

2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Lent Year C  
After AUTECH Marriage Seminar

- 1<sup>st</sup> reading today we hear about COVENANT
  - God's Covenant with Abraham
  - Abe was the first man to believe in one God
  - God has made other covenants – and there's always a sign of the Covenant
    - Abraham and Circumcision
    - Noah and the Rainbow
    - Moses and the Commandments
- In the Gospel we hear about the NEW COVENANT
  - Jesus fulfills the law and the prophets
    - So at the Transfiguration – Moses and Elijah appear with Jesus.
      - Moses – represents the Law
      - Elijah – represents the Prophets
  - Jesus fulfills the law and the prophets – creating a New Covenant
- This weekend AUTECH hosted a Marriage Seminar
  - Yet another Covenant
  - Scripture begins and ends with marriage
    - Adam and Eve
    - Christ and the Church
    - GOD IS MAKING A POINT
  - God wants to be in Covenant with us
    - But not just any covenant – a marriage covenant
    - Because God is intimately, passionately in love with us
      - Like a groom for her bride

AND SO

- WE are invited to the mountaintop
- WE are invited to experience the glory of God
- But just like the disciples – we can't stay there
- NOTHING GROWS ON THE MOUNTAINTOP
- EVERYTHING GROWS IN THE VALLEY
- When they come down from the mountain
  - Confronted by the crowds 'my son is possessed'
  - Who is the greatest
  - Right back to it – there is still alot of growing to do
  - The same is true of us – we can come to Jesus
  - We can experience the overwhelming glory of God
  - But we need to bring that experience into the reality of day to day
- The Lord went up the mountain and was transfigured
- But he was raised on a cross so that we could be transformed
- Transformed into His bride – The Church      LET US PRAY