

SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

In this year's Sunday Readings during Lent we hear the accounts of the Covenants established by God in the Old Testament times in preparation for the coming of His Only Son. Hence, last week we heard the account of the Covenant between God and Noah after the Great Flood was over. Today we hear the account of the next Covenant, that between God and Abraham. We hear how Abraham was prepared to sacrifice his only son Isaac out of obedience to God, but God spares Isaac, showing His favour to Abraham by the promise that his descendants will be more numerous than the stars of heaven. This prepares us to hear the Gospel account of the transfiguration of God's Son in the presence of Moses and Elijah, the great figures of Old Testament Revelation. Moses is reputed the author of the first five books of the Bible, and Elijah is the greatest of the prophets who foretell the coming of the Christ. Therefore, their appearance at the Transfiguration of Our Lord is a sign to the Apostles of his destiny as the Messiah, the Anointed Saviour. Christ is the fulfilment of all the prophecies of the Old Testament. We recall that whereas God spared Isaac from death, He did not spare His own Son, but gave Him up out of love for us, to be our Saviour. Christ is the glory of God shining on us.

K COMUNION ANTIPHON

Visionem quam vidistis, nemini dixeritis, donec a mortuis resurgat Filius hominis.

Tell the vision you have seen to no man, till the Son of man be risen from the dead.

Communion Motet "Domine quando veneris" by Palestrina

Lord, when you shall come to judge the earth, where shall I hide myself from Thy wrathful face, since I have sinned so much during my life? I tremble for my sins, and I blush for shame in Thy presence. Do not condemn me when Thou shalt come to be our judge, since I have sinned so much during my life.

L POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Percipientes, Domine, gloriosa mysteria, gratias tibi referre satagimus, quod, terra positos, iam caelestium praestas esse participes. Per Christum Dominum nostrum. Amen.

We who receive these glorious mysteries, O Lord, give thanks to Thee with our whole heart, since while we are yet on earth, Thou makest us sharers in heavenly things

After the Postcommunion Prayer, throughout the season of Lent, the Celebrant blesses the people with another prayer, after the Deacon invites us to:

Humiliate capita vestra Deo

Bow your heads to God.

PRAYER OVER THE PEOPLE

Benedic, Domine, fideles tuos benedictione perpetua, et fac eos Unigeniti tui Evangelio sic adhaerere, ut ad illam gloriam, cuius in se speciem Apostolis ostendit, et suspirare iugiter et feliciter valeant pervenire. Per Christum Dominum nostrum.

Bless Thy people, O Lord, with an everlasting blessing, and make them so to cling to Thy Son's Gospel, that they may continually long for that glory which He showed His Apostles, and be enabled happily to reach it.

During Lent there is no Organ Voluntary

VESPERS AND BENEDICTION

WILL BE SUNG HERE TONIGHT AT 7.30 P.M.

YOU ARE WELCOME TO TAKE THIS SHEET HOME BUT PLEASE DO NOT REMOVE THE MASS BOOK

A INTROIT

Tibi dixit cor meum, quaesivi vultum tuum, vultum tuum Domine requiram: ne avertas faciem tuam a me. *Psalm.* Dominus illuminatio mea, et salus mea, quem timebo?

To Thee my heart has said, 'I have sought Thy face; I shall long for Thy face, O Lord! Do not turn Thy face from me!' The Lord is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear?

Introductory rite—see Mass book page 3.

Kyrie from Missa de beata Virgine by Josquin des Prez (1440-1521)

B COLLECT

Deus, qui nobis dilectum Filium tuum audire praecepisti, verbo tuo interius nos pascere digneris, ut, spirituali purificato intuitu, gloriae tuae laetemur aspectu. Per Dominum nostrum Jesum Christum... Per omnia saecula saeculorum. Amen.

O God, who hast commanded us to listen to Thy Beloved Son, deign to nourish us inwardly by Thy word, so that our spiritual understanding may be purified, and we may rejoice in the sight of Thy glory.

C First reading is taken from the book of Genesis

God put Abraham to the test. Abraham, Abraham he called. Here I am he replied. Take your son, God said your only child Isaac, whom you love, and go to the land of Moriah. There you shall offer him as a burnt offering, on a mountain I will point out to you. When they arrived at the place God had pointed out to him, Abraham built an altar there and arranged the wood. Then he stretched out his hand and seized the knife to kill his son. But the angel of the Lord called to him from heaven. Abraham, Abraham he said. I am here he replied. Do not raise your hand against the boy the angel said. Do not harm him, for now I know you fear God. You have not refused me your son, your only son. Then looking up, Abraham saw a ram caught by its horns in a bush. Abraham took the ram and offered it as a burnt-offering in place of his son. The angel of the Lord called Abraham a second time from heaven. I swear by my own self - it is the Lord who speaks - because you have done this, because you have not refused me your son, your only son, I will shower blessings on you, I will make your descendants as many as the stars of heaven and the grains of sand on the seashore. Your descendants shall gain possession of the gates of their enemies. All the nations of the earth shall bless themselves by your descendants, as a reward for your obedience.

Verbum Domini. **R. Deo gratias.**

D GRADUAL

Sciant gentes quoniam nomen tibi Deus: tu solus Altissimus super omnem terram. V. Deus meus, pone illos ut rotam, et sicut stipulam ante faciem venti.

Let the Gentiles know that God is Thy name: Thou alone art the most High over all the earth.. V. O my God, make them like a wheel, and as stubble before the wind.

E Second reading is taken from St. Paul's epistle to the Romans

With God on our side who can be against us? Since God did not spare his own Son, but gave him up to benefit us all, we may be certain, after such a gift, that he will not refuse anything he can give. Could anyone accuse those that God has chosen? When God acquits, could anyone condemn? Could Christ Jesus? No! He not only died for us - he rose from the dead, and there at God's right hand he stands and pleads for us.

Verbum Domini, **R. Deo gratias.**

F TRACT

Commovisti Domine terram, et conturbasti eam. Sana contritiones eius, quia mota est. Ut fugiant a facie arcus, ut liberentur electi tui.

Thou hast moved the earth, O Lord, and hast troubled it. Heal Thou the breaches thereof, for it has been moved. That they may flee from before the bow: that Thine elect maybe delivered.

G GOSPEL—A reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. Mark.

At that time: After six days 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, and his garments became glistening, intensely white, as no fuller on earth could bleach them. And there appeared to them Eli'jah with Moses; and they were talking to Jesus. And Peter said to Jesus, "Master, it is well that we are here; let us make three booths, one for you and one for Moses and one for Eli'jah." For he did not know what to say, for they were exceedingly afraid. And a cloud overshadowed them, and a voice came out of the cloud, "This is my beloved Son; listen to him." And suddenly looking around they no longer saw any one with them but Jesus only. And as they were coming down the mountain, he charged them to tell no one what they had seen, until the Son of man should have risen from the dead. So they kept the matter to themselves, questioning what the rising from the dead meant.

Verbum Domini. **R. Laus, tibi Christe.**

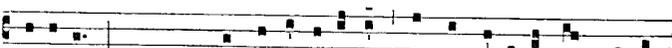
CREDO IV—see Mass book page 29 or 30

At the end of the Bidding Prayers we sing this ancient prayer to Our Lady.

We fly to thy protection, O holy Mother of God. Despise not our petitions in our necessities, but deliver us from all dangers, O ever glorious and blessed Virgin.

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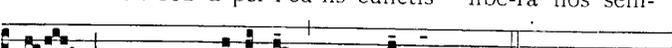
S UB tú-um praesi-di-um confúgimus,* sáncta Dé-i



Génitrix : nóstras depre-ca-ti-ónes ne despi-ci-as in ne-ces-



si-tá-tibus : sed a per-í-cu-lis cúntis líbe-ra nos sem-



per, Vírgo glo-ri-ó-sa et be- ne-dícta.

Offertory Motet- "Confitebor tibi Domine" by Giovanni Pierluigi da Palestrina (1525-1594) Psalm 110.

"I will praise Thee, O Lord, with my whole heart: in the assembly of the upright, and in the congregation"

H PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS

Haec hostia, Domine, quaesumus, *May this victim cleanse us from our sins, emundet nostra delicta, et ad celebra- we beseech Thee, O Lord, and may it branda festa paschalia fidelium tuorum cor- make holy the bodies and minds of Thy pora mentesque sanctificet. Per Christum faithful people to prepare them to celebra- Dominum nostrum. Amen. brate the paschal feast.*

J PREFACE

Vere dignum et iustum est, aequum *It is truly meet and right and incumbent et salutare, nos tibi semper et upon us for our salvation that we should ubique gratias agere: Domine, sancte Pa- always and everywhere give thanks unto ter, omnipotens aeternae Deus: per Chris- Thee, O Lord, holy Father, almighty ever- tum Dominum nostrum. lasting God, through Christ our Lord.*

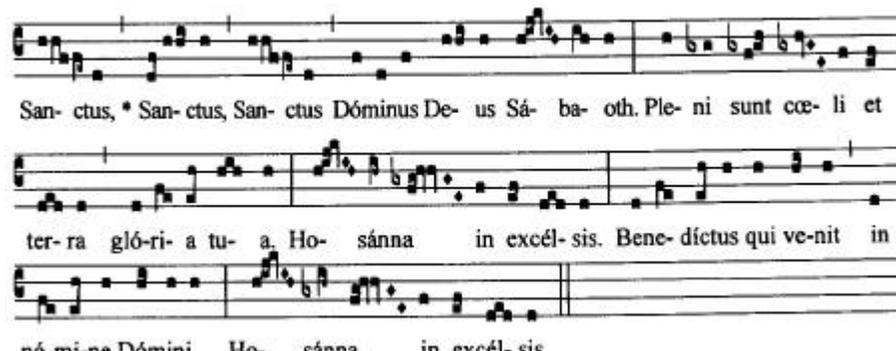
Qui, propria morte praenuntiata discipulis, in monte sancto suam eis aperuit claritatem, ut per passionem, etiam lege prophetisque testantibus, ad gloriam resurrectionis perveniri constaret.

Who, when He had foreshown His death to His disciples on the holy mountain, revealed to them His glory, manifesting that, as the law and the prophets had foretold, through His passion He would come to the glory of His resurrection.

Et ideo cum caelorum virtutibus in terris te iugiter celebramus, maiestati tuae sine fine clamantes:

And so we on earth join with the heavenly powers in celebrating Thee, crying evermore to Thy great glory:

Sanctus from plainsong Mass XVII for Lent



San- ctus, * San- ctus, San- ctus Dóminus De- us Sá- ba- oth. Ple- ni sunt cae- li et

ter- ra gló-ri- a tu- a. Ho- sánna in excél- sis. Bene- díctus qui ve-nit in

nó-mi-ne Dómini. Ho- sánna in excél- sis.

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER I - Roman Canon - see Mass book page 12
Acclamation after the consecration - see Mass book page 18
The Lord's Prayer - see Mass book page 21.
The Agnus Dei is from the Mass by Josquin des Prez