

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

8th December 2024

**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,
God, for ever and ever.
Amen.

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

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FIRST READING**5:1-9****A reading from the prophet Baruch**

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.

Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM Ps125.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

1:3-6.8-11

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Philippians

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.
Thanks be to God.



ACCLAMATION Lk.3: 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

3:1-6

The Lord be with you.
And with your spirit.

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke
Glory to you, O Lord.



In the fifteenth year of Tiberius Caesar's reign, when Pontius Pilate was governor of Judea, Herod tetrarch of Galilee, his brother Philip tetrarch of the lands of 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.
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 unailing 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.**



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

Lord, help me to prepare the way for
your coming this Christmas and at the
end of time. Make me walk straight in
the paths of goodness; fill in the clefts
caused in my life by my sins of
omission; bring low the mountains of
pride and vanity which so often rise in
my soul; straighten out my crooked
thinking which seeks to defend my
actions even when they are wrong;
and with your great gift of love
smoothen the roughness with which,
many a time, I have treated other
people.



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.**