

**Sunday, February 25, 2024**  
**The Second Sunday of Lent**

- 1) Genesis 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18
- 2) Romans 8:31b-34
- 3) Mark 9:2-10

**FOCUS:** *This is my beloved Son. Listen to him.*

We do not have a God who sits enthroned, looking down from a great distance to arbitrarily ask us to do this or not do that. No, we have a God who loves us enough that we can trust him completely, as Abraham did. We have a God who did not hold back anything, not even his beloved Son, to lead us to the goodness he desires for us.

**LITURGY OF THE WORD**

In the first reading, God calls Abraham to sacrifice Isaac, but provides a ram instead and promises blessing on all nations in response to Abraham's trust. In the Epistle, we are reminded that God did not spare his own Son and so gives us everything with him. In the Gospel, Jesus is transfigured and a voice from the cloud says: *This is my beloved Son. Listen to him.*

**UNIVERSAL PRAYER**

PRIEST: Trusting in God's boundless goodness, let us bring our prayers before him with confidence and hope.

- 1) For the pope and all bishops, may they be strengthened by God's beloved Son in all they do, let us pray to the Lord.
- 2) For all nations and peoples, may God open their hearts to the Gospel message, let us pray to the Lord.
- 3) For those who struggle with doubt, may they hear God's voice, let us pray to the Lord.
- 4) For this faith community, may the Lord encourage us in perseverance in our Lenten resolutions, let us pray to the Lord.
- 5) For all who have passed away from this life, may they rejoice with Christ in heaven, let us pray to the Lord.
- 6) (Special petition/s)

PRIEST: Loving Father, hear the prayers of your children and grant them according to your holy will. We ask this through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.