

2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Lent  
(Yr C)

Reading 1

*Citation:* Genesis, Chap. 15, Verses 5-12, 17-18  
Genesis 15: 5-12, 17-18

**Almost all dialogue between Abram and God. Try to make a distinction between their voices. A story with mystery woven throughout it. As you tell the story of the vision let it be filled with mystery – dreamlike. God is both majestic and insistent throughout.**

**A reading from the Book of Genesis**

The Lord God took Abram outside and said,

"Look up at the sky and count the stars,  
if you can.

(what does God sound like?)  
(parenthetical expression)

Just so,"

he added,

"shall your descendants be."

(short pause)

Abram put his faith in the LORD,  
who credited it to him as an act of righteousness.

(parenthetical) (very short pause)

He then said to him,

(what does God sound like?)

"I am the LORD who brought you from Ur of the Chaldeans  
to give you this land as a possession."

(short pause)

"O Lord GOD,"

(Abram speaking; sounds like?)

he asked,

"how am I to know that I shall possess it?"

(very short pause)

He answered him,

"Bring me a three-year-old heifer,

(God speaking)

a three-year-old she-goat,

a three-year-old ram,

a turtledove, and a young pigeon."

(short pause)

Abram brought him all these,

(matter-of-factly)

split them in two,

and placed each half opposite the other;

but the birds he did not cut up.

(parenthetical) (short pause)

Birds of prey swooped down on the carcasses,  
but Abram stayed with them.

(a bit of alarm)  
(assurance) (very short pause)

As the sun was about to set,

a trance fell upon Abram,

(surprise?)

and a deep, terrifying darkness enveloped him.

(apprehension!)

## Proclamation Format

When the sun had set and it was dark,  
there appeared a smoking fire pot  
and a flaming torch,  
which passed between those pieces.

(matter-of-factly)

(almost parenthetical)

It was on that occasion that the LORD made a covenant with Abram,  
saying:

(short pause)

"To your descendants I give this land,  
from the Wadi of Egypt  
to the Great River, the Euphrates."

(God speaking)

(voice goes up)

(voice goes down)

## The word of the Lord

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Reading 2

**LONGER FORM**

*Citation:* Philippians, Chap. 3, Verse 17 – Chap. 4, Verse 1  
Philippians 3:17 – 4:1

Paul is very concerned with the faith of his community in Philippi. He is convinced that they have the strength to resist the values and mores of their surrounding society; they need only the resolve. He is urgent in his exhortation and full of genuine love for these people.

**A reading from the Letter of Saint Paul to the Philippians**

Join with others in being imitators of me, (solicitous)  
brothers and sisters,  
and observe those who thus conduct themselves according to the model you have in us. (Pause)

For many, (parenthetical)  
as I have often told you (more than parenthetical!)  
and now tell you even in tears, (short pause)  
conduct themselves as enemies of the cross of Christ.

Their end is destruction. {disappointment throughout  
Their God is their stomach; {  
their glory is in their "shame." { (short pause)

Their minds are occupied with earthly things. (discouraged? sad)

But our citizenship is in heaven, (positive, now!)  
and from it we also await a savior,  
the Lord Jesus Christ. (triumph)

He will change our lowly body {"lowly" different tone  
to conform with his glorified body { from "glorified"  
by the power that enables him also  
to bring all things into subjection to himself. (Pause)

Therefore,  
my brothers and sisters,  
whom I love and long for, (parenthetical expression)  
my joy and crown, (parenthetical but be positive)  
in this way  
stand firm in the Lord. (Confident!)

**The word of the Lord.**

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Reading 2

**SHORTER FORM**

*Citation:* Philippians, Chap. 3, Verse 20 – Chap. 4, Verse 1  
Philippians 3:20 – 4:1

**A reading from the Letter of Saint Paul to the Philippians**

Brothers and sisters:

Our citizenship is in heaven,  
and from it we also await a savior,  
the Lord Jesus Christ.

(positive!)

(triumph)

He will change our lowly body  
to conform with his glorified body  
by the power that enables him also  
to bring all things into subjection to himself.

{“lowly” different tone  
{ from “glorified”

(Pause)

Therefore,  
my brothers and sisters,  
whom I love and long for,  
my joy and crown,  
in this way  
stand firm in the Lord.

(parenthetical expression)  
(parenthetical but be positive)

(Confident!)

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Gospel

*Citation:* Luke, Chap. 9, Verses 28b-36  
Luke 9: 28b-36

**Put yourself in Peter's place. How confused, amazed, and scared would you have been? Let these feelings come out in your telling of this story. Consider as your objective getting your listeners to share in these feelings as they "witness" the scene that unfolds.**

**A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke**

Jesus took Peter, John, and James  
and went up the mountain to pray.

While he was praying (what unfolds you must show as confusing)  
his face changed in appearance and his clothing became dazzling white. (amazing)

And behold,  
two men were conversing with him,  
Moses and Elijah,  
who appeared in glory  
and spoke of his exodus that he was going to accomplish in Jerusalem. (amazing!)

Peter and his companions had been overcome by sleep, (trying to explain)  
but becoming fully awake,  
they saw his glory and the two men standing with him. (short pause)

As they were about to part from him,  
Peter said to Jesus,  
"Master, it is good that we are here; (confused; unsure)  
let us make three tents, (anxious to please!)  
one for you,  
one for Moses,  
and one for Elijah."  
But he did not know what he was saying. (almost parenthetical)

While he was still speaking, (more confusion)  
a cloud came and cast a shadow over them,  
and they became frightened when they entered the cloud. (very short pause)

Then  
from the cloud came a voice that said,  
"This is my chosen Son; (almost solemn?)  
listen to him." (insistent)

After the voice had spoken,  
Jesus was found alone. (amazing?) (short pause)

**Proclamation Format**

They fell silent  
and did not at that time tell anyone what they had seen.

(very short pause)

**The Gospel of the Lord.**