



And he was transfigured before them.

THE GOSPEL: Mark 9:2-10

Friends caught a dazed glimpse
of him, as he really was!
In blinding brightness,
his clothes turned
dazzling white
as no eyes on earth
had ever seen.

O Christ,
take us to your mountain.
Transform all our acts,
our very being,
into your
love.

“We are all walking around
shining like the
sun.”

Let us see it.

Let us
glimpse your glory.

In beauty
in skies and
flowers and butterflies,

in a happy
child's face, in
music that our souls sing,

in joyful folks helping other folks. (quote: [Thomas Merton](#))



*Then he reached out and took the knife to slaughter his son. But the Lord's messenger called to him from heaven,
"Abraham, Abraham!"*

THE FIRST READING Genesis 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18

God asked what was terrible of him!
But Abraham recalled
God's promise.

From
Sarah,
descendants
would come from him
as many as the stars in heaven.
Gripping the knife in hand,
holding it very tightly,
and more tightly
to God's strict
Promise,

he made ready
with trust,
to
follow.

O
God,
help us trust
that you will help us
to stop the sacrifice of our
brothers and sisters, and our earth.

THE SECOND READING. Romans 8:31b-34

If God is for us, who can be against us?

God with us,
is there more you could
have given to us
to show that
you are
God?
Thank you for the gift of Jesus (Anne Osdieck)

REFLECTION: Trust in the Lord is the theme that links all this week's readings. As we continue our Lenten journey, we are reminded of the extent of the Lord's love and generosity – if we but listen to his voice and place our trust in him.

In the **First Reading** we see the depth of Abraham's trust in God as he is asked to sacrifice his beloved son. Abraham's faithfulness is rewarded with more blessings than he could ever have imagined.

The **Psalmist** gives thanks and praise to the Lord who has freed him, reminding us that he trusted God even when sorely afflicted. Like him, we can rejoice as we walk in the presence of the Lord.

In the **Second Reading**, echoing the story of Abraham and Isaac, St Paul challenges us to recall the enormity of God's love for the world in giving up his Son. With Jesus standing at the right hand of God pleading for us, we can have confidence in placing all our trust in him.

In the **Gospel**, Jesus asks Peter, James and John to trust him and not speak of the wonder of what they have witnessed on the mountain top.

Let us pray for the grace to trust and to listen ever more closely to the voice of the Lord, so that we too might walk in his presence. (Prepared by St. Buenos Outreach Ministry)
