

# SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

## ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI CHURCH—JEBEL ALI

YEAR C

### INTRODUCTORY RITE

#### Entrance Antiphon

Remember your mercies, Lord, your tenderness from the past. Do not let our enemies triumph over us; O God, deliver Israel from all her distress.

#### Entrance Hymn

- Sweet heart of Jesus, font of love and mercy; today we come Thy blessings to implore. Oh, touch our hearts so cold and so ungrateful and make them, Lord, Thine own for ever more.  
*Sweet heart of Jesus, we Thee implore, Oh, make us love Thee, more and more. (2x)*
- Sweet heart of Jesus, make us know and love Thee. Unfold to us the treasures of Thy grace, that so our hearts from things of earth uplifted may long alone to gaze upon Thy face.

#### Greeting

**C:** In the name of the Father, and of the Son, ✠ and of the Holy Spirit.

**All:** AMEN

**C:** The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**All:** And also with you.

#### Penitential Rite

**C:** My brothers and sisters, to prepare ourselves to celebrate the sacred mysteries, let us call to mind our sins.

*Pause for silent reflection. After a brief silence all say:*

**All:** I confess to almighty God, and to you, my brothers and sisters, that I have sinned through my own fault in my thoughts and in my words, in what I have done, and in what I have failed to do; and I ask blessed Mary, ever virgin, all the angels and saints, and you, my brothers and sisters, to pray for me to the Lord, our God.

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

**P:** AMEN

#### The Kyrie

**C:** Lord, have mercy.

**P:** Lord, have mercy.

**C:** Christ, have mercy.

**P:** Christ, have mercy.

**C:** Lord, have mercy.

**P:** Lord, have mercy.

#### Opening Prayer

God our Father, help us to hear your Son. Enlighten us with your word, that we may find the way to your glory.

### LITURGY OF THE WORD

#### First Reading

15:5–12. 17–18

A reading from the book of Genesis

*God enters into a Covenant with Abraham, the man of faith.*

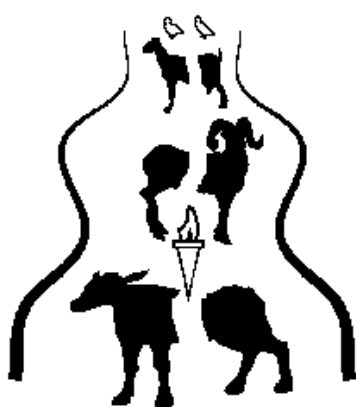
Taking Abram outside the Lord said, "Look up to heaven and count the stars if you can. Such will be your descendants" he told him. Abram put his faith in the Lord, who counted this as making him justified.

"I am the Lord" he said to him "who brought you out of Ur of the Chaldeans to make you heir to this land." "My Lord, the Lord" Abram replied "how am I to know that I shall inherit it?" He said to him, "Get me a three-year-old heifer, a three-year-old goat, a three-year-old ram, a turtledove and a young pigeon." He brought him all these, cut them in half and put half on one side and half facing it on the other; but the birds he did not cut in half. Birds of prey came down on the carcasses but Abram drove them off.

Now as the sun was setting Abram fell into a deep sleep, and terror seized him. When the sun had set and darkness had fallen, there appeared a smoking furnace and a firebrand that went between the halves. That day the Lord made a Covenant with Abram in these terms: "To your descendants I give this land, from the wadi of Egypt to the Great River."

This is the word of the Lord.

**All:** Thanks be to God.



**A Flaming Torch Passed Between Those Pieces**

#### Responsorial Psalm

℟ The Lord is my light and my help.

- The Lord is my light and my help; whom shall I fear? The Lord is the stronghold of my life; before whom shall I shrink? ℟
- O Lord, hear my voice when I call; have mercy and answer. Of you my heart has spoken: "Seek his face." ℟
- It is your face, O Lord, that I seek; hide not your face. Dismiss not your servant in anger; you have been my help. ℟
- I am sure I shall see the Lord's goodness in the land of the living. Hope in him, hold firm and take heart. Hope in the Lord! ℟

#### Second Reading

A reading from the letter of St. Paul to the Philippians

3:17–4:1

*Christ will transfigure our bodies into copies of his glorious body.*

My brothers, be united in following my rule of life. Take as your models everybody who is already doing this and study them as you used to study us. I have told you often, and I repeat it today with tears, there are many who are behaving as the enemies of the cross of Christ. They are destined to be lost. They make foods into their god and they are proudest of something they ought to think shameful; the things they think important are earthly things. \*For us, our homeland is in heaven, and from heaven comes the saviour we are waiting for, the Lord Jesus Christ, and he will transfigure these wretched bodies of ours into copies of his glorious body. He will do that by the same power with which he can subdue the whole universe.

So then, my brothers and dear friends, do not give way but remain faithful in the Lord. I miss you very much, dear friends; you are my joy and my crown.

This is the word of the Lord.\*

**All:** Thanks be to God.

#### Gospel Acclamation

Mt 17:5

**Glory and praise to you, O Christ!**

From the bright cloud, the Father's voice was heard: "This is my Son, the Beloved. Listen to him!"

**Glory and praise to you, O Christ!**

#### Gospel

9:28–36

**C:** The Lord be with you.

**All:** And also with you.

**C:** A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke.

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

*As Jesus prayed, the aspect of his face was changed.*

Jesus took with him Peter and John and James and went up the mountain to pray. As he prayed, the aspect of his face was changed and his clothing became brilliant as lightning. Suddenly there were two men there talking to him; they were Moses and Elijah appearing in glory, and they were speaking of his passing which he was to accomplish in Jerusalem. Peter and his companions were heavy with sleep, but they kept awake and saw his glory and the two men standing with him. As these were leaving him, Peter said to Jesus, "Master, it is wonderful for us to be here; so let us make three tents, one for you, one for Moses and one for Elijah." — He did not know what he was saying. As he spoke, a cloud came and covered them with shadow; and when they went into the cloud the disciples were afraid. And a voice came from the cloud saying, "This is my Son, the Chosen One. Listen to him." And after the voice had spoken, Jesus was found alone. The disciples kept silence and, at that time, told no one what they had seen. This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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



**Our Citizenship Is In Heaven**



## Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried. He descended to the dead. On the third day He rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. He will come again 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.

## LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

### Offertory Hymn

1. Lift up your hands and offer to the Lord;  
lift up your hands and offer to your God  
all that your life may hold of joy and care.  
Lift up your hands unto the Lord.
2. Lift up your eyes and see the works of God;  
lift up your eyes to the glory of the Lord.  
See all the beauty He has spread for you.  
Lift up your eyes unto the Lord.

### The Offering

*(If no song is sung, then the people may make the responses to the prayer of offering given here.)*

- C:** Blessed are you, Lord, God of all creation. Through your goodness we have this bread to offer, which earth has given and human hands have made. It will become for us the bread of life.
- P:** Blessed be God for ever.
- C:** Blessed are you, Lord, God of all creation. Through your goodness we have this wine to offer, fruit of the vine and work of human hands. It will become our spiritual drink.
- P:** Blessed be God for ever.
- C:** Pray, brethren, that our sacrifice may be acceptable to God, the almighty Father.
- P:** 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 Church.

### Prayer over the gifts

Lord,  
make us holy. May this eucharist take away our sins that we may be prepared to celebrate the resurrection.

### Eucharistic Prayer

- C:** The Lord be with you.
- P:** And also with you.
- C:** Lift up your hearts.
- P:** We lift them up to the Lord.
- C:** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
- P:** It is right to give him thanks and praise.

### The Acclamation

**All:** Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

### Memorial Acclamation

- C:** Let us proclaim the mystery of faith:
- P:** Christ has died,  
Christ is risen,  
Christ will come again.

### Communion Rite

- C:** Let us pray with confidence to the Father in the words our Saviour gave us:
- All:** Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed by 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.
- C:** Deliver us, Lord, from every evil, and grant us peace in our day. In your mercy keep us free from sin and protect us from all anxiety as we wait in joyful hope for the coming of our Saviour, Jesus Christ.
- All:** For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever.

### Breaking of the Bread

- All:** Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: have mercy on us.  
Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: have mercy on us.  
Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: grant us peace.
- C:** This is the Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world. Happy are those who are called to his supper.
- All:** Lord, I am not worthy to receive you, but only say the word and I shall be healed.

### Communion Antiphon

**This is my Son, my beloved, in whom is all my delight: listen to him.**

## Communion Hymn

1. God of mercy and compassion,  
look with pity upon me;  
Father, let me call Thee Father,  
'tis Thy child returns to Thee.  
*Jesus Lord, I ask for mercy,  
let me not implore in vain.  
All my sins I now detest them,  
never will I sin again.*
2. See our Saviour, bleeding, dying,  
on the cross of Calvary;  
to that cross my sins have nail'd Him,  
yet He bleeds and dies for me.
3. By my sins I have deserved death  
and endless misery;  
hell with all its pains and torments,  
and for all eternity.
1. On the paten with the host I offer up my lowly heart.  
All my life, my deeds, my thoughts,  
thine shall be as mine Thou art.
2. In the chalice let me be a drop of water mingled there.  
Lost, O Jesus, in thy love;  
Thy great sacrifice I share.
3. All today and every day, O Jesus, let me live in Thee,  
so that I no longer live,  
but that Thou mayst live through me.

### Prayer After Communion

Lord,  
we give thanks for these holy mysteries which bring to us here on earth a share in the life to come, through Christ our Lord.

### Concluding Rite

- C:** The Lord be with you.
- P:** And also with you.
- C:** May almighty God bless you, the Father, and the Son, ✠ and the Holy Spirit.
- P:** Amen.
- C:** The Mass is ended, go in peace to love and serve the Lord.
- P:** Thanks be to God.

### Recessional Hymn

1. There shall be showers of blessing,  
this is the promise of love.  
There shall be seasons refreshing  
sent from the Saviour above.  
*Showers of blessing,  
showers of blessing we need.  
Mercy drops round us are falling,  
but for the showers we plead*
2. There shall be showers of blessing,  
send them upon us, O Lord.  
Grant to us now a refreshing,  
come and now honour Thy word.
3. There shall be showers of blessing,  
O that today they might fall,  
now as to God we're confessing,  
now as on Jesus we call.

