

Sunday, February 25, 2024
Second Sunday of Lent
Transfiguration

Gathering: Beyond the Days (Manalo) (Week 2) ... Handout

Refrain:

Beyond the days of hope and mystery
we see a light of faith renewed,
and in our longing we thirst for guidance
to walk with you day by day.

2. Not on bread alone,
are we to walk on this journey.
Speak the words that give life
to the yearnings of our hearts.

Kyrie: Kyrie Eleison - Mass of John Carroll (Joncas)

First Reading

A reading from the first book called Genesis

God put Abraham to the test. He called to him, "Abraham!" "Here I am!" he replied. Then God said: "Take your son Isaac, your only one, whom you love, and go the land of Moriah. There you shall offer him up as a holocaust on a height that I will point out to you."

When they came to the place of which God had told him, Abraham built an altar there and arranged the wood on it.

Then he reached out and took the knife to slaughter his son. But the Lord's messenger called to him from heaven, "Abraham, Abraham!"

"Here I am!" he answered. "Do not lay your hand on the boy," said the messenger. "Do not do the least thing to him. I know now how devoted you are to God, since you did not withhold from me your own beloved son." As Abraham looked about, he spied a ram caught by its horns in the thicket. So he went and took the ram and offered it up as a holocaust in place of his son.

Again the messenger of God called to Abraham from heaven and said, "I swear by myself, declares your God, that because you acted as you did in not withholding from me your beloved son, I will bless you abundantly and I make your descendants as countless as the stars of the sky and as the sands of the seashore; your descendants shall take possession of the gates of their enemies, and in your descendants all the nations of the earth shall find blessing – all this because you obeyed my command."

By your descendants shall all the nations of the earth
bless themselves because you have obeyed my voice."

The Word of God.

Responsorial: In the Presence of God-Ps116 (Tom Kendzia)

(Refrain) I will walk in the presence of the Lord.

*I will sing of the good things that God has done for
me. I will walk in the presence of the Lord.*

(V1) Gracious is your hand, O God, merciful and just.

God, your love protects the lowly ones; your
kindness has no end.

(V3) I will pay my vows to you, here among your
people. Words of thanks and praise be on my
lips, and ever in my heart.

(V4) Deliver me, deliver me. Deliver my soul from
death, my eyes from tears, my feet from snares.
In the land of the living, I shall walk.

Second reading

A reading from Paul to the people of Rome

Brothers and sisters,
if God is for us, who is against us?

God, who did not spare Jesus, God's own Beloved Son, but handed him over for us all, how will
that same God not also give us everything else along with him?

Who will bring a charge against God's chosen ones?

It is God who acquits us; who will condemn?

Christ Jesus it is, who died - or, rather, was raised -
who also is at the right hand of God, who indeed intercedes for us.

The word of God

Gospel Acclamation: Lenten Gospel Acclamation (Canedo & Hurd) ... BB901

Praise and honor to you, O Lord Jesus Christ

“Jesus and the disciples on the mountaintop; Jesus’ glory revealed to them; you must leave the mountaintop and experience life: living, dying and rising.”

Gospel Reading

A reading from the Gospel according to Mark

Jesus took Peter, James and John and led them up a high mountain apart by themselves. And he was transfigured before them, and his clothes became dazzling white, such as no fuller on earth could bleach them.

Then Elijah appeared to them along with Moses, and they were conversing with Jesus. Then Peter said to Jesus in reply, "Rabbi, it is well that we are here! Let us make three tents: one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah."

He hardly knew what to say, they were so terrified. Then a cloud came, casting a shadow over them; from the cloud came a voice,

"This is my Beloved; listen to him."

Suddenly, looking around, they no longer saw anyone but Jesus alone with them.

As they were coming down from the mountain, Jesus charged them not to relate what they had seen to anyone, except when the Chosen one of God had risen from the dead. So they kept the matter to themselves, questioning what the rising from the dead meant.

The Good News of Salvation.

Homily

Universal Intercessions

Response: God, open our hearts.

All: God, open our hearts.

Just as Jesus was transfigured before the disciples, may we be grateful for the ways that God transfigures each of us in our daily lives, we pray...

For an end to war and violence in all parts of the world, we pray...

For all who are grieving that they be strengthened by our prayers and our presence, we pray...

For us as we walk this Lenten journey listening to God who writes the new covenant upon our hearts as we pray, fast, and give, we pray...

And for what else shall we pray?...

The Liturgy of the Eucharist

Preparation of Gifts

Offertory: Transfiguration (Manalo) ... BB125 & 208

(V1) Jesus on the mountain peak, stands alone in glory blazing. Let us, if we dare to speak, join the saints and angels praising.

(Refrain) Praise and glory, praise and glory, praise and glory to our Lord! Let us, if we dare to speak, join the saints and angels praising.

(V2) Trembling at His feet we saw, Moses and Elijah speaking. All the prophets and the law, shout through them their joyful greeting.

(V3) Swift the cloud of glory came. God, proclaiming in its thunder, Jesus as the Son by name. Nations, cry aloud in wonder.

(V4) Jesus is the chosen one, living hope of every nation, hear and heed Him, everyone, sing with earth and all creation.

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Blessed are you, Lord God of all creation, for through your goodness we have received the bread we offer you: fruit of the earth and work of human hands, it will become for us the bread of life.

**Blessed be God forever.**

Blessed are you, Lord God of all creation, for through your goodness we have received the wine we offer you: fruit of the vine and work of human hands, it will become our spiritual drink.

**Blessed be God forever.**

Pray, brothers and sisters, that my sacrifice and yours may be acceptable to God, the almighty Father.

**May the Lord accept the sacrifice at your hands for the praise and glory of his name, for our good, and the good of all his holy Church.**

Accept, O Lord, the prayers of your faithful with the sacrificial offerings, that, through these acts of devotedness, we may pass over to the glory of heaven. Through Christ our Lord. **Amen**

The Eucharistic Prayer *(if you are watching the video or listening to the audio, please follow along and participate with Fr. Jack; and continue with the Communion Songs below.)*

**Holy: Mass of Christ the Savior (Schutte) ... BB918**

**Mem: Kauffman Renewal-Save Us Savior (Gokelman & Kauffman) ... H/O**

**Amen: Christ the Savior (Schutte) ... BB922**

**Lamb: Lamb of God (Maher, Le, Ndolo) ... H/O**

**Communion 1: Christ Be Our Light (Farrell) ... BB599**

Verse 1: Longing for light, we wait in darkness.

Longing for truth, we turn to you.

Make us your own, your holy people,

Light for the world to see. REFRAIN

Refrain: Christ, be our light! Shine in our hearts,

Shine through the darkness.

Christ, be our light!

Shine in your church gathered today.

Verse 2: Longing for peace, our world is troubled.

Longing for hope, many despair.

Your word alone has power to save us.

Make us your living voice. REFRAIN

Verse 3: Longing for food, many are hungry.

Longing for water, many still thirst.

Make us your bread, broken for others,

Shared until all are fed. REFRAIN

Verse 4: Longing for shelter, many are homeless.

Longing for warmth, many are cold.

Make us your building, sheltering others,

Walls made of living stone. REFRAIN

## **Communion 2: Open the Eyes of My Heart (Baloche/Michael W. Smith)... H/O & 207**

(Refrain) *Open the eyes of my heart, Lord.*

*Open the eyes of my heart.*

*I want to see you.*

*I want to see you.*

(Verse) To see you high and lifted up,

Shining in the light of your glory.

Pour out your power and love

As we sing "Holy, holy, holy."

### **Prayer after Communion**

#### **Announcements**

**Go in peace,**

**Thanks be to God.**

### **Sending : Shine, Jesus, Shine (Kendrick) ... H/O & 210**

(V1) Lord, the light of your love is shining, in the midst of the darkness, shining. Jesus Light of the world, shine upon us. Set us free by the truth you now bring us. Shine on me, shine on me.

(Refrain) Shine, Jesus, shine! Fill this land with the Savior's glory. Blaze, Spirit, blaze! Set our hearts on fire. Flow, river, flow! Flood the nations with grace and mercy. Send forth Your word, Lord and let there be light!

(V2) Lord, I come to your awesome presence, from the shadows in to your radiance. By the blood I may enter your brightness. Search me, try me, consume all my darkness. Shine on me, shine on me.

(V3) As we gaze on your splendid brightness, so our faces display your likeness, ever changing from glory to glory. Mirrored here, may our lives tell your story. Shine on me, shine on me.