Second Sunday in Lent

Collect

Almighty God, whose Son was revealed in majesty before he suffered death upon the cross, give us faith to perceive his glory, that being strengthened by his grace we may be changed into his likeness, from glory to glory; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

A Reading from the Book of Genesis

Now the Lord said to Abram, "Go from your country and your kindred and your father's house to the land that I will show you. I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you, and make your name great, so that you will be a blessing. I will bless those who bless you, and the one who curses you I will curse; and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed." So Abram went, as the Lord had told him; and Lot went with him.

Genesis 12:1-4a

Psalm

Refrain Let your loving-kindness be upon us, O Lord. I lift up my eyes to the hills; from where is my help to come? My help comes from the Lord, the maker of heaven and earth. R He will not let your foot be moved and he who watches over you will not fall asleep. Behold, he who keeps watch over Israel shall neither slumber nor sleep; R The Lord himself watches over you; the Lord is your shade at your right hand, So that the sun shall not strike you by day, nor the moon by night. R The Lord shall preserve you from all evil; it is he who shall keep you safe. The Lord shall watch over your going out and your coming in, from this time forth for evermore. R

A Reading from the Letter of Paul to the Romans What then are we to say was gained by Abraham, our ancestor according to the flesh? For if Abraham was justified by works, he has something to boast

about, but not before God. For what does the scripture say? "Abraham believed God, and it was reckoned to him as righteousness." Now to one who works, wages are not reckoned as a gift but as something due. But to one who without works trusts him who justifies the ungodly, such faith is reckoned as righteousness. For 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. If it is the adherents of the law who are to be the heirs, faith is null and the promise is void. For the law brings wrath; but where there is no law, neither is there violation. For this reason it depends on faith, in order that the promise may rest on grace and be guaranteed to all his descendants, not only to the adherents of the law but also to those who share the faith of Abraham (for he is the father of all of us, as it is written, "I have made you the father of many nations")—in the presence of the God in whom he believed, who gives life to the dead and calls into existence the things that do not exist.

Romans 4:1-5, 13-17

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John

Now there was a Pharisee named Nicodemus, a leader of the Jews. He came to Jesus by night and said to him, "Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher who has come from God; for no one can do these signs that you do apart from the presence of God." Jesus answered him, "Very truly, I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God without being born from above." Nicodemus said to him, "How can anyone be born after having grown old? Can one enter a second time into the mother's womb and be born?" Jesus answered, "Very truly, I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God without being born of water and Spirit. What is born of the flesh is flesh, and what is born of the Spirit is spirit. Do not be astonished that I said to you, 'You must

be born from above.' The wind blows where it chooses, and you hear the sound of it, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit." Nicodemus said to him, "How can these things be?" Jesus answered him, "Are you a teacher of Israel, and yet you do not understand these things? Very truly, I tell you, we speak of what we know and testify to what we have seen; yet you do not receive our testimony. If I have told you about earthly things and you do not believe, how can you believe if I tell you about heavenly things? No one has ascended into heaven except the one who descended from heaven, the Son of Man. And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, that whoever believes in him may have eternal life. For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life. Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him."

John 3:1-17

Or The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew

Six days later, Jesus took with him Peter and James and his brother John and led them up a high mountain, by themselves. And he was transfig-

ured before them, and his face shone like the sun, and his clothes became dazzling white. Suddenly there appeared to them Moses and Elijah, talking with him. Then Peter said to Jesus, "Lord, it is good for us to be here; if you wish, I will make three dwellings here, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah." While he was still speaking, suddenly a bright cloud overshadowed them, and from the cloud a voice said, "This is my Son, the Beloved; with him I am well pleased; listen to him!" When the disciples heard this, they fell to the ground and were overcome by fear. But Jesus came and touched them, saying, "Get up and do not be afraid." And when they looked up, they saw no one except Jesus himself alone. As they were coming down the mountain, Jesus ordered them, "Tell no one about the vision until after the Son of Man has been raised from the dead."

Matthew 17:1-9

Prayer over the Gifts

God of wisdom, may the light of the eternal Word, our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, guide us to your glory. We ask this in his name. Amen.

Prayer after Communion

Creator of heaven and earth, we thank you for these holy mysteries, which bring us now a share in the life to come, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

大齋節第二主日

経緯

全能の神よ、み字は十字架の受難前に栄光を親されました。どうか、その栄光を悟る僧仰を与え 覧みによって強められ、栄光から栄光へと私たちが主と筒じ姿に変えられますように。主は交と整體とともに一体であって、世々に生き支配しておられます。 アーメン

第一日課 創世記 12:1~4

全はアブラムに言われた。「あなたは生まれ故郷 交の家を離れてわたしが宗す地に行きなさい。 わたしはあなたを天いなる国民にしあなたを祝福 し、あなたの名を高める祝福のが渡となるように あなたを祝福する人をわたしは祝福しあなたを呪 う者をわたしは呪う。地上の民族はすべてあなた によって祝福に入る。」アブラムは、主の言葉に 従行って旅立った。ロトも共に行った。

第二日課 ローマ人への手紙 4:1~5 13~17

くものであり、準法のないところには違犯もありません。従って、信仰によってこそ世界を受け継ぐ著となるのです。舊みによって、アブラハムのすべての子孫、つまり、単に律法に頼る者だけでなく、彼の信仰に従う著も、確実に約束にあずかれるのです。彼はわたしたちすべての炎です。「わたしはあなたを夢くの陰の炎とをめた」と書いてあるとおりです。死者に命を与え、存在していないものを呼び出して存在させる神を、アブラハムは信じ、その御箭でわたしたちの炎となったのです。

福音書 ヨハネによる福音書 3:1~17

さて、ファリサイ派に属する、ニコデモという人が いた。ユダヤ人たちの議員であった。ある夜、イエ スのもとに來て言った。「ラビ、わたしどもは、あ なたが神のもとから来られた教師であることを知っ ています。禅が共におられるのでなければ、あなた のなさるようなしるしを、だれも行うことはでき ないからです。エイエスは答えて言われた。「はっ きり言っておく。人は、新たに生まれなければ、神 の国を見ることはできない。」ニコデモは言った。 「牟をとった箸が、どうして生まれることができま しょう。もう一度母親の胎的に入って生まれること ができるでしょうか。」イエスはお答えになった。 「はっきり言っておく。だれでもがと鑑とによって 全まれなければ、猫の歯に入ることはできない。肉 から生まれたものは肉である。霊から生まれたもの は霊である。『あなたがたは新たに生まれねばなら ない』とあなたに言ったことに、驚いてはならな い。風は思いのままに吹く。あなたはその筈を聞い ても、それがどこから素て、どこへ行くかを知らな い。霊から生まれた著も皆そのとおりである。」す るとニコデモは、「どうして、そんなことがありえ ましょうか」と言った。イエスは答えて言われた。 「あなたはイスラエルの穀師でありながら、こんな ことが分からないのか。 はっきり言っておく。わ たしたちは知っていることを語り、見たことを証し

しているのに、あなたが地上のことを話してもの証しだり、とったところで、どういとも話したところで、どわいとを話したところで、どわらいとすれば、天子のことを話したところで、さわらいとが高いた。とれば、大子のほかには、一年のほかには、一年のようには、一年のようには、一年のようによって、一年のようによって、一年の一年ではない。一年の一年ではない。一年の一年ではない。一年の一年ではない。一年の一年ではない。一年の一年ではない。一年の一年ではない。一年の一年ではない。一年の一年ではない。一年の一年である。一年の一年である。一年の一年である。一年のは、一年を表している。

室散蔵謝の祈り

知恵に満ちた雑よ、永遠のみことばの光である、 簡い宝なるイエス・キリストが私達にあなたの 光光への道を崇して下さいますように。 イエス様の御名によってお祈り致します。 アーメン