

**SECOND SUNDAY
OF LENT**

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PRAYER OF THE DAY:

God of heaven and earth,
we do not really understand
why Jesus, your Son,
suffered and died
on the cross for us.
Help us listen
to everything he teaches
and to follow him
to his home with you
where you live forever and ever.

FOCUS OF THE READINGS:

Our readings focus on God's promise of salvation. This salvation is seen in the first reading as the promised land. In the Transfiguration, Jesus shows us the glory to which we are ultimately called. Peter, James and John saw a glimpse of the Resurrected Jesus, and of our future glory. We will live in light and splendor. This revelation is accompanied by its requirement—Listen to him.

*Jesus is the One promised by God.
Listen to him.*

FIRST READING: Genesis 15:5-10a, 18

A reading from the book of Genesis.

God said to Abraham,

“Look up at the sky. Can you count all those stars?
That’s how many people will be in your family.”

Abraham believed God,
and God was pleased with Abraham’s faith,
and said to him:

“I am your God,
who brought you away from your home
in Ur of the Chaldeans.
I brought you here
so that I could give you this land.”

But Abraham asked,

“How can I know that this land will truly be mine?”

God said,

“Bring me a young cow, a young goat,
a young ram, a turtledove and a pigeon.”

Abraham brought all of these
and offered a sacrifice to God.

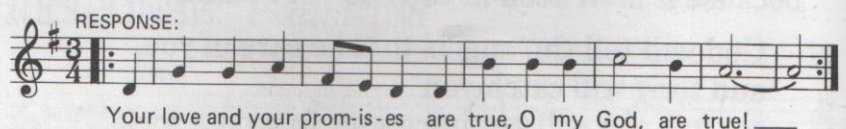
On that day, God made a covenant
with Abraham, saying,

“I will give all this land to your family;
all this land from the river of Egypt
to the great river Euphrates.”

The Word of the Lord.

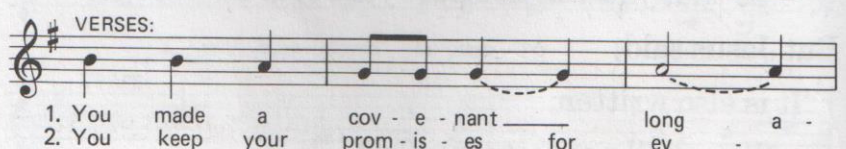
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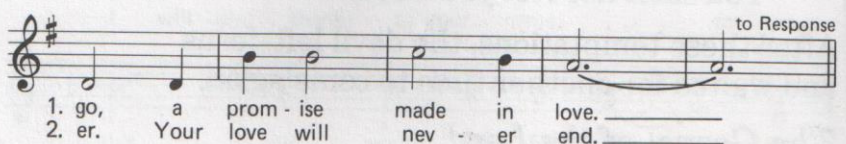
Your love and your prom-is-es are true, O my God, are true! —

VERSES:



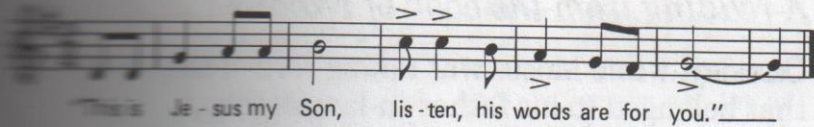
1. You made a cov - e - nant — long a -
2. You keep your prom - is - es for ev -

to Response



1. go, a prom - ise made in love. —
2. er. Your love will nev - er end. —

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:



GOSPEL: Luke 9:28-36

A reading from the Gospel of Luke.

One day Jesus took Peter, James and John
and went up on a mountain to pray.
While Jesus was praying,
his face changed
and his clothes became shining white.
Then Moses and Elijah were there with Jesus,
and they too were shining in glory.
They were talking with Jesus
about how he was going to die in Jerusalem.

Peter, James and John had fallen asleep.
When they woke up,
they saw Jesus shining in glory,
and they saw the two men with him.
As Moses and Elijah were leaving,
Peter said to Jesus,

"Master, it's good for us to be here!

Let us make three tents:

one for you, one for Moses and one for Elijah."

Peter was so confused by what was happening
that he didn't know what he was saying.

As he was speaking,
the shadow of a cloud came over them,
and when it was all around them,
they became frightened.

Then a voice came from the cloud, saying,

"This is my son, my chosen one. Listen to him."

After the voice had spoken,
they saw only Jesus standing there.

The Gospel of the Lord.

REFLECTING ON THE READINGS WITH CHILDREN:

After the Gospel, ask the children to recall what they heard. If they have difficulty recalling, you may wish to help them with questions such as:

- Who did Jesus take with him to the mountain?
- What happened while they were there?
- Who did Peter, James and John see with Jesus?
- What did Peter say?
- What did Peter, James and John hear God say?

Ask the children if they have ever seen previews of coming attractions on television or in a theatre. Help them understand that previews tell us what the coming attraction is going to be like and help us look forward to it.

Help them see that at the Transfiguration, Jesus was giving a preview of what he will be like after the resurrection. He was also showing us that we will be like him. We will live with him in glory. As Jesus was showing this to Peter, James and John, God told them what we must do to live with Jesus in glory forever.

Do you remember what God said to Peter, James and John? God tells us too,

"This is my beloved son; listen to him."

- How do we listen to Jesus today in the Bible?
- in our parents and others who teach us?
- in the good thoughts we have that encourage us to do the right thing?