

## Second Sunday of Advent

### INTRODUCTION

INTROIT HYMN— **185** *Hymns Old & New*

*The ADVENT CANDLE is lit. The priest says:*  
Blessed are you, sovereign Lord, just and true: to you be praise and glory for ever. Of old you spoke by the mouth of your prophets, but in our days you speak through your Son, whom you have appointed the heir of all things. Grant us, your people, to walk in his light, that we may be found ready and watching when he comes again in glory and judgement; for you are our light and our salvation.

*All respond: Blessed be God for ever.*

In the name of the Father, and of ✠ the Son,  
and of the Holy Spirit.

*All respond: Amen.*

The Lord be with you.  
**And also with you.**

*The PRAYERS OF PENITENCE are introduced.*

**Most merciful God,  
Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,  
we confess that we have sinned in thought,  
word and deed.**

**We have not loved you with our whole heart.  
We have not loved our neighbours as  
ourselves.**

**In your mercy forgive what we have been,  
help us to amend what we are,  
and direct what we shall be;  
that we may do justly, love mercy,  
and walk humbly with you, our God. Amen.**

May the God of all healing and forgiveness draw you to himself, and cleanse you ✠ from all your sins, that you may behold the glory of his Son, the Word made flesh, Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

*KYRIE ELEÏSON is sung.*

**Kyrie, eleïson.** (× 3) *(Lord, have mercy.)*

**Christe, eleïson.** (× 3) *(Christ, have mercy.)*

**Kyrie, eleïson.** (× 3) *(Lord, have mercy.)*

*All remain standing for the COLLECT.*

O Lord, raise up, we pray, your power and come among us, and with great might succour us; that whereas, through our sins and wickedness we are grievously hindered in running the race that is set before us, your bountiful grace and mercy may speedily help and deliver us; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, to whom with you and the Holy Spirit, be honour and glory, now and for ever. **Amen.**

### LITURGY OF THE WORD

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FIRST READING

*Bar 5,1–9*

A reading from the prophet Baruch.

Take off the garment of your sorrow and affliction, O Jerusalem, and put on for ever the beauty of the glory from God. Put on the robe of the righteousness that comes from God; put on your head the diadem of the glory of the Everlasting; for God will show your splendour everywhere under heaven. For God will give you evermore the name, 'Righteous Peace, Godly Glory.' Arise, O Jerusalem, stand upon the height; look toward the east, and see your children gathered from west and east at the word of the Holy One, rejoicing that God has remembered them. For they went out from you on foot, led away by their enemies; but God will bring them back to you, carried in glory, as on a royal throne. For God has ordered that every high mountain and the everlasting hills be made low and the valleys filled up, to make level ground, so that Israel may walk safely in the glory of God. The woods and every fragrant tree have shaded Israel at God's command. For God will lead Israel with joy, in the light of his glory, with the mercy and righteousness that come from him.

This is the Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

℟. The dawn from on high shall break upon us.

*(All repeat)*

Blessèd be the Lord, the God of Israel;  
he has visited his people and redeemed them.  
He has raised up for us a mighty Saviour,  
born of the house of his servant David. ℟.

Through his holy prophets he promised of old,  
that he would save us from the hands of all  
who hate us.

He promised to show mercy to our fathers  
and to remember his holy covenant. ℟.

This was the oath he swore to our father  
Abraham:

to free us from the hands of our enemies,  
free to worship him without fear,  
holy and righteous in his sight all the days of  
our life. ℟.

You my child shall be called the prophet of  
the Highest,  
for you will go before the Lord to prepare his  
way,  
to give his people knowledge of salvation,  
by the forgiveness of their sins. ℟.

In the tender compassion of our God,  
the dawn from on high shall break upon us,  
to shine on those in darkness and the shadow  
of death,  
and to guide our feet into the way of peace. ℟.

## SECOND READING

*Php 1.3–11*

A reading from the letter of Paul to the  
Philippians.

My brothers and sisters, I thank my God every  
time I remember you, constantly praying with  
joy in every one of my prayers for all of you,  
because of your sharing in the gospel from the  
first day until now. I am confident of this, that  
the one who began a good work among you  
will bring it to completion by the day of Jesus  
Christ. It is right for me to think this way about  
all of you, because you hold me in your heart,  
for all of you share in God's grace with me,  
both in my imprisonment and in the defence  
and confirmation of the gospel. For God is

my witness, how I long for all of you with the  
compassion of Christ Jesus. And this is my  
prayer, that your love may overflow more and  
more with knowledge and full insight to help  
you to determine what is best, so that in the  
day of Christ you may be pure and blameless,  
having produced the harvest of righteousness  
that comes through Jesus Christ for the glory  
and praise of God.

This is the Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

*Lk 3.4,6*

**Alleluia.** Prepare the way of the Lord, make  
his paths straight:  
and all flesh shall see the salvation of God.

**Alleluia.**

## GOSPEL READING

*Lk 3.1–6*

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Hear the Gospel ✠ of our Lord Jesus Christ  
according to Luke.

**Glorify to you, O Lord.**

In the fifteenth year of the reign of Tiberius  
Caesar, Pontius Pilate being governor of  
Judea, and Herod being tetrarch of Galilee,  
and his brother Philip tetrarch of the region  
of Ituraea and Trachonitis, and Lysanias  
tetrarch of Abilene, during the high priest-  
hood of Annas and Caiaphas, the word of  
God came to John the son of Zechariah in the  
wilderness. And he went into all the region  
around the Jordan, proclaiming a baptism of  
repentance for the forgiveness of sins. As it is  
written in the book of the words of Isaiah the  
prophet, "The voice of one crying in the wil-  
derness: 'Prepare the way of the Lord, make  
his paths straight. Every valley shall be filled,  
and every mountain and hill shall be made  
low, and the crooked shall become straight,  
and the rough places shall become level ways,  
and all flesh shall see the salvation of God.'"

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

*All stand to recite the* NICENE CREED.

**We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven,**

*(all bow)* **was incarnate from the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary, and was made man.**

*(all rise)* **For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again 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.**

**We 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 worshipped and glorified, who has spoken through the Prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life ✠ of the world to come. Amen.**

*The INTERCESSIONS are introduced, and all kneel. One of these responses may be used:*

∇. Lord, hear us. R̄. Lord, graciously hear us. or ∇. Lord, in your mercy, R̄. Hear our prayer.

*At the Commemoration of the Departed:*

∇. Rest eternal ✠ grant unto them, O Lord; R̄. And let light perpetual shine upon them.

*The Intercessions end:*

Merciful Father,  
**Accept these prayers, for the sake of your Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.**

## LITURGY OF THE SACRAMENT

*All stand as the priest introduces the* PEACE.

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

**And also with you.**

*All may exchange a sign of peace.*

OFFERTORY HYMN— **382**

*The people unite their prayers with the priest, who says the* PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS.

Pray, my 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 Church.**

Lord, we are nothing without you. As you sustain us with your mercy, receive our prayers and offerings. We ask this through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

*The PREFACE follows.*

*All respond with the* SANCTUS & BENEDICTUS.

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, 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.**

*All kneel. After the Consecration, all acclaim:* Christ is the bread of life:

**When we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim your death, Lord Jesus, until you come in glory (× 2).**

*The Eucharistic Prayer continues, and ends:* ... for ever and ever. **Amen.**

## RITE OF COMMUNION

*The priest introduces the LORD'S PRAYER.*

**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.**

**For thine is the kingdom,  
the power and the glory,  
for ever and ever. Amen.**

*The priest breaks the Host; AGNUS DEI is sung.*

**Lamb of God,  
you take away the sin of the world:  
have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God,  
you take away the sin of the world:  
have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God,  
you take away the sin of the world:  
grant us peace.**

*The priest gives the COMMUNION INVITATION.*

God's holy gifts for God's holy people.

**Jesus Christ is holy,  
Jesus Christ is Lord,  
to the glory of God the Father.**

*Holy Communion is distributed.*

*The priest says the POST-COMMUNION prayer.*

Father in heaven, who sent your Son to redeem the world and will send him again to be our judge: give us grace so to imitate him in the humility and purity of his first coming that, when he comes again, we may be ready to greet him with joyful love and firm faith; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

## CONCLUSION

*The priest gives the BLESSING and DISMISSAL.*

The Lord be with you.  
**And also with you.**

... The blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son, ✠ and the Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always. **Amen.**

Go in the peace of Christ.  
**Thanks be to God.**

RECESSIONAL HYMN— **504**

*The service may be followed by the ANGELUS.*

∨. The angel of the Lord declared unto Mary:

℣. **And she conceived by the Holy Spirit.**

Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with thee;  
blessed art thou among women,  
and blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus.

**Holy Mary, Mother of God,  
pray for us sinners, now,  
and at the hour of our death.**

∨. Behold the handmaid of the Lord:

℣. **Be it unto me according to thy word.**

Hail Mary ...

∨. And the Word was made flesh:

℣. **And dwelt among us.**

Hail Mary ...

∨. Pray for us, O holy Mother of God:

℣. **That we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ.**

Let us pray. Pour forth, we beseech you, O Lord, your grace into our hearts; that we to whom the Incarnation of Christ, your Son, was made known by the message of an angel, may by his Passion and Cross ✠ be brought to the glory of his Resurrection; through the same Christ our Lord. **Amen.**