

December 6th / Second Sunday of Advent

FIRST READING

IS 40:1-5, 9-11

Comfort, give comfort to my people, says your God. Speak tenderly to Jerusalem, and proclaim to her that her service is at an end, her guilt is expiated; indeed, she has received from the hand of the LORD double for all her sins. A voice cries out: In the desert prepare the way of the LORD! Make straight in the wasteland a highway for our God! Every valley shall be filled in, every mountain and hill shall be made low; the rugged land shall be made a plain, the rough country, a broad valley. Then the glory of the LORD shall be revealed, and all people shall see it together; for the mouth of the LORD has spoken. Go up on to a high mountain, Zion, herald of glad tidings; cry out at the top of your voice, Jerusalem, herald of good news! Fear not to cry out and say to the cities of Judah: Here is your God! Here comes with power the Lord GOD, who rules by his strong arm; here is his reward with him, his recompense before him. Like a shepherd he feeds his flock; in his arms he gathers the lambs, carrying them in his bosom, and leading the ewes with care.

The Word of the Lord

R/ Thanks be to God

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

PS 85:9-10,11-12,13-14

R. Lord, let us see your kindness, and grant us your salvation

I will hear what God proclaims; the LORD—for he proclaims peace to his people. Near indeed is his salvation to those who fear him, glory dwelling in our land. **R/**

Kindness and truth shall meet; justice and peace shall kiss. Truth shall spring out of the earth, and justice shall look down from heaven. **R/**

The LORD himself will give his benefits; our land shall yield its increase. Justice shall walk before him, and prepare the way of his steps. **R/**

SECOND READING

2PT 3:8-14

Do not ignore this one fact, beloved, that with the Lord one day is like a thousand years and a thousand years like one day. The Lord does not delay his promise, as some regard “delay,” but he is patient with you, not wishing that any should perish but that all should come to repentance. But the day of the Lord will come like a thief, and then the heavens will pass away with a mighty roar and the elements will be dissolved by fire, and the earth and everything done on it will be found out. Since everything is to be dissolved in this way, what sort of persons ought you to be, conducting yourselves in holiness and devotion, waiting for and hastening the coming of the day of God, because of which the heavens will be dissolved in flames and the elements melted by fire. But according to his promise we await new heavens and a new earth in which righteousness dwells. Therefore, beloved, since you await these things, be eager to be found without spot or blemish before him, at peace.

The Word of the Lord

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ALLELUIA

LK 3:4,6

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight his paths: All flesh shall see the salvation of God.

” The beginning of the gospel of Jesus Christ the Son of God. As it is written in Isaiah the prophet *Behold, I am sending my messenger ahead of you; he will prepare your way. A voice of one crying out in the desert: “Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight his paths.”* John the Baptist appeared in the desert proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. People of the whole Judean countryside and all the inhabitants of Jerusalem were going out to him and were being baptized by him in the Jordan River as they acknowledged their sins. John was clothed in camel’s hair, with a leather belt around his waist. He fed on locusts and wild honey. And this is what he proclaimed: “One mightier than I is coming after me. I am not worthy to stoop and loosen the thongs of his sandals. I have baptized you with water; he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit.”

This is the Gospel of the Lord

R/ Praise to You Lord Jesus Christ

ENTRANCE HYMN

ON JORDAN’S BANK

WINCHESTER NEW, alt.



1. On Jor - dan's bank the Bap - tist's cry An -
2. Then cleansed be ev - 'ry soul from sin; Make
3. We hail you as our Sav - ior, Lord, Our
5. To God the Son all glo - ry be, Whose



1. nounc - es that the Lord is nigh; A -
2. straight the way of God with - in, And
3. ref - uge, and our great re - ward; With -
5. ad - vent set your peo - ple free; Whom



1. wake and heark - en, for he brings Glad
2. let each heart pre - pare a home, Where
3. out your grace we waste a - way Like
5. with the Fa - ther we a - dore, And



1. tid - ings of the King of kings.
2. such a might - y guest may come.
3. flow'rs that with - er and de - cay.
5. Ho - ly Spir - it, ev - er - more.

OFFERTORY HYMN

O COME, O COME, EMMANUEL

VENI, VENI, EMMANUEL

Verses



1. O come, O come, Em - man - u - el, And
2. O come, Thou Wis - dom from on high, Who
3. O come, O come, Thou Lord of might, Who
4. O come, Thou Rod of Jes - se's stem, From
5. O come, Thou Key of Da - vid, come, And
6. O come, Thou Day - spring from on high And
7. O come, De - sire of na - tions, bind In



1. ran - som cap - tive Is - ra - el, That mourns in
2. or - d'rest all things might - i - ly; To us the
3. to thy tribes on Si - nai's height In an - cient
4. ev - 'ry foe de - liv - er them That trust thy
5. o - pen wide our heav - 'nly home; Make safe the
6. cheer us by thy draw - ing nigh; Dis - perse the
7. one the hearts of all hu - man - kind; Bid thou our



1. lone - ly ex - ile here Un - til the Son of
2. path of knowl - edge show, And teach us in her
3. times didst give the law, In cloud and maj - es -
4. might - y pow'r to save, And give them vic - t'ry
5. way that leads on high, And close the path to
6. gloom - y clouds of night, And death's dark shad - ow
7. sad di - vi - sions cease, And be thy - self our

Refrain



1. God ap - pear. Re - joice! Re - joice! Em - man - u -
2. ways to go.
3. ty and awe.
4. o'er the grave.
5. mis - er - y.
6. put to flight.
7. Prince of Peace.



el Shall come to thee, O Is - ra - el!

In the Seelos Tradition Prayer

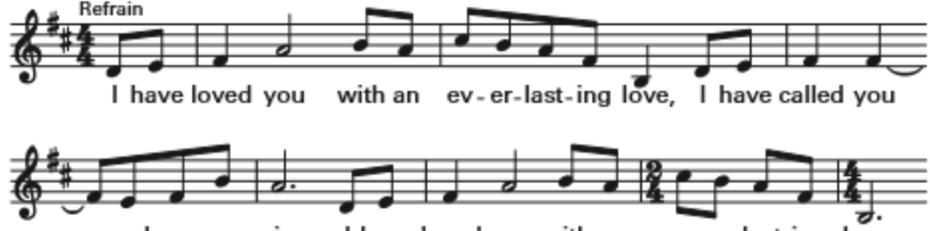
Jesus, Son of the Living God, Yours is the way to holiness, Yours is the way to salvation. Be close to Your people who cherish Your name and proclaim Your Word. Keep alive in our heart the vision Your Spirit has brought forth in our parish. Empower our lives to make Your kingdom known to the many. As we embark on this campaign grant us perseverance and faith. Help us to know that You will be with us as we build a parish in the Seelos Tradition. We make this prayer through the power of the Holy Spirit who lives and reigns with You and the Father, forever and ever. Amen

COMMUNION HYMN

I HAVE LOVED YOU

Michael Joncas

Refrain



I have loved you with an ev-er-last-ing love, I have called you
and you are mine; I have loved you with an ev-er-last-ing love,

Verses



I have called you and you are mine. 1-3. Seek the face of the Lord and

to Refrain



1. long for him: he will bring you his light and his peace.
2. long for him: he will bring you his joy and his hope.
3. long for him: he will bring you his care and his love.

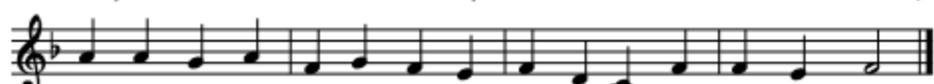
RECESSIONAL HYMN

COME, THOU LONG-EXPECTED JESUS

STUTT GART



1. Come, thou long - ex - pect - ed Je - sus, Born to set thy peo - ple free!
2. Is - rael's strength and con - so - la - tion, Hope of all the earth thou art;
3. Born thy peo - ple to de - liv - er, Born a child, and yet a king:
4. By thine own e - ter - nal Spir - it Rule in all our hearts a - lone;



1. From our fears and sins re - lease us, Let us find our rest in thee.
2. Dear de - sire of ev - ery na - tion, Joy of ev - ery long - ing heart.
3. Born to reign in us for - ev - er, Now thy gra - cious king - dom bring.
4. By thine all - suf - fi - cient mer - it Raise us to thy glo - rious throne.

Text: 87 87; Charles Wesley, 1707-1788.

Music: Christian F. Witt's *Psalmodia Sacra*, 1715; adapt. by Henry J. Gauntlett, 1805-1876.

