

SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT



Transformed Hearts

God of unimaginable blessings,
who tested Abraham's faith,
help us to surrender all that is
self-seeking.

Filled with compassion,
you revealed your love for us
in the Paschal Mystery of your beloved
Son, Jesus.

Grant us, during this Lenten journey,
transformed hearts that shine with the
light of your glory;
enlighten your people
so we may be attentive to the sound of
your voice.

Keep us ever mindful of your presence
and of the countless gifts you have
bestowed upon us
so that on that final day,
we may be called your beloved children.
Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Sunday, February 25, 2018

Listen

Today's Readings: Genesis 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13; 15-18; Psalm 116:10, 15, 16-17, 18-19; Romans 8:31b-34; Mark 9:2-10. Each time you hear the First Reading you may wonder how God could ask Abraham to sacrifice his son. The passage, though, highlights Abraham's unwavering devotion to God. As our father in faith, Abraham teaches us to listen carefully to God. He also teaches us to remain faithful to the covenant. We know from the reading that God promised to bless Abraham and his descendants for generations because of this witness of faith. Can you think of a time God asked you to sacrifice something dear to you? How did you respond?

In examining the Gospel, God's promise becomes more evident. We are the heirs to this great promise. At the

Transfiguration, God reveals his beloved Son to Peter, James, and John. They have known Jesus, but now they have seen him in his full glory. This moment prefigured all that will come about in the Passion and Resurrection of Jesus. Once and for all, God revealed in Jesus the depth of his love. God's sacrifice of his Son shows how much God loves us. God has kept his promise and now we, the heirs of this great mystery, are invited to share it with all people.

In these early days of Lent, take time to sit quietly and listen to God. In a journal, write or draw what you hear and rest in the dazzling presence of God whose love knows no end.