

December 5, 2021. *Second Sunday of Advent*

Opening Hymn : Ready the Way of the Lord

¶ “Ready the way of the Lord,
Ready the way of the Lord.”
A voice cries out in the wilderness:
“Ready the way of the Lord.”
Let every valley be filled,
Let every valley be filled.
Let every mountain be humbled,
Let every valley be filled.
[*Refrain:*] Here is your God, coming with your vindication.
Look and behold the saving power of God. ¶

Reading I Bar 5:1-9

Jerusalem, take off your robe of mourning and misery; put on the splendor of glory from God forever: wrapped in the cloak of justice from God, bear on your head the mitre that displays the glory of the eternal name. For God will show all the earth your splendor: you will be named by God forever the peace of justice, the glory of God’s worship. Up, Jerusalem! stand upon the heights; look to the east and see your children gathered from the east and the west at the word of the Holy One, rejoicing that they are remembered by God. Led away on foot by their enemies they left you: but God will bring them back to you borne aloft in glory as on royal thrones. For God has commanded that every lofty mountain be made low, and that the age-old depths and gorges be filled to level ground, that Israel may advance secure in the glory of God. The forests and every fragrant kind of tree have overshadowed Israel at God’s command; for God is leading Israel in joy by the light of his glory, with his mercy and justice for company.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm Ps 126:1-2, 2-3, 4-5, 6.

**R. (3) The Lord has done great things for us;
we are filled with joy.**

When the LORD brought back the captives of Zion,
we were like men dreaming.

Then our mouth was filled with laughter,
and our tongue with rejoicing.

**R. The Lord has done great things for us;
we are filled with joy.**

Then they said among the nations,
“The LORD has done great things for them.”
The LORD has done great things for us;
we are glad indeed.

**R. The Lord has done great things for us;
we are filled with joy.**

Restore our fortunes, O LORD,
like the torrents in the southern desert.

Those who sow in tears
shall reap rejoicing.

**R. The Lord has done great things for us;
we are filled with joy.**

Although they go forth weeping,
carrying the seed to be sown,
They shall come back rejoicing,
carrying their sheaves.

**R. The Lord has done great things for us;
we are filled with joy.**

Reading II **Phil 1:4-6, 8-11**

Brothers and sisters: I pray always with joy in my every prayer for all of you, because of your partnership for the gospel from the first day until now. I am confident of this, that the one who began a good work in you will continue to complete it until the day of Christ Jesus. God is my witness, how I long for all of you with the affection of Christ Jesus. And this is my prayer: that your love may increase ever more and more in knowledge and every kind of perception, to discern what is of value, so that you may be pure and blameless for the day of Christ, filled with the fruit of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ for the glory and praise of God.

The Word of the Lord. *Thanks be to God.*

Acclamation before the Gospel

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.

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Gospel Lk 3:1-6

In the fifteenth year of the reign of Tiberius Caesar, when Pontius Pilate was governor of Judea, and Herod was tetrarch of Galilee, and his brother Philip tetrarch of the region of Ituraea and Trachonitis, and Lysanias was tetrarch of Abilene, during the high priesthood of Annas and Caiaphas, the word of God came to John the son of Zechariah in the desert. John went throughout the whole region of the Jordan, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of

sins, as it is written in the book of the words of the prophet Isaiah: *A voice of one crying out in the desert: "Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight his paths. Every valley shall be filled and every mountain and hill shall be made low. The winding roads shall be made straight, and the rough ways made smooth, and all flesh shall see the salvation of God."*

The Gospel of the Lord. *Praise to You, Lord Jesus Christ.*

Nicene Creed

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, 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.

Offertory Hymn: There is a Longing

¶ There is a longing in our hearts, O Lord
for You to reveal Yourself to us.

There is a longing in our hearts
for love we only find in You, our God.
For justice, for freedom, for mercy, hear our prayer.
In sorrow, in grief, be near, hear our prayer, O God.
There is a longing in our hearts,
O Lord for you to reveal yourself to us.
There is a longing in our hearts for love we only find in You, our God.
For wisdom, for courage, for comfort, hear our prayer.
In weakness, in fear, be near, hear our prayer, O God. ¶

Holy, Holy, Holy

¶ 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. ¶

Communion Hymn : A Voice Cries out

¶ Console my people, the ones dear to me:
speak to the heart of Jerusalem:
the time of your mourning is ended now,
the Lord of life will come.

[Refrain:] A voice cries out in the wilderness:
Prepare a way for the Lord!
A voice cries out in the wilderness:
Make straight a highway for God!

Ev'ry valley is made a plain,
ev'ry mountain is leveled
the glory of God shall then be revealed,
and the nations will sing in praise. **[Refrain:]**

A voice shouts: "Cry!" O what shall I cry?
All flesh is like grass and its flowers:
the grass may wither, the flower may fade,
but the Word of the Lord is forever. [**Refrain:**]

Zion, shout from the mountain top,
lift up your voice O Jerusalem,
and say to the people of God's own land,
"Behold, behold your God!" [**Refrain:**]

The Lord will appear as a shepherd,
holding His lambs in His arms,
keeping His flock so close to His heart
leading them all, old and young. [**Refrain:**] ¶

Our Parish Hymn after Communion

¶ Jesus my Lord, my God, my all
How can I love thee as I ought?
and how revere this wondrous gift,
so far surpassing hope or thought
Sweet sacrament we Thee adore,
Oh make us love Thee more and more,
Oh make us love Thee more and more. ¶

Prayer to St. Michael

St. Michael, the archangel, defend us in battle. Be our protection against the wickedness and snares of the devil. May God rebuke him, we humbly pray. And do thou, oh Prince of the Heavenly Hosts, by the power of God cast into hell Satan and all the evil spirits who prowl about the world seeking the ruin of souls. Amen

Closing Hymn : Ready the Way of the Lord

¶ Desert and waste land will bloom,
Desert and waste land will bloom.
Glory and splendor will fill the land,
Desert and waste land will bloom.
Those who are blind will then see,
Those who are deaf will then hear.
Those who are lame will then leap for joy,
Those who are mute will then sing.

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HAVE A BLESSED SUNDAY.