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The Second Sunday of Lent always presents us with the image of Jesus' Transfiguration. This year this crucial event in the life of Christ is proclaimed alongside the account of that marvelous night when God came to Abram and told him that his descendents would be as numerous as the stars. As we explore the universe and its marvels, we are learning what an audacious promise that was, but we also know how true it has turned out to be. The covenant with Abraham is one in a series of promises that God makes to us, and it is the constancy of the Father that console the sorrow that Jesus feels when he thinks about his impending passion in Jerusalem. The letter to the Philippians completes the picture, since it reminds us that the transfiguration is not simply some magic trick; rather it is the foreshadowing of how we shall live when our bodies join Christ in glory at the end of time.

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