DECEMBER 6, 2020

Second Sunday of Advent

Prepare Ye!

Prepare ye a way for the Lord! John runs before the Lord, baptizes for repentance, and proclaims that the kingdom of heaven is nearby. All this brings us hope for God’s help, not just in our daily lives but also for our entry into paradise. When the root of Jesse blossoms, all is possible because the Lord Jesus comes to save us for God. Our redeemer and Savior restores all to its place. Ecce Agnus Dei! (Behold the Lamb of God!)

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“Spiritus Est Qui Vivificat.”

It is the Spirit Who gives Life.

Gathering - Comfort, Comfort, O My People


1. Comfort, comfort, O my people, Speak of peace, now says our God. Comfort those who sit in darkness,
2. Hark, the voice of one who's crying, In the desert far and near, Bidding all to full repentance
3. O make straight what long was crooked, Make the rougher places plain. Let your hearts be true and humble,

Mourning under sorrow's load. Speak unto Je - Since the kingdom now is here. Oh, that warn -
As be fits his holy reign. For the glory ru - sal - em Of the peace that waits for them. Tell of all the
cry o - bey! Now prepare for God a way! Let the valleys of the Lord Now o'er earth is shed a broad. And all flesh shall

sins I cov er, And that warfare now is o ver. rise to meet him And the hills bow down to greet him.
see the to - ken That his word is nev - er bro - ken.

Lighting of the Advent Wreath

Priest The Lord is our faith and our life.

ALL May the Lord’s peace be with us all.

Priest And may God’s love shine in our hearts.

ALL Our hope is in the coming of the Lord.

Priest (Candle Lighting Prayer)
Penitential Act -  *Advent Penitential Act*  

Steven Janco

Lord, have mercy.
Christ, have mercy.
Lord, have mercy.

Lord Jesus, promised Messiah, long-awaited Savior, justice of God:  
Christ Jesus, Son of God, Son of Mary, Word made flesh:  
Lord Jesus, hope of the poor light of the nations and Prince of peace.


**LITURGY OF THE WORD**

First Scripture -  *Book of the Prophet Isaiah 40:1–5, 9–11*

Speaking for God, Isaiah says, “Comfort, give comfort to my people, says your God.  
Speak tenderly to Jerusalem, and proclaim to her that her service is at an end.”

Second Scripture -  *Second Letter of Saint Peter 3:8–14*

Peter writes that God does not want anyone to perish but wants all to repent.  
We await new heavens and a new earth.

Fulfilling what Isaiah foretold, John appears in the desert as a messenger making ready the way of the Lord and proclaiming a baptism of repentance.

**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, 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.

**Prayer of the Faithful – Lord, Hear Our Prayer**
LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

Preparation of Gifts – *Prepare the Way of the Lord* Taizé

Prepare the way of the Lord, and all people will see the salvation of our God.

Preface Dialogue

Eucharistic Acclamations – *Missa Emmanuel Mass* Richard Proulx

HOLY

We proclaim your Death, O Lord, and profess your Resurrection until you come again.

AMEN


AGNUS DEI / LAMB OF GOD

Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccata mundi: miserere nobis.
Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccata mundi: miserere nobis.
Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccata mundi: dona nobis pacem.
Like a shepherd he feeds his flock and gathers the lambs in his arms, holding them carefully close to his heart, leading them home.

Say to the cities of Judah; Prepare the way of the Lord
Go to the mountain top lift your voice: Jerusalem here is your God.

I myself will shepherd them, for others have led them astray.
The lost I will rescue and heal their wounds and pasture them giving them rest.

Come unto me if you are heavily burdened, and take my yoke upon your shoulders, I will give you rest.

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