



## 2<sup>nd</sup> in Advent (C)

5<sup>th</sup> December 2021

### Introductory Rite

#### Entrance Antiphon

**All:** 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.

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

**All: Amen.**

**Priest:** The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,  
and the love of God,  
and the communion of the Holy Spirit  
be with you all.

**All: And with your spirit.**

### Penitential Act

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

**All: I confess to almighty God  
and to you, my brothers and sisters,  
that I have greatly sinned,  
in my thoughts and in my words,  
in what I have done and in what I have failed to  
do,**

*And, striking their breast, they say:*

**through my fault,  
through my fault,  
through my most grievous fault;  
therefore I ask blessed Mary ever-Virgin,  
all the Angels and Saints,  
and you, my brothers and sisters,  
to pray for me to the Lord our God.**

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

**All: Amen.**

**Priest:** Lord, have mercy.

**All: Lord, have mercy.**

**Priest:** Christ, have mercy.

**All: Christ, have mercy.**

**Priest:** Lord, have mercy.

**All: Lord, have mercy.**

**Priest:** Let us pray.

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,  
God, for ever and ever.

**All: Amen.**

### Liturgy of the Word

#### First Reading

#### Baruch 5:1-9

Jerusalem, take off your dress of sorrow and distress,  
put on the beauty of the glory of God for ever,  
wrap the cloak of the integrity of God around you,  
put the diadem of the glory of the Eternal on your head:  
since God means to show your splendour to every  
nation under heaven,  
since the name God gives you for ever will be,  
'Peace through integrity, and honour through  
devotedness.'

Arise, Jerusalem, stand on the heights  
and turn your eyes to the east:  
see your sons reassembled from west and east  
at the command of the Holy One, jubilant that God has  
remembered them.

Though they left you on foot,  
with enemies for an escort,  
now God brings them back to you  
like royal princes carried back in glory.  
For God has decreed the flattening  
of each high mountain, of the everlasting hills,  
the filling of the valleys to make the ground level  
so that Israel can walk in safety under the glory of God.  
And the forests and every fragrant tree will provide  
shade

for Israel at the command of God;  
for God will guide Israel in joy by the light of his glory  
with his mercy and integrity for escort.

The word of the Lord.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

#### Responsorial Psalm

#### 92(93):1-2,5

**All: What marvels the Lord worked for us! Indeed we  
were glad.**

When the Lord delivered Zion from bondage,  
it seemed like a dream.  
Then was our mouth filled with laughter,  
on our lips there were songs.

The heathens themselves said: 'What marvels  
the Lord worked for them!'  
What marvels the Lord worked for us!  
Indeed we were glad.

Deliver us, O Lord, from our bondage  
as streams in dry land.  
Those who are sowing in tears  
will sing when they reap.

They go out, they go out, full of tears,  
carrying seed for the sowing:  
they come back, they come back, full of song,  
carrying their sheaves.

**Second Reading      Philippians 1:4-6,8-11**

Every time I pray for all of you, I pray with joy, remembering how you have helped to spread the Good News from the day you first heard it right up to the present. I am quite certain that the One who began this good work in you will see that it is finished when the Day of Christ Jesus comes; and God knows how much I miss you all, loving you as Christ Jesus loves you. My prayer is that your love for each other may increase more and more and never stop improving your knowledge and deepening your perception so that you can always recognise what is best. This will help you to become pure and blameless, and prepare you for the Day of Christ, when you will reach the perfect goodness which Jesus Christ produces in us for the glory and praise of God.

The word of the Lord.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

**Gospel Acclamation**

Alleluia, alleluia!  
Prepare a way for the Lord,  
make his paths straight,  
and all mankind shall see the salvation of God.  
Alleluia!

*Priest:* The Lord be with you.

**All: And with your spirit.**

*Priest:* A reading from the holy Gospel according to N.

**All: Glory to you, O Lord.**

**✠ Gospel      Luke 3:1-6**

In the fifteenth year of Tiberius Caesar's reign, when Pontius Pilate was governor of Judaea, Herod tetrarch of Galilee, his brother Philip tetrarch of the lands of Ituraea and Trachonitis, Lysanias tetrarch of Abilene, during the pontificate of Annas and Caiaphas the word of God came to John son of Zechariah, in the wilderness. He went through the whole Jordan district proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins, as it is written in the book of the sayings of the prophet Isaiah: A voice cries in the wilderness:



Prepare a way for the Lord,  
make his paths straight.  
Every valley will be filled in,  
every mountain and hill be laid low,  
winding ways will be straightened  
and rough roads made smooth.  
And all mankind shall see the salvation of God.  
The Gospel of the Lord.

**All: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

Homily

**Creed**

**All:** 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.

**Liturgy of the Eucharist**

*Priest:* 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.

**All: Blessed be God for ever.**

*Priest:* 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.

*Priest:* 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.

**All: Blessed be God for ever.**

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

**All: 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.**

*Priest:* 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.

**All: Amen.**

### **Eucharistic Prayer**

*Priest:* The Lord be with you.

**All: And with your spirit.**

*Priest:* Lift up your hearts.

**All: We lift them up to the Lord.**

*Priest:* Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**All: It is right and just.**

Preface

**All: 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.**

*Priest:* The mystery of faith.

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

### **Communion Rite**

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

**All: Our Father, who art in heaven,  
hallowed be thy name;  
thy kingdom come,**

**thy will be done**

**on earth as it is in heaven.**

**Give us this day our daily bread,  
and forgive us our trespasses,  
as we forgive those who trespass against us;  
and lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil.**

*Priest:* 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.

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

*Priest:* 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.

**All: Amen.**

*Priest:* The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**All: And with your spirit.**

**All: 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.**

*Priest:* 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.

**All: Lord, I am not worthy  
that you should enter under my roof,  
but only say the word and my soul shall be  
healed.**

### **Communion Antiphon**

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

### **Act of Spiritual Communion**

*(Private prayer for those who attend Mass virtually)*

**All:** My Jesus, I believe that you are present in the  
Most Holy Sacrament. I love you above all things, and

I desire to receive you into my soul. Since I cannot at this moment receive you sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace you as if you were already there and unite myself wholly to you. Never permit me to be separated from you. AMEN

### **Prayer after Communion**

*Priest:* Let us pray.

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.

**All: Amen.**

### **Prayer for the Year of St Joseph**

**All:** Hail, Guardian of the Redeemer, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary. To you God entrusted his only Son, in you Mary placed her trust, with you Christ became man.

Blessed Joseph, to us too, show yourself a father and guide us in the path of life. Obtain for us grace, mercy and courage, and defend us from every evil. AMEN

### **Concluding Rite**

*Priest:* The Lord be with you.

**All: And with your spirit.**

*Priest:* May almighty God bless you, the Father, and the Son, ✠ and the Holy Spirit.

**All: Amen.**

*Priest:* Go forth, the Mass is ended.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

Before the final hymn, we will sing **Salve Regina** (Hail Holy Queen):

SALVE, Regina, mater misericordiae, vita, dulcedo, et spes nostra, salve. Ad te clamamus exsules filii Hevae. Ad te suspiramus, gementes et flentes in hac lacrimarum valle.

Eia, ergo, advocata nostra, illos tuos misericordes oculos ad nos converte. Et Iesum, benedictum fructum ventris tui, nobis post hoc exsilium ostende.  
O clemens, O pia, O dulcis Virgo Maria. Amen.

HAIL holy Queen, Mother of mercy, our life, our sweetness, and our hope. To thee do we cry, poor banished children of Eve. To thee do we send up our sighs, mourning and weeping in this valley of tears.

Turn then, most gracious Advocate, thine eyes of mercy toward us. And after this our exile show unto us the blessed fruit of thy womb, Jesus.

O clement, O loving, O sweet Virgin Mary. Amen.

