

Second Sunday of Advent

6th December 2020



OPENING HYMN

On Jordan's bank, the Baptist's cry
Announces that the Lord is nigh;
Awake, and hearken, for he brings
Glad tidings of the King of kings!

Then cleansed be every breast from sin;
Make straight the way for God within;
Prepare we in our hearts a home
Where such a mighty Guest may come.

For Thou art our salvation, Lord,
Our refuge, and our great reward.
Without Thy grace we waste away,
Like flowers that wither and decay.

All praise, eternal Son, to Thee
Whose advent sets Thy people free,
Whom, with the Father, we adore,
And Holy Ghost, forevermore.

FIRST READING: Isaiah 40:1-5, 9-11

Prepare a way for the Lord.

PSALM RESPONSE:

Let us see, O Lord, Your mercy and give us Your saving help.

SECOND READING: 2 Peter 3:8-14

We are waiting for the new heavens and the new earth.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Alleluia, alleluia. Prepare a way for the Lord; make His paths straight,
and all mankind shall see the salvation of our God. Alleluia!

GOSPEL: Mark 1:1-8

Make His paths straight.

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, (*as we say the words in italics, we bow*) 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.

ACT OF SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

As we are currently unable to gather for Mass and to receive the sacraments, you are invited to pray a prayer of Spiritual Communion:

My Jesus, I believe that You are present in the Most Holy Sacrament. I love You above all things, and I desire to receive You into my soul. Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace You as if You were already there and unite myself wholly to You. Never permit me to be separated from You. Amen.

RECESSIONAL HYMN

O comfort my people and calm all their fear,
And tell them the time of salvation draws near.
O tell them I come to remove all their shame.
Then they will forever give praise to my name.

Proclaim to the cities of Judah my Word:
That "gentle yet strong is the hand of the Lord".
I rescue the captives, my people defend,
And bring them to justice and joy without end.

All mountains and hills shall become as a plain,
For vanished are mourning and hunger and pain.
And never again shall these war against you.
Behold I come quickly to make all things new.