

# SUNDAY READINGS & PRAYERS

LENT 2 (YEAR C)

## COLLECT

Almighty God, you show to those who are in error the light of your truth, that they may return to the way of righteousness: grant to all those who are admitted into the fellowship of Christ's religion, that they may reject those things that are contrary to their profession, and follow all such things as are agreeable to the same; through our Lord Jesus Christ, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

## FIRST READING

*Gen 15.5–12,17–18*

A reading from the book of Genesis.

God brought Abram outside and said, 'Look towards heaven and count the stars, if you are able to count them.' Then he said to him, 'So shall your descendants be.' And he believed the Lord; and the Lord reckoned it to him as righteousness. Then he said to him, 'I am the Lord who brought you from Ur of the Chaldeans, to give you this land to possess.' But he said, 'O Lord God, how am I to know that I shall possess it?' He said to him, 'Bring me a heifer three years old, a female goat three years old, a ram three years old, a turtle-dove, and a young pigeon.' He brought him all these and cut them in two, laying each half over against the other; but he did not cut the birds in two. And when birds of prey came down on the carcasses, Abram drove them away. As the sun was going down, a deep sleep fell upon Abram, and a deep and terrifying darkness descended upon him. When the sun had gone down and it was dark, a smoking fire-pot and a flaming torch passed between these pieces. On that day the Lord made a covenant with Abram, saying, 'To your descendants I give this land, from the river of Egypt to the great river, the river Euphrates.'

This is the Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## RESPONSORIAL PSALM

*from Ps 27*



*R.* The Lord is my light and my help.

*(All repeat)*



The Lord is my light and <sup>1</sup> my salvation; whom then <sup>1</sup> shall I fear?

The Lord is the stronghold <sup>1</sup> of my life; of whom then shall I <sup>1</sup> be afraid? *R.*

One thing have I asked of the Lord, one <sup>1</sup> thing I seek:

to dwell in the Lord's house all the days <sup>1</sup> of my life;

to behold the fair beauty <sup>1</sup> of the Lord and to seek him <sup>1</sup> in his temple. *R.*

I am sure I shall see <sup>1</sup> the Lord's goodness in the land <sup>1</sup> of the living.

Be strong and he shall com-<sup>1</sup>fort your heart, and put your trust <sup>1</sup> in the Lord. *R.*

## SECOND READING

*Php 3.17 – 4.1*

A reading from the letter of Paul to the Philippians.

Brothers and sisters, join in imitating me, and observe those who live according to the example you have in us. For many live as enemies of the cross of Christ; I have often told you of them, and now I tell you even with tears. Their end is destruction; their god is the belly; and their glory is in their shame; their minds are set on earthly things. But our citizenship is in heaven, and it is from there that we are expecting a Saviour, the Lord Jesus Christ. He will transform the body of our humiliation that it may be conformed to the body of his glory, by the power that also enables him to make all things subject to himself. Therefore, my brothers and sisters, whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, stand firm in the Lord in this way, my beloved.

This is the Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

*Ps 95.3,7,8*

***Praise to you, O Christ, King of eternal glory.***

The Lord is a great God, O that today you  
would listen to his voice:

Harden not your hearts.

***Praise to you, O Christ, King of eternal glory.***

GOSPEL READING

*Lk 13.31–35*

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Hear the Gospel ✠ of our Lord Jesus Christ  
according to Luke.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

At that very hour some Pharisees came and said to Jesus, “Get away from here, for Herod wants to kill you.” And he said to them, “Go and tell that fox, ‘Behold, I cast out demons and perform cures today and tomorrow, and the third day I finish my course.

Nevertheless, I must go on my way today and tomorrow and the day following, for it cannot be that a prophet should perish away from Jerusalem.’ O Jerusalem, Jerusalem, the city that kills the prophets and stones those who are sent to it! How often would I have gathered your children together as a hen gathers her brood under her wings, and you would not! Behold, your house is forsaken. And I tell you, you will not see me until you say, ‘Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!’”

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

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PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS

May this sacrifice, Lord, wash away our sins, and make us holy in body and soul for the celebration of Easter; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

POST-COMMUNION

Almighty God, you see that we have no power of ourselves to help ourselves: keep us both outwardly in our bodies, and inwardly in our souls; that we may be defended from all adversities which may happen to the body, and from all evil thoughts which may assault and hurt the soul; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**