

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON Cf. Is 30: 19, 30

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.

ENTRANCE HYMN

O come, O come, Emmanuel,
and ransom captive Israel,
that mourns in lonely exile here
until the Son of God appear.

*Rejoice, rejoice! Emmanuel
shall come to thee, O Israel.*

O come, thou Rod of Jesse, free
thine own from Satan's tyranny;
from depths of hell thy people save,
and give them vict'ry o'er the grave.

O come, thou key of David, come
and open wide our heav'nly home;
make safe the way that leads on high,
and close the path to misery.

O come, O come, thou Lord of might,
who to thy tribes on Sinai's height
in ancient times didst give the Law,
in cloud and majesty and awe.

Priest: In the name of the Father and
of the Son, and of the Holy
Spirit.

People: **Amen.**

Grace to you and peace from God our
Father
and the Lord Jesus Christ.

And with your spirit.

PENITENTIAL ACT

Brethren (Brothers and sisters),
let us acknowledge our sins,
and so prepare ourselves to
celebrate the sacred mysteries.

Lord Jesus, you raise us to new life:
Lord, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

Lord Jesus, you forgive us our sins:
Christ, have mercy.

Christ, have mercy.

Lord Jesus, you feed us with your
body and blood: Lord, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

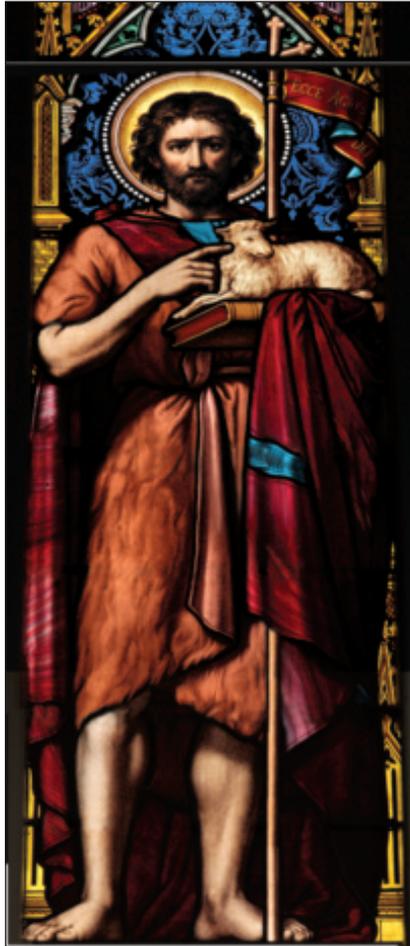
The absolution by the Priest follows:

May almighty God have mercy on us,
forgive us our sins
and bring us to everlasting life.

Amen.

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

6th December 2020



COLLECT

Almighty and merciful God,
may no earthly undertaking hinder
those who set out in haste to meet
your Son, but may our learning of
heavenly wisdom gain us admittance
to his company.
Who lives and reigns with you in the
unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, for ever and ever.
Amen.

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

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FIRST READING 40:1-5.9-11

A reading from the prophet Isaiah

"Console my people, console them,"
says your God.
"Speak to the heart of Jerusalem
and call to her
that her time of service is ended,
that her sin is atoned for,
that she has received from the hand

of the Lord double punishment for all
her crimes.

A voice cries,
"Prepare in the wilderness
a way for the Lord.

Make a straight highway for our God
across the desert.

Let every valley be filled in,
every mountain and hill be laid low,
let every cliff become a plain,
and the ridges a valley;
then the glory of the Lord shall be
revealed

and all mankind shall see it;
for the mouth of the Lord has spoken."

Go up on a high mountain,
joyful messenger to Zion.
Shout with a loud voice,
joyful messenger to Jerusalem.

Shout without fear,
say to the towns of Judah,
"Here is your God."

Here is the Lord coming with power,
his arm subduing all things to him.

The prize of his victory is with him,
his trophies all go before him.

He is like a shepherd feeding his
flock, gathering lambs in his arms,
holding them against his breast
and leading to their rest the mother
ewes.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps84:9-14.R.v.8

**R. Let us see, O Lord,
your mercy and give us your
saving help.**

1. I will hear what the Lord God has to
say, a voice that speaks of peace,
peace for his people,
His help is near for those
who fear him
and his glory will dwell in our land. **(R)**

2. Mercy and faithfulness have met;
justice and peace have embraced.
Faithfulness shall spring from the earth
and justice look down from heaven. **(R)**

3. The Lord will make us prosper
and our earth shall yield its fruit.
Justice shall march before him
and peace shall follow his steps. **(R)**



SECOND READING 3:8-14

**A reading from the second letter
of St Peter**

There is one thing, my friends, that you must never forget: that with the Lord, "a day" can mean a thousand years, and a thousand years is like a day. The Lord is not being slow to carry out his promises, as anybody else might be called slow; but he is being patient with you all, wanting nobody to be lost and everybody to be brought to change his ways. The Day of the Lord will come like a thief, and then with a roar the sky will vanish, the elements will catch fire and fall apart, the earth and all that it contains will be burnt up. Since everything is coming to an end like this, you should be living holy and saintly lives while you wait and long for the Day of God to come, when the sky will dissolve in flames and the elements melt in the heat. What we are waiting for is what he promised: the new heavens and new earth, the place where righteousness will be at home. So then, my friends, while you are waiting, do your best to live lives without spot or stain so that he will find you at peace.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.



ACCLAMATION Lk3:4-6

Alleluia, alleluia!

**Prepare a way for the Lord,
make his paths straight.**

**And all mankind shall see
the salvation of God.**

Alleluia!

GOSPEL

1:1-8

The Lord be with you.
And with your spirit.

A reading from the holy
Gospel according to Mark.

Glorify to you, O Lord.



The beginning of the Good News about Jesus Christ, the Son of God. It is written in the book of the prophet Isaiah:

Look, I am going to send my messenger before you; he will prepare your way.

A voice cries in the wilderness:

Prepare a way for the Lord, make his paths straight,

and so it was that John the Baptist appeared in the wilderness,

proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. All Judaea and all the people of Jerusalem made their way to him, and as they were baptised by him in the river Jordan they confessed their sins. John wore a garment of camel-skin, and he lived on locusts and wild honey. In the course of his preaching he said, "Someone is following me, someone who is more powerful than I am, and I am not fit to kneel down and undo the strap of his sandals. I have baptised you with water, but he will baptise you with the Holy Spirit."

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.



PROFESSION OF FAITH

**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,
(All bow during the next three lines)
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.**

PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL



LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

Raising the host, the priest says:

Blessed are you, Lord, God of all creation, for through your goodness we have received the bread we offer you: fruit of the earth and work of human hands, it will become for us the bread of life.
Blessed be God for ever.

The priest pours wine and a little water into the chalice, saying quietly:

By the mystery of this water and wine may we come to share in the divinity of Christ, who humbled himself to share in our humanity.

Raising the chalice, the priest says:

Blessed are you, Lord, God of all creation, for through your goodness we have received the wine we offer you: fruit of the vine and work of human hands, it will become our spiritual drink.
Blessed be God for ever.

Bowing the priest says quietly:

With humble spirit and contrite heart may we be accepted by you, O Lord, and may our sacrifice in your sight this day be pleasing to you, O Lord.

Then the priest washes his hands, saying quietly:

Wash me, O Lord, from my iniquity; and cleanse me from my sin.



Facing the people the priest says:

Pray, brethren (brothers and sisters), that my sacrifice and yours may be acceptable to God, the almighty Father.

**May the Lord accept the sacrifice at
your hands
for the praise and glory of his
name,
for our good, and the good of all
his holy Church.**

PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS

Be pleased, O Lord, with our humble prayers and offerings, and, since we have no merits to plead our cause, come, we pray, to our rescue with the protection of your mercy. Through Christ our Lord.
Amen.

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER III

PREFACE: Advent 1

The Lord be with you.

And with your Spirit.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right and just.

It is truly right and just, our duty and our salvation,

always and everywhere to give you thanks,

Lord, holy Father, almighty and eternal God,

through Christ our Lord.

For he assumed at his first coming the lowliness of human flesh,

and so fulfilled the design you formed long ago,

and opened for us the way to eternal salvation,

that, when he comes again in glory and majesty

and all is at last made manifest,

we who watch for that day

may inherit the great promise

in which now we dare to hope.

And so, with Angels and Archangels, with Thrones and Dominions,

and with all the hosts and Powers of heaven,

we sing the hymn of your glory,

as without end we acclaim:

Holy, Holy, Holy Lord God of hosts.

Heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

◀ KNEEL ▶

You are indeed Holy, O Lord,

and all you have created

rightly gives you praise,

for through your Son our Lord Jesus

Christ,

by the power and working of the Holy Spirit,

you give life to all things and make

them holy, and you never cease to

gather a people to yourself, so that

from the rising of the sun to its setting

a pure sacrifice may be offered to your name.

Therefore, O Lord, we humbly implore you: by the same Spirit graciously make holy these gifts we have brought to you for consecration, that they may become the Body and ✦ Blood of your Son our Lord Jesus Christ, at whose command we celebrate these mysteries.

For on the night he was betrayed he himself took bread, and, giving you thanks, he said the blessing, broke the bread and gave it to his disciples, saying:

**TAKE THIS, ALL OF YOU, AND EAT OF IT,
FOR THIS IS MY BODY,
WHICH WILL BE GIVEN UP FOR YOU.**

In a similar way, when supper was ended, he took the chalice, and, giving you thanks, he said the blessing, and gave the chalice to his disciples, saying:

**TAKE THIS, ALL OF YOU, AND DRINK FROM IT,
FOR THIS IS THE CHALICE OF MY BLOOD,
THE BLOOD OF THE NEW AND ETERNAL COVENANT,
WHICH WILL BE Poured OUT FOR YOU AND FOR MANY
FOR THE FORGIVENESS OF SINS.**

DO THIS IN MEMORY OF ME.

The mystery of faith:

**Save us, Saviour of the world,
for by your Cross and Resurrection
you have set us free.**

Then the Priest, with hands extended, says:

Therefore, O Lord, as we celebrate the memorial of the saving Passion of your Son, his wondrous Resurrection and Ascension into heaven, and as we look forward to his second coming, we offer you in thanksgiving this holy and living sacrifice.

Look, we pray, upon the oblation of your Church and, recognising the sacrificial Victim by whose death you willed to reconcile us to yourself, grant that we, who are nourished by the Body and Blood of your Son and filled with his Holy Spirit, may become one body, one spirit in Christ.

May he make of us an eternal offering to you,

so that we may obtain an inheritance with your elect, especially with the most Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of God, with blessed Joseph, her Spouse, with the blessed Apostles and glorious Martyrs (with Saint N., **the Saint of the day or Patron Saint**) and with all the Saints, on whose constant intercession in your presence we rely for unfailing help.

May this Sacrifice of our reconciliation, we pray, O Lord, advance the peace and salvation of all the world. Be pleased to confirm in faith and charity your pilgrim Church on earth, with your servant Francis, our Pope, and N. our Bishop, his assistant Bishop(s) the Order of Bishops, all the clergy, and the entire people you have gained for your own.

Listen graciously to the prayers of this family,

whom you have summoned before you: in your compassion, O merciful

Father, gather to yourself all your children scattered throughout the world.

To our departed brothers and sisters and to all who were pleasing to you at their passing from this life,

give kind admittance to your kingdom.

There we hope to enjoy for ever the fullness of your glory

The Priest joins his hands.

through Christ our Lord, through whom you bestow on the world all that is good. †

The Priest takes the chalice and the paten with the host and, elevating both, he says:

Through him, and with him, and in him, O God, almighty Father, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory and honour is yours, for ever and ever.

Amen.

COMMUNION RITE

◀ STAND ▶

At the Saviour's command and formed by divine teaching, we dare to say:

Our Father, who art in heaven . . .

Deliver us, Lord, we pray, from every evil, graciously grant peace in our days, that, by the help of your mercy, we may be always free from sin and safe from all distress, as we await the blessed hope and the coming of our Saviour, Jesus Christ.

For the kingdom, the power and the glory are yours, now and for ever.

Lord Jesus Christ,
who said to your Apostles:
Peace I leave you, my peace I give you, look not on our sins, but on the faith of your Church, and graciously grant her peace and unity in accordance with your will. Who live and reign for ever and ever.
Amen.

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

And with your Spirit.

The priest may add these or similar words.
Let us offer each other the sign of peace.

The priest places a small piece of the host in the chalice saying quietly:
May this mingling of the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ bring eternal life to us who receive it.

Meanwhile the people sing or say:

**Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: grant us peace.**

◀ KNEEL ▶

The priest says quietly:

May the receiving of your Body and Blood, Lord Jesus Christ, not bring me to judgment and condemnation, but through your loving mercy be for me protection in mind and body, and a healing remedy.

Raising the host the priest says:

Behold the Lamb of God, behold him who takes away the sins of the world.
Blessed are those called to the supper of the Lamb.

And together with the people he says once:
Lord, I am not worthy that you should enter under my roof, but only say the word and my soul shall be healed.

May the Body of Christ keep me safe for eternal life.

The Priest reverently consumes the Body of Christ.

Then he takes the chalice and says quietly:
May the Blood of Christ keep me safe for eternal life.

The Priest raises a host slightly and shows it to each of the communicants, saying:
The Body of Christ.
Amen.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON Bar 5: 5; 4: 36
Jerusalem, arise and stand upon the heights, and behold the joy which comes to you from God.

COMMUNION HYMN

*R: Wait for the Lord, his day is near.
Wait for the Lord: be strong, take heart!*

**Prepare the way for the Lord.
Make a straight path for him. R.**

The glory of the Lord shall be revealed. R.

All the earth will see the Lord. R.

Rejoice in the Lord always: he is at hand. R.

Seek first the kingdom of God, seek and you shall find. R.

Joy and gladness for all who seek the Lord. R.

Prepare the way of the Lord. R.

PRIVATE PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

My Jesus, present in my soul, I thank you for the way in which you gradually prepared the minds of men and women for your coming. Give me now all the longing desires of your saints in the Old Testament. Help me to prepare for the feast of your birth as Mary your mother prepared for the first Christmas. Help me to imitate her prayer, her spotless purity, so that this Advent may make me more ready to receive you, and more alert to watch for your second coming at the end of time.



◀ STAND ▶

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Replenished by the food of spiritual nourishment, we humbly beseech you, O Lord, that, through our partaking in this mystery, you may teach us to judge wisely the things of earth and hold firm to the things of heaven. Through Christ our Lord.
Amen.

CONCLUDING RITES

The Lord be with you.
And with your spirit.

SOLEMN BLESSING – ADVENT
May the almighty and merciful God, by whose grace you have placed your faith in the First Coming of his Only Begotten son and yearn for his coming again sanctify you by the radiance of Christ's Advent and enrich you with his blessing.
Amen.

As you run the race of this present life, may he make you firm in faith, joyful in hope and active in charity.
Amen.

So that you, rejoicing now with devotion at our Redeemer's coming in the flesh, you may be endowed with the rich reward of eternal life when he comes again in majesty.
Amen.

And may the blessing of almighty God, the Father, and the Son, ✠ and the Holy Spirit, come down on you and remain with you for ever.
Amen.

Go forth, the Mass is ended,
Thanks be to God.

RECESSIONAL HYMN

**Arise, Jerusalem, city of God our Saviour,
For now the time has come to robe yourself in splendour.
Come forth, dressed in fine gold, your crown shining like sunbeams, put on your cloak of peace, gather the poor beneath its folds.**
*R. Put on your cloak of peace,
Gather the poor beneath its folds.*
**Arise, Jerusalem, come all you men and women,
The promised time has come. Here God has made his dwelling. And you, children of light, must leave all that is darkness. Arise, your light has come. Shout your cry of gladness.**
*R. Arise your light has come.
Shout out your song of gladness.*