

Abraham said to his young men, "Stay here with the donkey; the boy and I will go over there; we will worship, and then we will come back to you." Abraham took the wood of the burnt offering and laid it on his son Isaac, and he himself carried the fire and the knife. So the two of them walked on together. Isaac said to his father Abraham, "Father!" And he said, "Here I am, my son." He said, "The fire and the wood are here, but where is the lamb for a burnt offering?" Abraham said, "God himself will provide the lamb for a burnt offering, my son." So the two of them walked on together. When they came to the place that God had shown him, Abraham built an altar there and laid the wood in order. He bound his son Isaac, and laid him on the altar, on top of the wood. Then Abraham reached out his hand and took the knife to kill his son. But the angel of the Lord called to him from heaven, and said, "Abraham, Abraham!" And he said, "Here I am." He said, "Do not lay your hand on the boy or do anything to him; for now I know that you fear God, since you have not withheld your son, your only son, from me." And Abraham looked up and saw a ram, caught in a thicket by its horns. Abraham went and took the ram and offered it up as a burnt offering instead of his son. So Abraham called that place "The Lord will provide"; as it is said to this day, "On the mount of the Lord it shall be provided."

Refrain

Give light to my eyes, O Lord.

Psalms 13 from the Book of Common Prayer

- 1 How long, O LORD?
will you forget me for
ever? * how long will you
hide your face from me?
- 2 How long shall I
have perplexity in
my mind, and grief
in my heart, day after
day? * how long shall my
enemy triumph over me?
- 3 Look upon me and
answer me, O LORD my
God; * give light to my
eyes, lest I sleep in death;
- 4 Lest my enemy say, "I
have prevailed over
him," * and my foes
rejoice that I have fallen.
- 5 But I put my trust in
your mercy; * my heart
is joyful because of your
saving help.
- 6 I will sing to the LORD,
for he has dealt with me
richly; * I will praise the
Name of the Lord Most
High.

SECOND READING: Romans 6:12-23

DO NOT LET SIN exercise dominion in your mortal bodies, to make you obey their passions. No longer present your members to sin as instruments of wickedness, but present yourselves to God as those who have been brought from death to life, and present your members to God as instruments of righteousness. For sin will have no dominion over you, since you are not under law but under grace. What then? Should we sin because we are not under law but under grace? By no means! Do you not know that if you present yourselves to anyone as obedient slaves, you are slaves of the one whom you obey, either of sin, which leads to death, or of obedience, which leads to righteousness? But thanks be to God that you, having once been slaves of sin, have become obedient from the heart to the form of teaching to which you were entrusted, and that you, having been set free from sin, have become slaves of righteousness. I am speaking in