



Liturgy Cycle C

Second Sunday Of Lent

Faces

Introduction

The apostles had a wonderful experience on Mount Tabor when they were given a glimpse of the inner glory of Christ. Each Sunday we should get a great boost from our celebration of the Eucharist. Here our faith in Christ is renewed. Here he enlightens us with his word. Here he nourishes us with the bread of eternal life. Let us reflect for a moment on what it means to us. Our sins disfigure us and tarnish the image of God within us. Let us ask pardon for them.

I confess to almighty God . . .

First Reading (Genesis 15:5-12, 17-18)

In this reading we learn of the solemn covenant God made with Abraham which was the foundation of God's relationship with the people of Israel. Through Christ we are the heirs to this covenant.

Second Reading (Philippians' 3:17-4:1)

From this reading it is obvious that even in the early Church not all lived up to the demands of the Christian life. Paul, however, urges us to remain faithful.

Gospel (Luke 9:28-36)

On Mount Tabor, Peter, James and John got a glimpse of the glory that was hidden in Jesus, and they were delighted by it. Through faith we too glimpse the glory of the risen Jesus who lives on in the Church and in each of us.

Prayer Of The Faithful

God our Father showed that he was well pleased with his Son Jesus. Let us then with confidence make our prayers to him through the same Christ our Lord and Saviour.

R: Lord, hear our prayer.

For the pope and the bishops: that they may sustain the People of God in faith, hope and love. Let us pray to the Lord.

R: Lord, hear our prayer.

For all those who exercise authority: that the Lord may watch over them and help them to fulfill their responsibilities worthily and well. Let us pray to the Lord.

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For all the sick and the handicapped: that they may get the courage and strength they need so as to bear their cross with dignity. Let us pray to the Lord.

R: Lord, hear our prayer.

For each of us, the followers of Jesus: that we may listen to his words and put them into practice in our daily lives. Let us pray to the Lord.

R: Lord, hear our prayer.

Let us pray:

Merciful Father, fill our hearts with your love, and keep us faithful to the Gospel of Christ. Give us the grace to rise above our human weaknesses. Grant this through the same Christ our Lord.

Communion Reflection

On Mount Tabor the sky was clear.

**Jesus was praying. As he prayed
his face shone and his clothes dazzled.**

On one side of him was Moses — the great law-giver.

On the other side was Elijah — the greatest of all the prophets.

**And as if that wasn't enough
there was the voice of the Father.**

No wonder Peter exclaimed:

'It is wonderful for us to be here!'

But there came another day and another hill.

This time the sky was dark.

The face of Jesus was covered with sweat and blood.

**His clothes did not dazzle —
they had been taken from him.**

For companions he had two thieves.

**There was no voice from heaven,
only the scoffers were heard.**

**The disciples were shattered
and wanted no part of it.**

The only thing in common

was that once again Jesus was praying.

**What sustained him in bright and dark moments alike
was his special relationship with the Father.**

This special relationship is now open to us.

**It will sustain us through all our dark moments
until the glory of Easter shines fully on us.**