

**PRELUDE:** *Performed by Jim McIntyre*

**May the Lord Bless You – John Michael Talbot**

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=bpomcLcMMDg>

**INTRODUCTORY RITES:**

**Introduction:**

**Welcome to today’s Liturgy of the Word on this Second Sunday of Lent.**

**We acknowledge our presence on the traditional territories of the Indigenous communities that preceded the founding of our parish.**

*– pause –*

**During this Lenten season, our parish community journeys with Adrian Calestani, Laura Mattioli, Bridget O’Grady, Colette Zaharie, and Jessica Brichta who are all engaged in the Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults and will be welcomed into full communion at the Easter Vigil. We keep these candidates in our prayers.**

**We encourage full, conscious, and active participation in today’s celebration. All are invited to pray and sing together. Our participation, in whatever form, is a gift and ministry to each other.**

**Today’s reflection is offered by Eleanor Rabnett.**

**Let us begin with a moment of silence as we prepare our hearts and minds for transformation and renewal.**

***ONE Minute of Silence***

**Sharing in God's peace - let us welcome each other.**

*February 28, 2021: Second Sunday of Lent – Liturgy of the Word*

**Entrance Chant:**

**Tree of Life – Marty Haugen**

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=QoEITZ1\\_FJU](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=QoEITZ1_FJU)

**Greeting:**

**Leader:**           **We gather in the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit.**

**ALL:**               **Amen.**

**Penitential Act:**

**Leader:** During this season of Lent, the Church invites us to a conversion of life, to a greater openness to God's will in our lives.

Let us begin our celebration by asking God to help us root out whatever failings we have that prevent us from being totally open to the grace of God. *Pause*

Lord Jesus, you took Peter, James and John to a mountaintop: Lord, have mercy.

**ALL:** Lord, have mercy.

**Leader:** Christ Jesus, you revealed your relationship to the Law and the prophets: Christ, have mercy.

**ALL:** Christ, have mercy.

**Leader:** Lord Jesus, you call us to a deeper understanding of who you are: Lord, have mercy.

**ALL:** Lord, have mercy.

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**Leader:** May almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us our sins, and bring us to everlasting life.

**ALL:** Amen.

**Collect:**

**Leader:**           **Let us pray:**    *- pause -*  
**Holy God,**  
**from the dazzling cloud**  
**you revealed Jesus in glory**  
**as your beloved Son.**  
**During these forty days**  
**enlighten your Church with the bright glory of your**  
**presence.**  
**Inspire us by your word**  
**and so transform us into the image of the risen**  
**Lord, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of**  
**the Holy Spirit, holy and mighty God for ever and**  
**ever.**

**ALL:**               **Amen**

**Leader:**           **Let us prepare to listen to God’s Word.**

**LITURGY OF THE WORD:**

\*\*\* Please see the document titled “Readings for the Second Sunday of Lent”. The readings from the Children’s Lectionary are also included for those families with young children. The second reading is omitted when the readings for children are used. Pre-recorded readings are available via this link: <https://bible.usccb.org/podcasts/audio/2021-02-28-usccb-daily-mass-readings>

**First Reading.....Genesis 22.1-2, 9-13, 15-18**

<i>RESPONSE AT THE END OF THE FIRST READING:</i>	
<b>Lector:</b>	<b>The word of the Lord.</b>
<b>ALL:</b>	<b>Thanks be to God.</b>

*\*\*\* 30 seconds of silence\*\*\**

**Responsorial Psalm ..... Psalm 116**  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Co-w3JLpirU>

**Second Reading.....Romans 8.31b-35, 37**

<i>RESPONSE AT THE END OF THE SECOND READING:</i>	
<b>Lector:</b>	<b>The word of the Lord.</b>
<b>ALL:</b>	<b>Thanks be to God.</b>

*\*\*\* 30 seconds of silence\*\*\**

**Gospel Acclamation..... Matthew 4.4**

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2CkCfywrx-A&list=PL5agr\\_3e7q\\_r7N6uq-LnR5t-eNaL3mX8-&index=22](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2CkCfywrx-A&list=PL5agr_3e7q_r7N6uq-LnR5t-eNaL3mX8-&index=22)

*RESPONSE AT THE BEGINNING OF THE GOSPEL:*

**Lector:**            **A reading from the holy Gospel according to  
Mark.**

**ALL:**                **Glory to you, O Lord.**

**Gospel..... Mark 9.2-10**

*RESPONSE AT THE END OF THE GOSPEL:*

**Lector:**            **The Gospel of the Lord.**

**ALL:**                **Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

**Reflection..... Eleanor Rabnett**

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=IVpjNJH0Yyk>

**Profession of Faith:**

*\*\*\* Following the reflection, the Leader invites those gathered to profess their faith with the Apostles' Creed. Pg. 15 in the Sunday Missal.*

**Leader:** Let us profess our faith together:

**ALL:** I believe in God,  
the Father Almighty,  
Creator of heaven and earth,  
and in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,  
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.

**Prayers of the Faithful:**

**Leader:** Let us bring our prayers before God.

*\*\*\* See the PDF titled “Second Sunday of Lent 2021 – Prayers of the Faithful”*

*\*\*\*Response: **Merciful God, hear our prayer.***

*\*\*\*Following the Intentions, the Leader prays the following:*

**Leader:** Merciful God, you revealed yourself to us throughout history and most especially through your beloved Son.

**Open our hearts and minds to understand you and Jesus even more deeply during this Lenten season.**

**We ask this through Christ our Lord.**

**ALL:** Amen.

**HYMN:**

**Transform Us – Sylvia Dunstan**

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=RjbXL22uDN4>



**THE LORD’S PRAYER:**

**Leader:** With the words that Jesus taught us, let us now pray together:

**ALL:** **Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name; thy kingdom come thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.**

**Leader:** Deliver us, God, from every evil.  
Graciously grant peace in our days,  
that by the help of your mercy,  
we may always be free from sin  
and safe from all distress,  
as we await the blessed hope  
and the coming of our Saviour, Jesus Christ.

**ALL:** **For the kingdom, the power and the glory are yours now and forever.**

**Leader:** Lord, Jesus Christ, you said to your apostles:  
“I leave you peace, my peace I give you.”  
Look not on our sins, but on the faith of your Church, and grant us the peace and unity of your Kingdom, where you live for ever and ever.

**ALL:** **Amen**

**Sign of Peace:**

**Leader:** Let us share the peace of Christ with one another.

**Closing Prayer:**

**Leader:** As we conclude our celebration, we offer a Prayer to the Creator written by Pope Francis in his encyclical, *Fratelli Tutti*:

**Lord, Father of our human family,  
you created all human beings equal in dignity:  
pour forth into our hearts a fraternal spirit  
and inspire in us a dream of renewed encounter,  
dialogue, justice, and peace.**

**Move us to create healthier societies  
and a more dignified world,  
a world without hunger, poverty, violence, and war.**

**May our hearts be open  
to all the peoples and nations of the earth.**

**May we recognize the goodness and beauty  
that you have sown in each of us,  
and thus forge bonds of unity, common projects,  
and shared dreams.**

**ALL:** **Amen**

**CONCLUDING RITES:**

**Blessing:**

**Leader:** May almighty God bless us, the Father, and the Son,  
and the Holy Spirit.

**ALL:** Amen.

**Dismissal:**

**Leader:** Let us go forth in the peace of Christ.

**ALL:** Thanks be to God.

**CLOSING HYMN:**

**Return to God – Marty Haugen**

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=AyYtj9XAz8M>

**POSTLUDE:** *Performed by Tom Fagan*

**Postlude in E Minor – J.S. Bach**

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=a3\\_EI8tNm0U](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=a3_EI8tNm0U)