St. Charles Borromeo Church - Bensalem, PA

Second Sunday of Lent March 16, 2025

Entrance Antiphon

cf. Psalm 27 (26):8-9

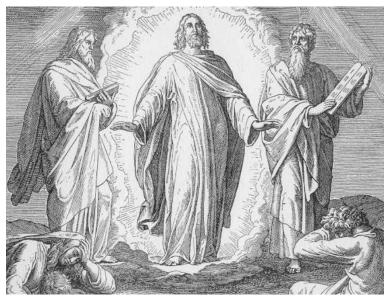
Of you my heart has spoken: Seek his face.
It is your face, O Lord, that I seek;

hide not your face from me.

Entrance Hymn

The Glory of These Forty Days - ERHALT UNS, HERR





First Reading

Genesis 15:5-12, 17-18

A reading from the Book of Genesis.

The Lord God took Abram outside and said, "Look up at the sky and count the stars, if you can. Just so," he added, "shall your descendants be." Abram put his faith in the LORD, who credited it to him as an act of righteousness.

He then said to him, "I am the LORD who brought you from Ur of the Chaldeans to give you this land as a possession." "O Lord GOD," he asked, "how am I to know that I shall possess it?" He answered him, "Bring me a three-year-old heifer, a three-year-old she-goat, a three-year-old ram, a turtledove, and a young pigeon." Abram brought him all these, split them in two, and placed each half opposite the other; but the birds he did not cut up. Birds of prey swooped down on the carcasses, but Abram stayed with them. As the sun was about to set, a trance fell upon Abram, and a deep, terrifying darkness enveloped him.

When the sun had set and it was dark, there appeared a smoking fire pot and a flaming torch, which passed between those pieces. It was on that occasion that the LORD made a covenant with Abram, saying: "To your descendants I give this land, from the Wadi of Egypt to the Great River, the Euphrates."

The word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm Psalm 27:1, 7-8, 8-9, 13-14



R. The Lord is my light and my salvation.

- The LORD is my light and my salvation; whom should I fear?
 The LORD is my life's refuge; of whom should I be afraid? R
- Hear, O LORD, the sound of my call; have pity on me, and answer me.
 Of you my heart speaks; you my glance seeks. R
- Your presence, O LORD, I seek.
 Hide not your face from me;
 do not in anger repel your servant.
 You are my helper: cast me not out. R
- 4. I believe that I shall see the bounty of the LORD in the land of the living.
 Wait for the LORD with courage;
 be stouthearted, and wait for the LORD. R

Second Reading

Philippians 3:17—4:1

A reading from the Letter of Saint Paul to the Philippians.

Join with others in being imitators of me, brothers and sisters, and observe those who thus conduct themselves according to the model you have in us. For many, as I have often told you and now tell you even in tears, conduct themselves as enemies of the cross of Christ. Their end is destruction. Their God is their stomach; their glory is in their "shame." Their minds are occupied with earthly things. But our citizenship is in heaven, and from it we also await a savior, the Lord Jesus Christ. He will change our lowly body to conform with his glorified body by the

power that enables him also to bring all things into subjection to himself.

Therefore, my brothers and sisters, whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, in this way stand firm in the Lord.

The word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation

cf. Matthew 17:5

R. Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, King of endless glory!

From the shining cloud the Father's voice is heard: This is my beloved Son, hear him. \mathbf{R}

Gospel

Luke 9:28b-36

₩ A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke.

Jesus took Peter, John, and James and went up the mountain to pray. While he was praying his face changed in appearance and his clothing became dazzling white. And behold, two men were conversing with him, Moses and Elijah, who appeared in glory and spoke of his exodus that he was going to accomplish in Jerusalem. Peter and his companions had been overcome by sleep, but becoming fully awake, they saw his glory and the two men standing with him. As they were about to part from him, Peter said to Jesus, "Master, it is good that we are here; let us make three tents, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah." But he did not know what he was saying. While he was still speaking, a cloud came and cast a shadow over them, and they became frightened when they entered the cloud. Then from the cloud came a voice that said, "This is my chosen Son; listen to him." After the voice had spoken, Jesus was found alone. They fell silent and did not at that time tell anyone what they had seen.

The Gospel of the Lord. Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Profession of Faith

I believe in one God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all things visible and invisible.

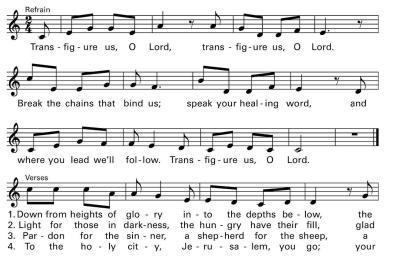
I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ, the Only Begotten Son of God, born of the Father before all ages. God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, consubstantial with the Father; through him all things were made. For us men and for our salvation he came down from heaven, (all bow) and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the Virgin Mary, and became man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate, he suffered death and was buried, and rose again on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead and his kingdom will have no end.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is adored and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets.

I believe in one, holy, catholic, and apostolic Church. I confess one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins and I look forward to the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Offertory Hymn

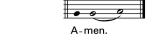
Transfigure Us, O Lord - Bob Hurd







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Communion Antiphon

Matthew 17:5

This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased; listen to him.



1. Brought by your hand to the edge of our dreams,



Stewardship Prayer

Written by Fr. Philip M. Forlano

Heavenly Father, we come to you in thanksgiving knowing that all we are and all we have are gifts from you. In faith and love, help us to do your will.

Speak your words into our hearts, that we may hear you clearly, and that our hearts may be conformed to the heart of your Son, Jesus.

Send your Holy Spirit upon us that we, as a parish family, may be united and renewed in your grace and reveal the face of Christ to the world. Kindle in us the fire of your love and the desire to be generous stewards in placing our time, talent, and treasure at the service of others.

Through the intercession of Mary, our Blessed Mother, St. Joseph, and St. Charles Borromeo, make us attentive to the needs of others, fervent in charity, and abounding in good works. We ask this through Christ our

Lord. Amen.

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