

SECOND SUNDAY IN LENT

Collect

God of our ancestors,
whose chosen servant Abraham
was given faith to obey your call
and go out into the unknown:
endow your Church with such faith
that we may follow you with courage;
for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

1st Reading

Isaiah 50:9 - 51:4

9 It is the Lord God who helps me; who will declare me guilty? All of them will wear out like a garment; the moth will eat them up. **10** Who among you fears the Lord and obeys the voice of his servant, who walks in darkness and has no light, yet trusts in the name of the Lord and relies upon his God? **11** But all of you are kindlers of fire, lighters of firebrands. Walk in the flame of your fire, and among the brands that you have kindled! This is what you shall have from my hand: you shall lie down in torment. **51:1** Listen to me, you that pursue righteousness, you that seek the Lord. Look to the rock from which you were hewn, and to the quarry from which you were dug. **2** Look to Abraham your father and to Sarah who bore you; for he was but one when I called him, but I blessed him and made him many. **3** For the Lord will comfort Zion; he will comfort all her waste places, and will make her wilderness like Eden, her desert like the garden of the Lord; joy and gladness will be found in her, thanksgiving and the voice of song. **4** Listen to me, my people, and give heed to me, my nation; for a teaching will go out from me, and my justice for a light to the peoples.

Psalm

Psalm 27

- 1 The Lord is my light and my salvation;
whom then shall I fear?:
the Lord is the stronghold of my life;
of whom shall I be afraid?
- 2 When the wicked, even my enemies and my foes,
come upon me to devour me:
they shall stumble and fall.
- 3 If an army encamp against me,
my heart shall not be afraid:
and if war should rise against me, yet will I trust.
- 4 One thing I have asked from the Lord,
which I will require:
that I may dwell in the house of the Lord
all the days of my life,
- 5 To see the fair beauty of the Lord:
and to seek his will in his temple.
- 6 For he will hide me under his shelter
in the day of trouble:
and conceal me in the shadow of his tent,
and set me high upon a rock.
- 7 And now he will lift up my head:
above my enemies round about me.
- 8 And I will offer sacrifices in his sanctuary
with exultation:
I will sing, I will sing praises to the Lord.
- 9 O Lord, hear my voice when I cry:
have mercy upon me and answer me.
- 10 My heart has said of you, 'Seek his face':
your face, Lord, I will seek.
- 11 Do not hide your face from me:
or thrust your servant aside in displeasure;
- 12 For you have been my helper:
do not cast me away or forsake me, O God of my salvation.
- 13 Though my father and my mother forsake me:
the Lord will take me up.

- ¹⁴ Teach me your way, O Lord:
and lead me in an even path, for they lie in wait for me.
- ¹⁵ Do not give me over to the will of my enemies:
for false witnesses have risen against me,
and those who breathe out violence.
- ¹⁶ But I believe that I shall surely see
the goodness of the Lord:
in the land of the living.
- ¹⁷ O wait for the Lord;
stand firm and he will strengthen your heart:
and wait, I say, for the Lord.

2nd Reading

Philippians 3.17-4.1

¹⁷ Brothers and sisters, join in imitating me, and observe those who live according to the example you have in us. ¹⁸ 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. ¹⁹ Their end is destruction; their god is the belly; and their glory is in their shame; their minds are set on earthly things. ²⁰ But our citizenship is in heaven, and it is from there that we are expecting a Saviour, the Lord Jesus Christ. ²¹ He will transform the body of our humiliation so 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. ¹ 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.

Gospel

Luke 13.31-35

³¹ At that very hour some Pharisees came and said to him, 'Get away from here, for Herod wants to kill you.' ³² He said to them, 'Go and tell that fox for me, "Listen, I am casting out demons and performing cures today and tomorrow, and on the third day I finish my work. ³³ Yet today, tomorrow, and the next day I must be on my way, because it is impossible for a prophet to be killed away from

Jerusalem.”³⁴ Jerusalem, Jerusalem, the city that kills the prophets and stones those who are sent to it! How often have I desired to gather your children together as a hen gathers her brood under her wings, and you were not willing!³⁵ See, your house is left to you. And I tell you, you will not see me until the time comes when you say, “Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.” ’