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# ***LENT – Second Sunday - Year C –16<sup>th</sup> March 2025***

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Vestment Colour: Purple

## **Introduction**

Today we hear about how the Apostles Peter, James and John saw the transformation of Jesus. Jesus is revealed to his friends to strengthen them for what is to come. Jesus is revealed as he is in heaven, as the Son of God and the light to the world.

Make the Sign of the Cross – a sign of the love God has for us. (This is optional, as we have already done this at the start of Holy Mass, but for young children it helps to demonstrate and practice how to do this correctly.)

Light the candles on the table next to the Lectionary. An adult lights the candles.

## **Penitential Act**

Ask the children to think about how they have behaved in the past week. Ask them if they have always been kind and helpful to others, obedient to their parents, listened to their teachers etc.

Lead the children in singing the “Sorry Song”. (sung to tune of Frere Jacques)

We are sorry,  
Truly sorry,  
Heal us Lord,  
In Your love,  
Help us to do better,  
Forgive us,  
Forgive us.

**NO Gloria DURING LENT**

All stand to welcome the Gospel singing the **Gospel Acclamation**: (same tune)

Praise to You Lord,  
Praise we give You,  
Christ Our King,  
You have said,  
“If you live by my Word,  
God’s Good News is for You”  
Praise to You,  
Christ our King.

Alternatively say:

**Glory and praise 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’.

**Glory and praise to You, O Christ, Wisdom of God the Father.**

## **Gospel**

Select the correct Gospel from the Children’s Lectionary. This will be the Second Sunday of Lent, in the Book of Readings. The Lectionary Adapted for Children.” (Year C). Alternatively use a Lectionary or Bible.

### **Luke 9:28-36**

“A reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. Luke”.

Explain and demonstrate – make three crosses: one on your forehead, one on your lips and one on your heart (in this way we think God’s word, speak God’s word and keep God’s word in our hearts) as we say together **“Glory to You, O Lord.”**

Read the Gospel aloud to the children. At the end say: **“The Gospel of the Lord”**.

All reply: **“Praise to You, Lord Jesus Christ”**. Ask everyone to be seated.

## **Lead a Discussion on the Gospel**

- Can you remember who went with Jesus to the mountain? (Peter, James and John)

- Why do you think they climbed up a mountain? (to be alone away from the crowds to pray)
- What happened to Jesus? (He was transformed, and He shone like dazzling white light)
- I wonder how the apostles felt seeing Jesus like this. (Afraid, amazed at seeing Jesus in all His glory)
- Can you remember what the voice in the cloud said? (This is my Son, listen to Him)
- Can Jesus transform or change our lives today? (Yes, Jesus is within us and so His love is within us, we can use that love to change the world around us like Jesus would want us to)

## Prayers of the Faithful (optional/ time dependent)

You may wish to prepare some of these yourselves or ask the children for their prayers. Here are some suggestions for today:

Lord Jesus,

Help us to be transformed by Your presence in our lives so that we may come to love our neighbour.

**Lord, in Your mercy.**

All reply: **“Hear our prayer.”**

Lord Jesus,

May Your Church united as one body shine with Your light to the world around us.

**Lord, in Your mercy.**

All reply: **“Hear our prayer.”**

## Closing Prayer

Enrich our lives Lord so that we may shine as a beacon to others, bringing them closer to you.

Amen.

## Activity

If there is time, use resources to complete an activity with the children. Possible resources are listed at the end.

Now ask for volunteers for the Offertory Procession. After the procession, children should return quietly to sit with their families/guardians in church.

## Useful Resources

CAFOD at <https://cafod.org.uk/Children-s-Liturgy>

Children's Liturgy with Emily: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=HwnLJNMXemY>

Archdiocese of Dunkeld: <https://www.dunkelldiocese.co.uk/resources-for-children-liturgy/>

Search for page entitled 'Resources for Children's Liturgy'

The Liturgy of the Word with Children by Katie Thompson, publisher Kevin Mayhew