

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

*Of you my heart has spoken: Seek his face.
It is your face, O Lord, that I seek;
hide not your face from me.*

Or

*Remember your compassion, O Lord,
and your merciful love, for they are from of old.
Let not our enemies exult over us.
Redeem us, O God of Israel, from all our distress.*

COLLECT

O God, who have commanded us
to listen to your beloved Son,
be pleased, we pray,
to nourish us inwardly by your word,
that, with spiritual sight made pure,
we may rejoice to behold your glory.
Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
God, for ever and ever.

Amen.

FIRST READING Genesis 15:5-12. 17-18

A reading from the Book of Genesis.

In those days: God brought Abram outside and said, 'Look towards heaven, and number the stars, if you are able to number them.' Then he said to him, 'So shall your offspring be.' And he believed the LORD, and he counted it to him as righteousness.

And he said to him, 'I am the LORD who brought you out from Ur of the Chaldeans to give you this land to possess.' But he said, 'O Lord GOD, how am I to know that I shall possess it?' He said to him, 'Bring me a heifer three years old, a female goat three years old, a ram three years old, a turtle-dove, and a young pigeon.' And he brought him all these, cut them in half, and laid each half over against the other. But he did not cut the birds in half. And when birds of prey came down on the carcasses, Abram drove them away.

As the sun was going down, a deep sleep fell on Abram. And behold, dreadful and great darkness fell upon him. When the sun had gone down and it was dark, behold, a smoking firepot and a flaming torch passed between these pieces. On that day the LORD made a covenant with Abram, saying,

'To your offspring I give this land,
from the river of Egypt to the great river, the river Euphrates.'

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM Psalm 27(26):1. 7-8b. 8c-9c. 13-14. R. 1a

R: *The LORD is my light and my salvation.*

1. The LORD is my light and my salvation;
whom shall I fear?
The LORD is the stronghold of my life;
whom should I dread? **R.**
2. O LORD, hear my voice when I call;
have mercy and answer me.
Of you my heart has spoken,
'Seek his face.' **R.**
3. It is your face, O LORD, that I seek;
hide not your face from me.
Dismiss not your servant in anger;
you have been my help. **R.**
4. I believe I shall see the LORD's goodness
in the land of the living.
Wait for the LORD; be strong;
be stout-hearted, and wait for the LORD! **R.**

SECOND READING Philippians 3:17-4:1

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

(For shorter form read between > <)

>Brothers and sisters: <join in imitating me, and keep your eyes on those who walk according to the example you have in us. For many, of whom I have often told you and now tell you even with tears, walk as enemies of the cross of Christ. Their end is destruction, their god is their belly, and they glory in their shame, with minds set on earthly things. But >Our citizenship is in heaven, and from it we await a Saviour, the Lord Jesus Christ, who will transform our lowly body to be like his glorious body, by the power that enables him even to subject all things to himself. Therefore, my brothers and sisters, whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, stand firm thus in the Lord, my beloved.

The word of the Lord.<

Thanks be to God.

ACCLAMATION BEFORE THE GOSPEL Matthew 17:5

R: *Glory to you, O Christ, Wisdom of God the Father.*

From a bright cloud, the Father's voice was heard:
'This is my beloved Son, listen to him'.

R: *Glory to you, O Christ, Wisdom of God the Father.*

GOSPEL Luke 9:28b-36

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke.

At that time: Jesus took with him Peter and John and James and went up on the mountain to pray. And as he was praying, the appearance of his face was altered, and his clothing became dazzling white. And behold, two men were talking with him, Moses and Elijah, who appeared in glory and spoke of his departure, which he was about to accomplish at Jerusalem. Now Peter and those who were with him were heavy with sleep, but when they became fully awake they saw his glory and the two men who stood with him. And as the men were parting from him, Peter said to Jesus, 'Master, it is good that we are here. Let us make three tents, one for you and one for Moses and one for Elijah' – not knowing what he said. As he was saying these things, a cloud came and overshadowed them, and they were afraid as they entered the cloud. And a voice came out of the cloud, saying, 'This is my Son, my Chosen One; listen to him!' And when the voice had spoken, Jesus was found alone. And they kept silent and told no one in those days anything of what they had seen.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS

May this sacrifice, O Lord, we pray,
cleanse us of our faults
and sanctify your faithful in body and mind
for the celebration of the paschal festivities.
Through Christ our Lord.

Amen.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

*This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased;
listen to him.*

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

As we receive these glorious mysteries,
we make thanksgiving to you, O Lord,
for allowing us while still on earth
to be partakers even now of the things of heaven.
Through Christ our Lord.

Amen.

The Parish of St Anselm, Hayes

March 16th, 2025

The Second Sunday of Lent

Today's gospel is the famous story of the Transfiguration. Just as in last Sunday's passage from Luke's gospel, the narrative of the transfiguration of the Lord also seeks to cement Jesus's position as a successor to the prophets of the Jewish bible. By describing Jesus as being in conversation with Moses and Elijah, Luke is indicating that Jesus is completing the work that God had started in the lives of the Prophets. And the topic of their conversation – that Jesus was explaining how his imminent departure would be accomplished, or completed, at Jerusalem – makes it clear that Jesus's work would be final. All is then confirmed by the voice from the cloud (itself an echo of the cloud that followed the children of Israel during their wanderings in the desert) declaring that Jesus "is my Son, my Chosen One."



Entrance Hymn

237 'Tis good, Lord, to be here!

Offertory Hymn

102 Take up thy cross, the Saviour said

Recessional

238 Transfigured Christ, none comprehends

THIS WEEK

17th: St Patrick, Bishop and Missionary. No services in church; Offices said privately.

18th: Tuesday of 2nd week of Lent. Morning Prayer 0945; Mass 1000; Boys' Brigade meeting 1700; Lent Course second session 1830 at church, or on Zoom.

19th: St Joseph, Husband of the Blessed Virgin Mary. Morning Prayer 0945; Mass 1000; Warm Centre 1100-1400; Evening Prayer 1700

20th: Thursday of 2nd week of Lent. Morning Prayer 0945; Mass 1000; Stations of the Cross 1030; Evening Prayer 1700

21st: Friday of 2nd week of Lent. No services in church; Offices said privately.

22nd: Saturday of 2nd week of Lent. Offices said privately.

NEXT SUNDAY: Sunday 23rd March: 3rd Sunday of Lent. Mass at 1000 as usual, followed by Stations of the Cross.

PARISH PRAYER REQUESTS

Desiree Loderick; Adeline and Leila; Tom Shipman (If you wish a name to be on the list, please give the details to Susan, Fr Josiah, or Fr Stephen.)

RECENTLY DEPARTED

Twilight Bae; Bonnie Macey

ANNIVERSARIES OF DEATH

16th: Ethel Adey-Moore, Maud Pearce, Leslie Robert Tuckwell, Raymond Morris

17th: Jessie Barnes, Ella Hobbs, Roger Mann, Shane Gunnigle

18th: Jack Daniels

19th: Michael Lackner-Zemlin

20th: George Burton, Gladys Skinner

21st: Doris May

SPECIAL BLESSINGS: Please let one of the sidespeople or a churchwarden know before mass begins if you'd like a special blessing. If you have requested a blessing, please come up to the chancel step after the intercessions.

YOUNG CHILDREN IN CHURCH: Don't worry if they make a noise or move about! Young visitors to the sanctuary are always welcome, so no drama if they go for a walk! We'll have a look at the children's work after mass...

FINANCIAL POSITION: During February 2025, our income was £696.21, but our outgoings were £3,195.70. This is clearly unsustainable. There were some specific things that made it difficult during the month, notably over £1,000 spent on gas. But this does not explain the very low giving during February. We cannot run this church on £700 a month! Please consider if you can increase your contributions to the church or set up a regular donation through the Parish Giving Scheme if you don't already do so.

SPONSORING CANDLES, ETC.: If you would like to help us by sponsoring votive candles, sanctuary lights, incense, or wafers for communion, please do sign up! A sanctuary light costs £3.50, votive candles (next to the statues of the saints) are £1.00 each, and 100 communion wafers are £1.50. Please talk to one of the clergy or to Susan. We'll be delighted to receive your sponsorship.

ELECTORAL ROLL: Please join the roll as it determines how our parish is perceived, and how much support we get from the deanery and the diocese!

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PLEASE JOIN US IN THE HALL AFTER MASS FOR TEA AND COFFEE, AND BISCUITS OR CAKE!