

Second Sunday of Advent

5th December 2021



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.

Stretch forth Thine hand, to heal our sore,
And make us rise to fall no more;
Once more upon Thy people shine,
And fill the world with love divine.

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

FIRST READING: Baruch 5:1-9

God means to show your splendour to every nation.

PSALM RESPONSE: **What marvels the Lord worked for us! Indeed we were glad.**

SECOND READING: Philippians 1:3-6, 8-11

Be pure and blameless for the day of Christ.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

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

GOSPEL: Luke 3:1-6

All mankind shall see the salvation of God.

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.

COMMUNION HYMN

The King shall come when morning dawns,
And light triumphant breaks;
When beauty gilds the eastern hills,
And life to joy awakes.

Not as of old, a little child
To bear, and fight, and die,
But crowned with glory like the sun,
That lights that morning sky.

O, brighter than that glorious morn,
Shall this fair morning be,
When Christ, our King, in beauty comes,
And we His face shall see.

The King shall come when morning dawns,
And light and beauty brings;—
Hail! Christ the Lord; Thy people pray
Come quickly, King of kings.

ACT 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

Across the years there echoes still the Baptist's bold assertion:
The call of God to change of heart, repentance and conversion.

The erring son God welcomes home when all is spent and squandered.
He lovingly pursues the sheep that from the flock has wandered.

Forgive us, Lord, all we have done to You and one another.
So often we have gone our way, forgetful of each other.

Forgetful of the cross they bear of hunger, want, oppression -
Grant, Lord, that we may make amends, who humbly make confession.