



2nd Sunday of Advent

December 5, 2021

Entrance Antiphon

O people of Sion, behold, the Lord will come to save the nations, and the Lord will make the glory of his voice heard in the joy of your heart.

Opening Hymn

On Jordan's bank the Baptist's cry Announces that the Lord is nigh; Awake and hearken for he brings Glad tidings of the King of kings.

Then cleansed be ev'ry soul from sin; Make straight the way of God within, Prepare we in our hearts a home, Where such a mighty guest may come.

All praise, eternal Son, to thee Whose advent set thy people free, Whom with the Father we adore And Holy Spirit evermore.

First Reading Bar 5:1-9

Jerusalem, take off your robe of mourning and misery; put on the splendor of glory from God forever: wrapped in the cloak of justice from God, bear on your head the mitre that displays the glory of the eternal name. For God will show all the earth your splendor: you will be named by God forever the peace of justice, the glory of God's worship.

Up, Jerusalem! stand upon the heights; look to the east and see your children gathered from the east and the west at the word of the Holy One, rejoicing that they are remembered by God. Led away on foot by their enemies they left you: but God will bring them back to you borne aloft in glory as on royal thrones. For God has commanded that every lofty mountain be made

low, and that the age-old depths and gorges be filled to level ground, that Israel may advance secure in the glory of God. The forests and every fragrant kind of tree have overshadowed Israel at God's command; for God is leading Israel in joy by the light of his glory, with his mercy and justice for company.

Responsorial:

The Lord has done great things for us; we are filled with joy.

Second Reading Phil 1:4-6, 8-11

Brothers and sisters: I pray always with joy in my every prayer for all of you, because of your partnership for the gospel from the first day until now. I am confident of this, that the one who began a good work in you will continue to complete it until the day of Christ Jesus. God is my witness, how I long for all of you with the affection of Christ Jesus. And this is my prayer: that your love may increase ever more and more in knowledge and every kind of perception, to discern what is of value, so that you may be pure and blameless for the day of Christ, filled with the fruit of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ for the glory and praise of God.

Gospel LK 3:1-6

In the fifteenth year of the reign of Tiberius Caesar, when Pontius Pilate was governor of Judea, and Herod was tetrarch of Galilee, and his brother Philip tetrarch of the region of Ituraea and Trachonitis, and Lysanias was tetrarch of Abilene, during the high priesthood of Annas and Caiaphas, the word of God came to John the son

of Zechariah in the desert. John went throughout the whole region of the Jordan, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins, as it is written in the book of the words of the prophet Isaiah:

A voice of one crying out in the desert: "Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight his paths. Every valley shall be filled and every mountain and hill shall be made low. The winding roads shall be made straight, and the rough ways made smooth, and all flesh shall see the salvation of God."

Creed

I believe in one God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all things visible and invisible. I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ, the Only Begotten Son of God, born of the Father before all ages. God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, consubstantial with the Father; through him all things were made. For us men and for our salvation he came down from heaven,

At the words that follow, up to and including and became man, *all bow* and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the Virgin Mary and became man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate, he suffered death and was buried, and rose again on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead and his kingdom will have no end.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is adored and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. I believe in one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church. I confess one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins and I look forward to the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Offertory/Communion Hymn

Come, thou long expected Jesus, Born to set thy people free!
From our fears and sins release us,
Let us find our rest in thee.

Israel's strength and consolation, Hope of all the earth thou art;
Dear desire of every nation, Joy of every longing heart.

By thine own eternal Spirit, Rule in all our hearts alone;
By thine all sufficient merit Raise us to thy glorious throne.

Communion Antiphon

Jerusalem, arise and stand upon the heights, and behold the joy which comes to you from God.

Closing Hymn

O come, divine Messiah; The world in silence waits the day
When hope shall sing its triumph And sadness flee away.

Ref: Dear Savior, haste! Come, come to earth.
Dispel the night and show your face, and bid us hail the dawn of grace.
O come, divine Messiah; the world in silence waits the day when hope shall sing its triumph and sadness flee away.

O Christ, whom nations sigh for, Whom priests and prophet long foretold,
Come, break the captive's fetters, Redeem the long lost fold. *Ref.*

You come in peace and meekness And lowly will your cradle be;
All clothed in human weakness Shall we your Godhead see. *Ref.*



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