



St. Charles Borromeo Church - Bensalem, PA

Second Sunday of Advent

December 7, 2025

Entrance Antiphon

Cf. Isaiah 30:19, 30

O people of Sion, behold,
the Lord will come to save the nations,
and the Lord will make the glory of his voice heard
in the joy of your heart.

Entrance Hymn

On Jordan's Bank - WINCHESTER NEW

1. On Jor - dan's bank the Bap - tist's cry An -
2. Then cleansed be ev - 'ry soul from sin; Make
3. For thou art our sal - va - tion, Lord, Our
4. All praise, e - ter - nal Son, to thee Whose

1. nounc - es that the Lord is nigh; A - wake and heark - en,
2. straight the way of God with - in, Pre - pare we in our
3. ref - uge and our sure re - ward; Shine forth, and let thy
4. ad - vent set thy peo - ple free, Whom with the Fa - ther

1. for he brings Glad tid - ings of the King of kings.
2. hearts a home, Where such a might - y guest may come.
3. light re - store Our souls to heav'n - ly grace once more.
4. we a - dore And Ho - ly Spir - it ev - er - more.

First Reading

Isaiah 11:1-10

A reading from the Book of the Prophet Isaiah

On that day, a shoot shall sprout from the stump of Jesse,
and from his roots a bud shall blossom. The spirit of the
LORD shall rest upon him: a spirit of wisdom and of
understanding, a spirit of counsel and of strength, a spirit
of knowledge and of fear of the LORD, and his delight
shall be the fear of the LORD. Not by appearance shall he
judge, nor by hearsay shall he decide, but he shall judge
the poor with justice, and decide aright for the land's

afflicted. He shall strike the ruthless with the rod of his
mouth, and with the breath of his lips he shall slay the
wicked. Justice shall be the band around his waist, and
faithfulness a belt upon his hips. Then the wolf shall be a
guest of the lamb, and the leopard shall lie down with the
kid; the calf and the young lion shall browse together,
with a little child to guide them. The cow and the bear
shall be neighbors, together their young shall rest; the
lion shall eat hay like the ox. The baby shall play by the
cobra's den, and the child lay his hand on the adder's lair.
There shall be no harm or ruin on all my holy mountain;
for the earth shall be filled with knowledge of the LORD,
as water covers the sea. On that day, the root of Jesse, set
up as a signal for the nations, the Gentiles shall seek out,
for his dwelling shall be glorious.

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

Responsorial Psalm Psalm 72:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17

[Musical notation for the Responsorial Psalm]

R. Jus - tice shall flour - ish in his time, and full - ness of peace for ev - er.

R. Justice shall flourish in his time, and fullness of
peace forever.

1. O God, with your judgment endow the king,
and with your justice, the king's son;
he shall govern your people with justice
and your afflicted ones with judgment. **R**
2. Justice shall flower in his days,
and profound peace, till the moon be no more.
May he rule from sea to sea,
and from the River to the ends of the earth. **R**

3. For he shall rescue the poor when he cries out,
and the afflicted when he has no one to help him.
He shall have pity for the lowly and the poor;
the lives of the poor he shall save. **R**

4. May his name be blessed forever;
as long as the sun his name shall remain.
In him shall all the tribes of the earth be blessed;
all the nations shall proclaim his happiness. **R**

Second Reading

Romans 15:4-9

A reading from the Letter of Saint Paul to the Romans

Brothers and sisters: Whatever was written previously was written for our instruction, that by endurance and by the encouragement of the Scriptures we might have hope. May the God of endurance and encouragement grant you to think in harmony with one another, in keeping with Christ Jesus, that with one accord you may with one voice glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. Welcome one another, then, as Christ welcomed you, for the glory of God. For I say that Christ became a minister of the circumcised to show God's truthfulness, to confirm the promises to the patriarchs, but so that the Gentiles might glorify God for his mercy. As it is written: *Therefore, I will praise you among the Gentiles and sing praises to your name.*

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

Gospel Acclamation

Luke 3:4, 6

R. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

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

Gospel

Matthew 3:1-12

✠ A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

John the Baptist appeared, preaching in the desert of Judea and saying, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand!" It was of him that the prophet Isaiah had spoken when he said: *A voice of one crying out in the desert, Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight his paths.*

John wore clothing made of camel's hair and had a leather belt around his waist. His food was locusts and wild honey. At that time Jerusalem, all Judea, and the whole region around the Jordan were going out to him and were being baptized by him in the Jordan River as they acknowledged their sins.

When he saw many of the Pharisees and Sadducees coming to his baptism, he said to them, "You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the coming wrath? Produce good fruit as evidence of your repentance. And do not presume to say to yourselves, 'We have Abraham as our father.' For I tell you, God can raise up children to Abraham from these stones. Even now the ax lies at the root of the trees. Therefore every tree that does not bear good fruit will be cut down and thrown into the fire. I am baptizing you with water, for repentance, but the one who is coming after me is mightier than I. I am not worthy to carry his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing fan is in his hand. He will clear his threshing floor and gather his wheat into his barn, but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire."

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

Profession of Faith

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, **(all 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.

Offertory Hymn Maranatha - Gerard Chiusano

Refrain

Ma - ra - na - tha, we long for your peace.

Ma - ra - na - tha, we long for your mer - cy. Ma - ra - na - tha, we long for your com - ing, O God.

Verses

1. In your im - age you have fash - ioned us, in the
 2. In our weak - ness we have turned from you, turned from
 3. In your love — you have sent your Son, your sal -
 4. We a - wait your day of glo - ry, Christ —

1. gar - den you made — us; you have giv - en us your
 2. light to the dark - ness, ev - er long - ing for sal -
 3. va - tion for ev - 'ry-one; Word in - car - nate, God's com -
 4. Je - sus, re - turn for us. Gen - tle King, — Just De -

to Refrain

1. breath of life, voice to praise your name, voice to praise your name.
 2. va - tion, O — Lord of light, O — Lord of light.
 3. pas - sion, hope for hu - man - kind, hope for hu - man - kind.
 4. liv - er - er, you will bring us home, you will bring us home.

Sanctus (Holy)

San-ctus, San-ctus, San-ctus Dó-mi-nus De-us Sá-ba-oth.

Ple-ni sunt cæ-li et ter-ra gló-ri-a tu-a. Ho-sán-na in ex-cél-sis.

Be-ne-dí-ctus qui ve-nit in nó-mi-ne Dó-mi-ni. Ho-sán-na in

ex-cél-sis.

Mysterium Fidei (Mystery of Faith)

Priest or **All**

My-sté - ri - um fí - de - i. My-sté - ri - um fí - de - i.

All

Mor-tem tu - am an-nun-ti - á - mus, Dó - mi - ne, et tu - am

re-sur-re-cti - ó-nem con-fi - té - mur, do - nec vé - ni - as.

Amen

Priest **All**

...per ó - mni - a sáe - cu - la sae - cu - ló - rum. A-men.

Agnus Dei (Lamb of God)

A-gnus De - i, * qui tol-lis pec-cá-ta mun-di: mi-se-ré-re no-bis.

A-gnus De - i, * qui tol-lis pec-cá-ta mun-di: mi-se-ré-re no-bis.

A-gnus De - i, * qui tol-lis pec-cá-ta mun-di: do-na no-bis pa-cem.

Communion Antiphon

Baruch 5:5; 4:36

Jerusalem, arise and stand upon the heights,
and behold the joy which comes to you from God.

Communion Hymn

I Received the Living God - LIVING GOD

Refrain

I re-ceived the liv-ing God, and my heart is full of joy.

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Verses

1. Je-sus said: "I am the Bread Knead-ed long to give you life;
2. Je-sus said: "I am the Way, And my Fa-ther longs for you;
3. Je-sus said: "I am the Truth; If you fol-low close to me,
4. Je-sus said: "I am the Life Far from whom no thing can grow,

to Refrain

1. You who will par-take of me Need not ev-er fear to die."
2. So I come to bring you home To be one with him a-new."
3. You will know me in your heart, And my word shall make you free."
4. But re-ceive this liv-ing bread, And my Spir-it you shall know."

Recessional Hymn

Ready the Way - Bob Hurd

Verses

1. "Read-y the way of the Lord! Read-y the
2. "Let ev-'ry val-ley be filled. Let ev-'ry
3. Des-ert and waste-land will bloom. Des-ert and
4. Those who are blind will then see. Those who are
5. Strength-en the ones who are weak. Strength-en the

1. way of the Lord!" A voice cries out in the wil-der-
2. val-ley be filled. Let ev-'ry moun-tain be hum-
3. waste-land will bloom. ‡ Glo-ry and splen-dor will fill the
4. deaf will then hear. ‡ Those who are lame will then leap for
5. ones who are weak. ‡ Say to the fright-ened: "Have cour-

ness: "Read-y the way of the Lord!" (to Verse 2)
2. bled; let ev-'ry val-ley be filled." (to Refrain)
3. land. Des-ert and waste-land will bloom. (to Verse 4)
4. joy. Those who are mute will then sing. (to Refrain)
5. age." Strength-en the ones who are weak. (to Refrain)

Refrain

Here is your God, com-ing with your vin-di-ca-tion.

Look and be-hold the sav-ing pow-er of God.

1, 2 to Verses 3, 5 Final
2
The sav-ing pow-er of God.

The King of Glory - KING OF GLORY

Refrain

The King of glo-ry comes, the na-tion re-joic-es.

O-pen the gates be-fore him, lift up your voic-es.

Verses

1. Who is the King of glo-ry; how shall we call him?
2. In all of Gal-i-lee, in cit-y or vil-lage,
3. Sing then of Da-vid's Son, our Sav-ior and broth-er;
4. He gave his life for us, the pledge of sal-va-tion,
5. He con-quired sin and death; he tru-ly has ris-en,

to Refrain

1. He is Em-man-u-el, the prom-ised of a-ges.
2. He goes a-mong his peo-ple cur-ing their ill-ness.
3. In all of Gal-i-lee was nev-er an-oth-er.
4. He took up-on him-self the sins of the na-tion.
5. And he will share with us his heav-en-ly vi-sion.

Stewardship Prayer

Prayer written by Fr. Philip M. Forlano

Heavenly Father, we come to you in thanksgiving knowing
that all we are and all we have are gifts from you.
In faith and love, help us to do your will.

Speak your words into our hearts, that we may hear you
clearly, and that our hearts may be conformed to the heart of
your Son, Jesus.

Send your Holy Spirit upon us that we, as a parish family,
may be united and renewed in your grace and reveal the face
of Christ to the world. Kindle in us the fire of your love and
the desire to be generous stewards in placing our time,
talent, and treasure at the service of others.

Through the intercession of Mary, our Blessed Mother, St.
Joseph, and St. Charles Borromeo, make us attentive to the
needs of others, fervent in charity, and abounding in good
works. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

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