

St. Charles Borromeo Church - Bensalem, PA

Second Sunday of Advent

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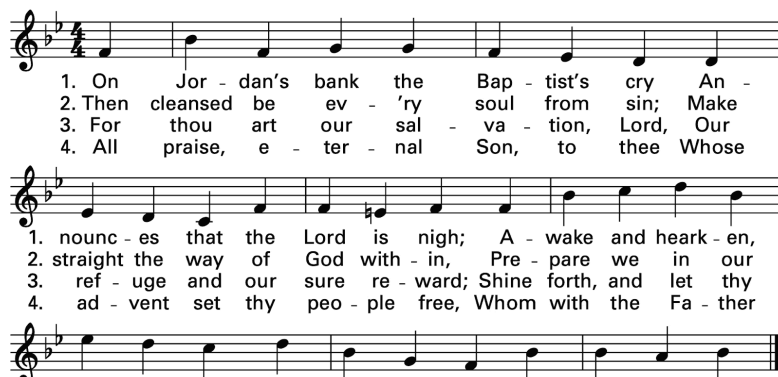
Entrance Antiphon

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

Baruch 5:1-9

A reading from the Book of the Prophet Baruch.

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 Psalm 126:1-2, 2-3, 4-5, 6



R. The Lord has done great things for us; we are filled with joy.

1. 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**
2. 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**
3. Restore our fortunes, O LORD,
like the torrents in the southern desert.
Those who sow in tears
shall reap rejoicing. **R**
4. Although they go forth weeping,
carrying the seed to be sown,
they shall come back rejoicing,
carrying their sheaves. **R**

Second Reading Philippians 1:4-6, 8-11

A reading from the Letter of Saint Paul to the Philippians.

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.**

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

Luke 3:1-6

✠ A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke.

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.**

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

Every Valley - Bob Dufford, SJ

Refrain

Ev-'ry val-ley shall be ex - alt-ed and ev-'ry hill made low. And
all God's peo-ple shall see to-geth-er the glo-ry of the Lord.

Verses 1, 3

1. A voice cries out in the wil - der - ness, "Pre - pare the way
3. 7 Stand up - on the moun-tain - top. O lift your voice

1. of the Lord. Make straight in the des - ert a
3. to the world. Sing joy - ful - ly, Je -

1. high - way,
3. ru - sa - lem: "Be - hold, a high - way for our God."
"Be - hold, be - hold your God."

Verse 2

2. Com-fort all my peo - ple. The time for war is gone. The
2. blind shall see, the deaf shall hear, the lame shall leap for joy.

to Refrain

Mass Parts

Holy, Holy, Holy (Sanctus)

San - ctus, San - ctus, San - ctus Dó - mi - nus De - us Sá -
ba-oth. Ple - ni sunt coe - 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.

Memorial Acclamation - Heritage Mass

We pro - claim your Death, O Lord, and pro - fess your
Res - ur - rec - tion un - til you come, un - til you come a - gain.

Amen

All
A - men.

Lamb of God (Agnus Dei)

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

One Love Released - Bob Frenzel and Kevin Keil

Refrain

One bread, one bod - y, one cup, one call,
one faith, one Spir - it pres - ent in us all.
One prayer, one bless - ing, one hope, one peace,
one church, one peo - ple, one love re - leased.

Verses

1. Is not this bread we share, the bod - y of our Lord?
2. I am the bread of life, eat and you shall live.
3. I am the liv - ing bread, as man - na from the sky.
4. No one will come to me, un - less our God has led.

to Refrain

1. Is not this wine we drink, the blood of Christ out-poured?
2. To those who share this meal, my strength I'll al - ways give.
3. This bread I give to you, that you may nev - er die.
4. And I shall raise them up, — raise them from the dead!

St. Michael the Archangel Prayer

Saint 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, O Prince of the Heavenly Host, 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.

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Recessional Hymn

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 - quered sin and death; he 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

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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