

Liturgy Alive of Second Sunday of Lent (B)

Greeting

"God did not spare his own Son
but gave him up to benefit us all."
He preferred his Son to die
rather than to give up his love for people.
This Jesus is with us now
as the guarantee of God's love.

May the Lord Jesus be always with you. R/ *And also with you.*

Introduction by the Celebrant

A. Cross And Glory *(Option 1)*

It is a happy moment when we are in pain to hear a word of concern and encouragement. It is a happy experience when in our questions and problems there comes a ray of light that uplifts us and tells us that Jesus is with us on our weary way. It is comforting for us during Lent that Jesus himself gives us a glimpse of his victory at Easter. All this is wonderful and we want it to last, but like Peter and with Jesus we have to go back to the realities of life. But Jesus is still with us always even when we are not aware of it.

B. On The Mountain... For A Moment *(Option 2)*

We continue our journey through Lent. Where will the road lead us? For Jesus it led to Jerusalem, to the cross. With Jesus we have to take up our cross, but with Jesus we also know that the end will not be death but life, not suffering but resurrection. This consolation may look meager at times, but for a Christian it is real. We don't have to ask for suffering; but when it comes we take it like Jesus, for God, for the sake of others. That is why, again like Jesus, we see an encouraging vision on the mountain. God is with us, he sees us, he loves us. We trust him.

Penitential Act

Our ways are not always the ways of the Lord.
Let us ask the Lord Jesus to forgive us
and to transform our lives.
(pause)
Lord Jesus, in our affliction and trials
we keep trusting in you:

Lord, have mercy. R/ *Lord, have mercy.*

Jesus Christ, we are your servants.
You have set us free from the bonds of sin:
Christ, have mercy. R/ *Christ, have mercy.*

Lord Jesus, you are God's beloved Son.
We want to listen to you and to follow you:

Lord, have mercy. R/ *Lord, have mercy.*

Have mercy on us, Lord,
and forgive us all our sins.
Show us the light of your face

and lead us to everlasting life. R/ *Amen.*

Opening Prayer

Let us pray the Father
that the light of Christ may shine on us
(pause)
Loving Father,
for a fleeting moment
you glorified your Son on the mountain
to encourage him to carry out his mission
and to strengthen his disciples.
Let the presence of your Son in this Eucharist
and the words he speaks to us
transform us and give us light and strength
to take up our task in life
and to lighten the burden
of our brothers and sisters,
until you transforms us with him
in the lasting light of your glory.

We ask this in the name of Jesus the Lord. *R/ Amen.*

General Intercessions

God has not spared his own Son. We may be sure that after such a gift he will not refuse us anything he can give. With faith we pray to our Father, and say: *R/ Listen to your people, Lord.*

- For trust that God is near to us also in our deepest loneliness and in all trials, let us pray: *R/ Listen to your people, Lord.*
- For courage and constancy, that we may keep doing what is right and good even when it demands pain and effort, let us pray: *R/ Listen to your people, Lord.*
- For open hearts and hands to help all those who suffer, let us pray: *R/ Listen to your people, Lord.*
- For peace, which God alone can give and which drives away all fears, let us pray: *R/ Listen to your people, Lord.*
- For solidarity and cooperation in our Christian communities and with all people of good will, let us pray: *R/ Listen to your people, Lord.*
- For trusting faith that we are not lost in death but safe with Christ in the hands of God, let us pray: *R/ Listen to your people, Lord.*

Lord, if you are on our side, who can be against us? Your Son pleads for us. Hear us and hear him, now and for ever. *R/ Amen.*

Prayer over the Gifts

Lord our God,
we now bring bread and wine before you.
Transform them into Jesus, your Son,
and help us to see beyond appearances
him who is our strength and joy
and our way to one another.

We ask this in the name of Jesus the Lord. *R/ Amen.*

Introduction to the Lord's Prayer

Let us pray with all trust
the prayer of Jesus our Lord,

who pleads for us to the Father. *R/ Our Father...*

Deliver Us

Deliver us Lord, from all sin
and set us free from the fear of changing
and of becoming more like your Son.
Liberate us from our self-interest
and open our eyes to the needs of people.
Help us to work without fear
for a world where your children can live
and laugh and be happy
and prepare in hope for the full coming

of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. *R/ For the kingdom...*

Invitation to Communion

This is Jesus the Lord.
Receive him in faith
and let his Spirit guide you

to care for one another. *R/ Lord, I am not worthy...*

Prayer after Communion

Lord God, our Father,
with the apostles we have seen your Son
with the eyes of faith.
May he strengthen us, too,
to face the realities and hardships of life
and to commit ourselves more courageously
to brighten the lives of people
with hope and love
and to lighten their burdens.

Grant this through Christ our Lord. *R/ Amen.*

Blessing

There is nothing that can keep us
from accepting the pains of renewal,
of transfiguration, that is, transformation,
in ourselves, in the Church we love,
in the world around us,
for God is on our side
and Jesus stays with us.
May God bless you,
that you may become a blessing to all:
the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit. *R/ Amen.*
Let us go with one another

the Lord's way of love and peace. *R/ Thanks be to God.*