

# SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Cycle C

## ENTRANCE HYMN

1. On Jordan's bank the Baptist's cry announces that the Lord is nigh, come then and hearken, for he brings glad tidings from the King of kings.
2. Then cleansed be every Christian breast, and furnished for so great a guest! Yea, let us each our hearts prepare for Christ to come and enter there.
3. For thou art our salvation, Lord, our refuge and our great reward; without thy grace our souls must fade and wither like a flower decayed.



## FIRST READING

A reading from the prophet Baruch 5:1-9  
*God means to show your splendour to every nation.*

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.

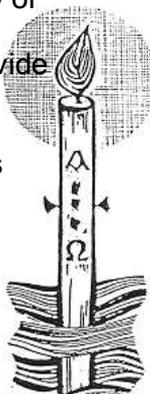
Though they left you on foot,  
with enemies for an escort,  
now God brings them back to you  
like royal princes carried back in glory.  
For God has decreed the flattening  
of each high mountain, of the everlasting hills,  
the filling of the valleys to make the ground level  
so that Israel can 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.

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM** Ps 125. R) v.3

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



1. 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. (R.)
2. The heathens themselves said: 'What marvels the Lord worked for them!'  
What marvels the Lord worked for us!  
Indeed we were glad. (R.)
3. Deliver us, O Lord, from our bondage  
as streams in dry land.  
Those who are sowing in tears  
will sing when they reap. (R.)
4. 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. (R.)

## SECOND READING

A reading from the letter of St. Paul to the  
Philippians 1:3-6. 8-11  
*Be pure and blameless for the day of Christ.*

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. 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.

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION** Lk 3: 4. 6  
Alleluia, alleluia!

## GOSPEL

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke  
3:1-6

*All mankind shall see the salvation of God.*

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.

### APOSTLE'S CREED

I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
Creator of heaven and earth,  
and in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,  
(All bow)  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit  
born of the Virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died and was buried;  
he descended into hell;  
on the third day he rose again from the dead;  
he ascended into heaven,  
and is seated at the right hand of God the Father  
almighty;  
from there he will come to judge the living and the  
dead,

I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body,  
and life everlasting. Amen

### OFFERTORY HYMN

1. All that I am, all that I do,  
all that I'll ever have, I offer now to you.  
Take and sanctify these gifts  
for your honour, Lord.  
Knowing that I love and serve you  
is enough reward.  
All that I am, all that I do,  
all that I'll ever have I offer now to you.
2. All that I dream, all that I pray,  
All that I'll ever make, I give to you today.  
Take and sanctify these gifts  
for your honour, Lord.  
Knowing that I love and serve you  
is enough reward.  
All that I am, all that I do,  
all that I'll ever have I offer now to you.



### COMMUNION HYMN

1. How glad the sound! The Savior comes  
The Savior promised long.  
Let ev'ry heart prepare a throne  
And ev'ry voice a song



2. He comes the pris'ner to release  
The captive to set free  
To preach the good news to the poor  
To make the blind to see
3. He comes the broken heart to bind  
The bleeding soul to cure  
And with the treasure of his life  
To grace the humble poor
4. How glad hosannas, Prince of Peace  
Your advent shall proclaim  
We long for the Parousia  
When you will come again.

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1. This Advent we await God's reign  
When greed and hate shall cease  
And kindness dwells in human hearts  
And all of us find peace  
O God of holiness and grace, illuminate this  
hour  
With hope that we shall see Christ's face  
When he returns with powr.
  2. Awake, my soul, and with the sun  
Shake off your sloth and rise  
Your daily work and duty done  
Will be your sacrifice  
Redeem your mis-spent time that's past  
Improve yourself with care  
And live this day as though your last  
For Christ's return prepare
  3. Rise up, rise now for Jesus Christ:  
The strife will not be long.  
This day the noise of battle's heard  
The next the Victor's song  
If sin and self we conquer now  
The crown will not be far  
So wait with courage and new hope  
For Christ's Parousia.

### RECESSIONAL HYMN

Daily, Daily sing to Mary, Sing my soul her praises  
due;  
All her feasts, her actions worship, with a heart's  
devotion true  
Lost in wond'ring contemplation, Be her Majesty  
confessed;  
Call her Mother, call her Virgin, Happy Mother,  
ever blest.

She is mighty to deliver; call her trust her lovingly;  
When the tempest rages round thee, She will calm  
the troubled sea.  
Gifts of heaven she is given, Noble Lady! To our  
race,  
She the Queen, who decks her subjects with the  
light of God's own grace.