

**December 4, 2021. Second Sunday of Advent**

**Opening Hymn : On Jordan's Bank**

¶ On Jordan's bank the Baptist's cry  
announces that the Lord is nigh.  
Awake and harken, for he brings  
glad tidings of the King of kings!

Then cleansed be every life from sin:  
make straight the way for God within,  
and let us all our hearts prepare  
for Christ to come and enter there. ¶

**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.

**R. Alleluia, alleluia.****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: O come, O come, Emmanuel**

¶ O come, O come, Emmanuel,  
And ransom captive Israel,  
That mourns in lonely exile here,  
Until the Son of God appear.

[*Refrain:*] Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel  
Shall come to thee, O Israel.

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. [*Refrain:*]

O come, Thou Rod of Jesse, free  
Thine own from Satan's tyranny;  
From depths of hell Thy people save,  
And give them victory o'er the grave. [*Refrain:*]

O come, Thou Dayspring, from on high,  
And cheer us by Thy drawing nigh;  
Disperse the gloomy clouds of night,  
And death's dark shadows put to flight. [*Refrain:*]

O come, Thou Key of David, come  
And open wide our heavenly home;  
Make safe the way that leads on high,  
And close the path to misery. [*Refrain:*]

O come, Thou Wisdom from on high,  
And orders all things, mightily;  
To us the path of knowledge show,  
And teach us in her ways to go. [*Refrain:*]

O come, Desire of nations, bind  
In one the hearts of all mankind;  
Bid all our sad divisions cease,  
And be Thyself our King of Peace. [*Refrain:*] ¶

## 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 : Maranatha

¶ [*Refrain:*] Maranatha, we long for Your peace  
Maranatha, we long for Your mercy  
Maranatha, we long for Your coming O God  
In Your image You have fashioned us  
In the garden You made us  
You have given us Your breath of life  
Voice to praise Your name,  
Voice to praise Your name. [*Refrain:*]

In our weakness we have turned from You  
Turned from light to the darkness  
Ever longing for salvation  
O Lord of light,  
O Lord of light. [*Refrain:*]

In Your love You have sent Your Son  
Your salvation for every one  
Word incarnate, God's compassion  
Hope for humankind  
Hope for humankind. [*Refrain:*]

We await Your day of glory  
Christ Jesus, return for us  
Gentle King, Just Deliverer  
You will bring us home  
You will bring us home. [***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 : O Come Divine Messiah

¶ O come, divine Messiah!  
The world in silence waits the day  
When hope shall sing its triumph  
And sadness flee away.

[***Refrain:***] Dear Savior, haste, come, come to earth  
Dispel the night and show Your face  
And bid us hail the dawn of grace  
O come, divine Messiah!

The world in silence waits the day  
When hope shall sing its triumph  
And sadness flee away.

O Christ, whom nations sigh for  
Whom priest and prophet long foretold  
Come break the captive fetters  
Redeem the long-lost fold. [*Refrain:*] ¶

**HAVE A GOOD WEEKEND.**