



## SECOND SUNDAY IN LENT

Year B

### FIRST READING: Genesis 17:1-7, 15-16

A reading from Genesis.

<sup>1</sup>When Abram was ninety-nine years old,  
the LORD appeared to Abram and said to him,  
“I am God Almighty; walk before me, and be blameless.

<sup>2</sup>And I will make my covenant between me and you  
and will make you exceedingly numerous.”

<sup>3</sup>Then Abram fell on his face,  
and God said to him,

<sup>4</sup>“As for me, this is my covenant with you:  
You shall be the ancestor of a multitude of nations.

<sup>5</sup>No longer shall your name be Abram, but your name shall be Abraham,  
for I have made you the ancestor of a multitude of nations.

<sup>6</sup>I will make you exceedingly fruitful,  
and I will make nations of you, and rulers shall come from you.

<sup>7</sup>I will establish my covenant between me and you  
and your offspring after you throughout their generations,  
for an everlasting covenant,  
to be God to you and to your offspring after you.”

<sup>15</sup>God said to Abraham,  
“As for Sarai your wife, you shall not call her Sarai,  
but Sarah shall be her name.

<sup>16</sup>I will bless her and also give you a son by her.  
I will bless her, and she shall give rise to nations;  
rulers of peoples shall come from her.”

Word of God, word of life.            *or*            The word of the Lord.

### PSALMODY: Psalm 22:23-31

## SECOND READING: Romans 4:13-25

A reading from Romans.

<sup>13</sup>The promise that he would inherit the world did not come to Abraham or to his descendants through the law but through the righteousness of faith.

<sup>14</sup>For if it is the adherents of the law who are to be the heirs, faith is null and the promise is void.

<sup>15</sup>For the law brings wrath, but where there is no law, neither is there transgression.

<sup>16</sup>For this reason the promise depends on faith, in order that it may rest on grace, so that it may be guaranteed to all Abraham's descendants, not only to the adherents of the law but also to those who share the faith of Abraham (who is the father of all of us, <sup>17</sup>as it is written, "I have made you the father of many nations"), in the presence of the God in whom Abraham believed, who gives life to the dead and calls into existence the things that do not exist.

<sup>18</sup>Hoping against hope, Abraham believed that he would become "the father of many nations," according to what was said, "So shall your descendants be."

<sup>19</sup>He did not weaken in faith when he considered his own body, which was already as good as dead (for he was about a hundred years old), and the barrenness of Sarah's womb.

<sup>20</sup>No distrust made Abraham waver concerning the promise of God, but he grew strong in his faith as he gave glory to God,

<sup>21</sup>being fully convinced that God was able to do what God had promised.

<sup>22</sup>Therefore "it was reckoned to him as righteousness."

<sup>23</sup>Now the words, "it was reckoned to him,"

were written not for his sake alone <sup>24</sup>but for ours also.

It will be reckoned to us who believe in the one who raised Jesus our Lord from the dead,

<sup>25</sup>who was handed over for our trespasses and was raised for our justification.

Word of God, word of life.            *or*            The word of the Lord.

## **GOSPEL: Mark 8:31-38**

The holy gospel according to Mark.

<sup>31</sup>Jesus began to teach them that the Son-of-Man must undergo great suffering and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests, and the scribes and be killed and after three days rise again.

<sup>32</sup>Jesus said all this quite openly.

And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him.

<sup>33</sup>But turning and looking at his disciples, Jesus rebuked Peter and said, “Get behind me, Satan!

For you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things.”

<sup>34</sup>Jesus called the crowd with his disciples and said to them,

“If any wish to come after me, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me.

<sup>35</sup>For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake, and for the sake of the gospel, will save it.

<sup>36</sup>For what will it profit them to gain the whole world and forfeit their life?

<sup>37</sup>Indeed, what can they give in return for their life?

<sup>38</sup>Those who are ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of them the Son-of-Man will also be ashamed when he comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels.”

The gospel of the Lord.