

## COMMUNION OF THE SICK

*Invitation: My brothers and sisters, to prepare ourselves for this celebration, let us call to mind our sins.*

I confess to almighty God,  
and to you, here present,  
that I have sinned through my own  
fault  
in my thoughts and in my words,  
in what I have done,  
and in what I have failed to do;  
and I ask blessed Mary, ever virgin,  
all the angels and saints,  
and you, here present,  
to pray for me to the Lord our God.

May almighty God have mercy on us,  
forgive us our sins,  
and bring us to everlasting life.

**Amen.**

Now let us pray as Christ the Lord has taught us:

**Lord's Prayer:**

**Communion:**

This is the Lamb of God  
who takes away the sins of the world.  
Happy are those who are called to His  
supper.

*Lord, I am not worthy that You  
should enter under my roof.,*

*but only say the word and my soul  
shall be healed.*

The body of Christ.

**Prayer after Communion:**

Let us pray.

Father,  
may the food we receive in the  
Eucharist  
help our eternal redemption.  
Keep within us the vigour of Your  
Spirit  
and protect the gifts You have  
given to Your Church.

We ask this in the name of Jesus  
the Lord

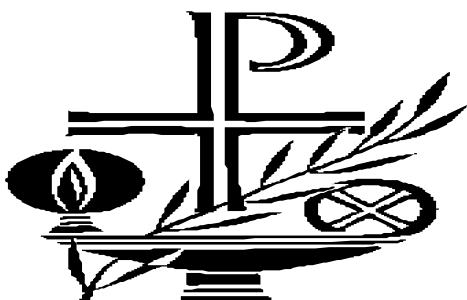
**Amen**

May almighty God bless you,  
the Father, and the Son, and the Holy  
Spirit. **Amen**

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**2nd SUNDAY OF LENT**



**Communion to the Sick  
& Housebound  
Elizabeth Catholic  
Parish**



*“An inclusive Eucharistic Community in the  
Catholic Tradition united in Jesus reaching out to  
all”*

**First Reading : - A reading from the book of Genesis.**

God put Abraham to the test. 'Abraham, Abraham' he called. 'Here I am' he replied. 'Take your son,' God said 'your only child Isaac, whom you love, and go to the land of Moriah. There you shall offer him as a burnt offering, on a mountain I will point out to you.'

When they arrived at the place God had pointed out to him, Abraham built an altar there, and arranged the wood. Then he bound his son Isaac and put him on the altar on top of the wood. Abraham stretched out his hand and seized the knife to kill his son.

But the angel of the Lord called to him from heaven. 'Abraham, Abraham' he said. 'I am here' he replied. 'Do not raise your hand against the boy' the angel said. 'Do not harm him, for now I know you fear God. You have not refused me your son, your only son.' Then looking up, Abraham saw a ram caught by its horns in a bush. Abraham took the ram and offered it as a burnt-offering in place of his son.

The angel of the Lord called Abraham a second time from heaven. 'I swear by my own self – it is the Lord who speaks – because you have done this, because you have not refused me your son, your only son, I will shower blessings on you, I will make your descendants as many as the stars of heaven and the grains of sand on the seashore. Your descendants shall gain possession of the gates of their enemies. All the nations of the earth shall bless themselves by your descendants, as a reward for your obedience.'

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

**Responsorial Psalm:**

***I will walk in the presence of the Lord in the land of the living.***

I trusted, even when I said;  
'I am sorely afflicted.'  
O precious in the eyes of the Lord  
is the death of his faithful. **R.**

Your servant, Lord, your servant am I;  
you have loosened my bonds.  
A thanksgiving sacrifice I make;  
I will call on the Lord's name. **R.**

My vows to the Lord I will fulfil  
before all his people,  
in the courts of the house of the Lord,  
in your midst, O Jerusalem. **R.**

**Second Reading:- A reading from the letter of St. Paul to the Romans.**

With God on our side who can be against us? Since God did not spare his own Son, but gave him up to benefit us all, we may be certain, after such a gift, that he will not refuse anything he can give. Could anyone accuse those that God has chosen? When God acquits, could anyone condemn? Could Christ Jesus? No! He not only died for us – he rose from the dead, and there at God's right hand he stands and pleads for us.

The world of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

**Gospel:- A reading from the holy Gospel, according to Mark.**

Jesus took with him Peter and James and John and led them up a high mountain where they could be alone by themselves. There in their presence he was transfigured: his clothes became dazzlingly white, whiter than any earthly bleacher could make them. Elijah appeared to them with Moses; and they were talking with Jesus. Then Peter spoke to Jesus let us make three tents, one for you, one for Moses and one for Elijah.' He did not know what to say; they were so frightened. And a cloud came, covering them in shadow; and there came a voice from the cloud, 'This is my Son, the Beloved. Listen to him.' Then suddenly, when they looked round, they saw no one with them any more but only Jesus.

As they came down from the mountain he warned them to tell no one what they had seen, until after the Son of Man had risen from the dead. They observed the warning faithfully, though among themselves they discussed what 'rising from the dead' could mean.

The word of the Lord.

Praise be to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

