Second Sunday in Lent
Year A

Genesis 12:1-4a • Psalm 121 • Romans 4:1-5, 13-17
John 3:1-17 or Matthew 17:1-9
Now the LORD said to Abram, “...in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed."

Genesis 12:1a, 3b
The Calling of Abraham -- Abbey of Saint-Savin, Vienne, France
I lift up my eyes to the hills-- from where will my help come? My help comes from the LORD, who made heaven and earth.

Psalm 121:1-2
Mountain Landscape  --  Hercules Brabazon, Phillips Collection, Washington, DC
The LORD will keep your going out and your coming in from this time on and forevermore.

Psalm 121:8
Mother and Child

Maurice Glickman
U.S. Department of the Interior
Washington, DC
For the promise...did not come to Abraham or to his descendants through the law but through the righteousness of faith.

Romans 4:13
Allegory of Faith

Johannes Vermeer
Metropolitan Museum of Art
New York City
Now there was a Pharisee named Nicodemus, a leader of the Jews.

John 3:1
Christ Instructing Nicodemus (detail)
Jacob Jordaens
Royal Museum
Brussels, Belgium
He came to Jesus by night and said to him, "Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher who has come from God; for no one can do these signs that you do apart from the presence of God."

John 3:2
Christ and Nicodemus

James Tissot
Brooklyn Museum
New York, NY
Jesus answered him, "Very truly, I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God without being born from above."

John 3:3
Nicodemus said to him, "How can anyone be born after having grown old? Can one enter a second time into the mother's womb and be born?"

John 3:4
Nicodemus and Jesus on a Rooftop -- Henry Ossawa Tanner, Philadelphia Museum of Art
Jesus answered, "Very truly, I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God without being born of water and Spirit."

John 3:5
Benin Baptism
Cotonou, Benin
The wind blows where it chooses, and you hear the sound of it, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit."

John 3:8
"For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life."

John 3:16
The Whole World in God’s Hands  --  Courtney Carmody
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