peace;
faithfulness will be your joy.

The Confiteor

I confess to almighty God
and to you, my brothers and sisters,
that I have greatly sinned,
in my thoughts and in my words,
in what I have done and in what I have failed to do,
(And, striking their breast, they say)
*through my fault,
through my fault,
through my most grievous fault;*
therefore I ask blessed Mary ever-Virgin,
all the Angels and Saints,
and you, my brothers and sisters,
to pray for me to the Lord our God.

*May almighty God have mercy on us
Forgive us our sins,
An bring us to everlasting life*

Amen

Kyrie eleison, Christe eleison, Kyrie eleison

I Reading

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

Responsorial Psalm 116:10, 15, 16-17, 18-19

I Will Walk before the Lord, in the Land of the Living

II Reading

Romans 8:31b-34

Gospel Acclamation

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ,
King of endless glory!
Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ,
King of endless glory!

Gospel

Mark 9:2-10

Homily

The Apostles' Creed

I believe in God,
the Father Almighty,
Creator of heaven and earth,
and in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord,

At the words that follow up to and including "the Virgin Mary," all bow.

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.

Universal Prayer

We Pray to the Lord
Lord Hear Our Prayer

Holy

Holy, holy, holy Lord God of Hosts
Heaven and earth are full of Your glory
Hosanna in the highest
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord
Hosanna in the highest
Hosanna in the highest

Memorial Acclamation

We proclaim your Death, O Lord, and profess your
Resurrection until you come again,
Until you come again.

Great Amen

Amen, amen, amen
Amen, amen, amen

Lamb of God

Lamb of God, You take away the sins of the world
Have mercy on us
Lamb of God, You take away the sins of the world
Have mercy on us
Lamb of God, You take away the sins of the world
Grant us peace
into the world.

Transfigure Us, O Lord

Bob Hurd

Refrain

Transfigure us, O Lord,
transfigure us, O Lord.
Break the chains that bind us;
speak your healing word,
and where you lead we'll follow.
Transfigure us, O Lord.

An Act of Spiritual Communion

My Jesus, I believe that you are present in the most Blessed Sacrament. I love You above all things and I desire to receive You into my soul. Since I cannot now receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace You as if You were already there, and unite myself wholly to You. Never permit me to be separated from You. Amen.

Lord, Who Throughout These Forty Days

ST. FLAVIAN

Lord, who throughout these forty days,
For us did fast and pray,
Teach us with you to mourn our sins,
And close by you to stay.

As you with Satan did contend,
And did the vict'ry win,
O give us strength in you to fight,
In you to conquer sin.

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TODAY'S READINGS

1. Genesis 22: 1-2, 9-13, 15-18

In desperate situations, when it appears that nothing else would appease their gods, Israel's neighbors resorted to human sacrifice, especially of the firstborn, who was deemed a precious gift. While leaving the reader unsettled, this narrative is offered against that backdrop, as a sign of Abraham's faith. Abraham has shed any of the distrust that marked his earlier relationship with God. His words and actions, even to the edge of this sacrifice of his son, Isaac, show he no longer

attaches any conditions to faith. God now knows how devoted to Him he is.

2. Romans 8: 31-34

From the moment Paul met and believed in the Risen Jesus, all that he did and said was inspired by that relationship. In this short excerpt, Paul's words reveal the strength he drew from that relationship. That strength of relationship brings to mind the willingness of Abraham to sacrifice his own son. While Isaac was spared, Jesus' sacrifice transforms sinners and no opposition or suffering should lead to feelings of abandonment. Jesus continues to intercede for all who believe so that one day they may share His joy.

3. Mark 9: 2-10

The primary purpose of the transfiguration is to reveal the true divine identity of Jesus. Beyond that, the details are open to interpretation. The location on the mountain may refer to the traditional place of a theophany. The presence of Moses and Elijah may refer to the fullness of revelation (the Law and the Prophets) giving witness to Jesus. The voice of God fully endorses the revelation. The three tents may refer to a human desire to extend this extraordinary event, or to the Old Testament Feast of Tabernacles, which commemorated the receiving of The Law. But the lesson remains central – Jesus' intimate contact with God is allowed to shine through and forth.

Reflections for the Week

1. Have I ever had to sacrifice something dear to me for a greater good? For a person I love? My family?
2. Do I respond to God's call as readily and as freely as Abraham?
3. In following that call, did I ever come to realize that it would involve some sharing in the cross? Did I still respond? Did I experience God's strength in this unfolding of His will?

