



Liturgy Cycle A

Second Sunday Of The Lent

The Transfiguration: A Peak Experience

Introduction

On Mount Tabor Christ's disciples got a glimpse of the glory that was his Son of God. Here we get a glimpse of our own glory, for we too are children of the Father. This should fill our lives with hope and meaning.

First Reading (Genesis 12:1-4)

This tells about the call of Abraham, our father in faith. God asked him to leave his home, clan and country, for an unknown destination. Thanks to his obedience the whole world has been blessed.

Second Reading (Timothy 1:8-10)

God has called us to holiness, and helps us with his grace to achieve this.

Gospel (Matthew 17:1-9)

On Mount Tabor the three disciples got a glimpse of the glory of Christ. It was meant to sustain them when they would witness the shame and humiliation of his passion and death.

Prayer Of The Faithful

Let us pray through Christ our Brother, who in his earthly life experienced moments of darkness and uncertainty as we do, and who himself needed encouragement and affirmation.

R: Lord, hear us in your love.

For the pope and the bishops: that during times of crisis and uncertainty they may continue to lead the people of God with courage. We pray in faith.

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For the leaders in our society: that they may be courageous and strong when they have to make difficult decisions for the common good. We pray in faith.

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For all those who are experiencing failure or disappointment: that they may not grow discouraged. We pray in faith.

R: Lord, hear us in your love.

That we may treasure those moments of light which give meaning and hope to our lives and that they may help us follow Christ in the moments of darkness. We pray in faith.

R: Lord, hear us in your love.

Communion Reflection

Martin Luther King tells how he had his own Tabor.

In the height of his own struggle for civil rights for black people, one night he suddenly reached rock bottom.

He felt he could not go on.

He was tired of the insults and injuries.

**In this state of exhaustion and despair,
he threw himself on knees before God,
and prayed like this:**

'Lord, I have taken a stand for what I believe is right.

But now I am afraid.

The people are looking to me for leadership.

**If I stand before them without strength and courage,
they too will falter.**

But I am at the end of my powers.

I have nothing left.

I've come to the point where I can't face it alone.

'He says that at that moment

he experienced the presence of God

in a way he had never experienced it before.

On that strength of that experience

he was able to continue the struggle.