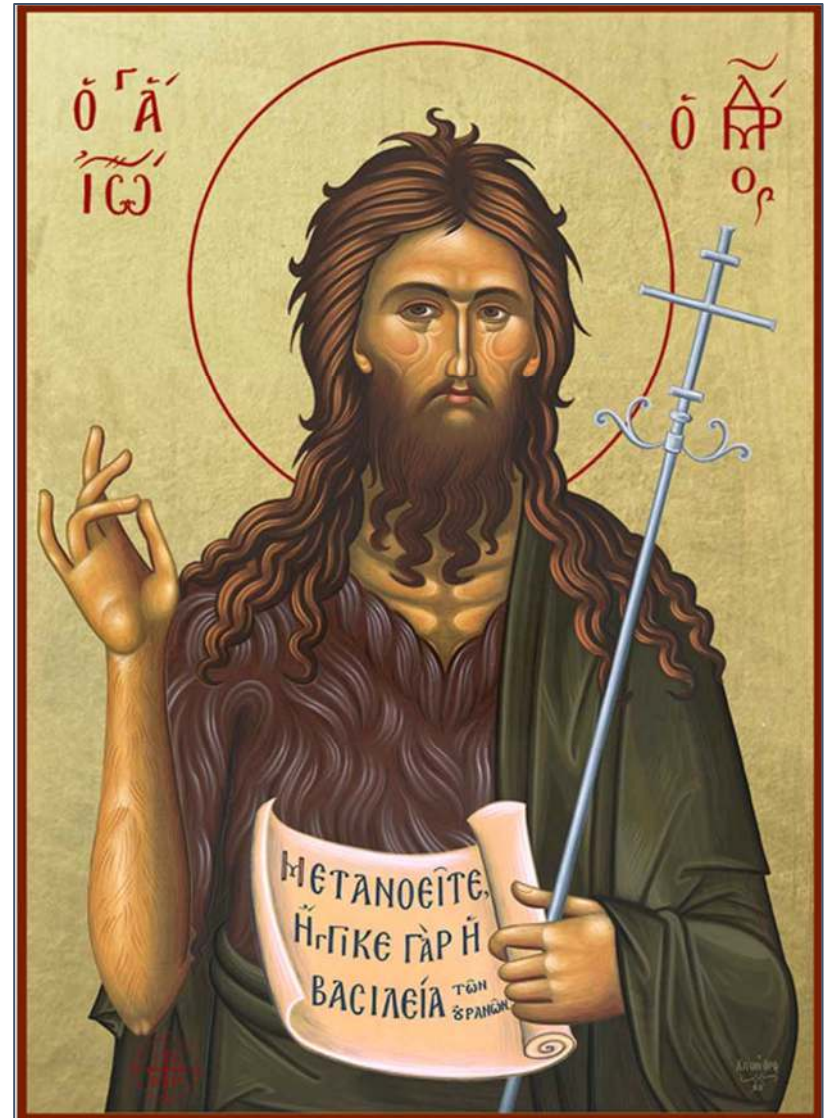


Second Sunday of Advent




*"John went throughout the whole region of the Jordan,
proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins."*

(Cycle C)

INTRODUCTORY RITES

Opening Hymn


On Jordan's Bank



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.

Greeting


℣. In the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

℟. Amen.

℣. The grace and peace of our Lord, Jesus Christ,
the Love of God
and the Fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you always.

℟. And also with you.

Dismissal



℣. The Mass is end - ed, go in peace.
℟. Thanks be to God.

Closing Hymn

Prepare Ye the Way of the Lord



Pre - pare ye the way of the Lord,



5 pre - pare ye the way of the Lord.



9 Pre - pare ye the way of the Lord,



13 Pre - pare ye the way of the Lord.

Prayer after Communion

Father,
you give us food from heaven.
Teach us to live by your wisdom
and to love the things of heaven
by our sharing in this mystery.

We ask this through Christ our Lord.

R. Amen.

CONCLUDING RITES

Prayer over the People (1)

Ÿ. The Lord be with you.

R. And also with you.

Bow your heads and pray for God's blessing.

Lord,
have mercy on your people.
Grant us in this life the good things
that lead to the everlasting life you prepare for us.

We ask this through Christ our Lord.

R. Amen.

Ÿ. And may the blessing of almighty God,
the Father, and the Son, + and the Holy Spirit,
come upon you and remain with you for ever.

R. Amen.

PENITENTIAL RITE

Invitation to reflect on our faults and failings.

Ÿ To prepare ourselves to celebrate these sacred mysteries,
let us call to mind our faults and failings
and ask our heavenly Father in his mercy
for his healing and forgiveness.

Pause for silent reflection.

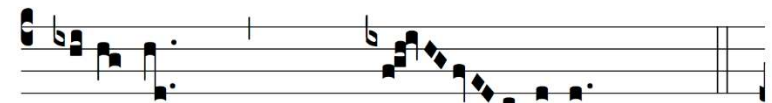
Ÿ Lord Jesus, you came to gather the nations
into the peace of God's kingdom:



Ký-ri- e * e- lé- i-son. ij.
Ÿ You come in word and sacrament to strengthen us in holiness:



Chris-te e- lé- i-son. iij.
Ÿ You will come in glory with salvation for your people:



Ký-ri- e * e- lé- i-son. ij.



Ký- ri- e * e- lé- i-son.

Ÿ May almighty God have mercy on us,
forgive us our sins,
and bring us to everlasting life.

R. Amen.

The Gloria is not said during the Sundays of Advent

Opening Prayer

Father in heaven,
the day draws near when the glory of your Son
will make radiant the night of the waiting world.

May the lure of greed not impede us from the joy
which moves the hearts of those who seek him.
May the darkness not blind us
to the vision of wisdom
which fills the minds of those who find him.

We ask this in the name of Jesus the Lord.

R. Amen.

LITURGY OF THE WORD

Reading 1 (*Bar 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.

Communion Meditation

The Advent Herald



1. Wel - come the wild one, the des - ert de -
2. Cam - el - hair coat - ed, un-kempt and un -
3. Hear from the her - ald the king who s ex -
4. See now the young one who ling - ers and
5. Gasp - ing - ly drenched by the peo - ple s bap -
6. Wel - come God's Love - Child, a - noint - ed, in -



claim - er, Ur - gent - ly, awe - some - ly,
bend - ing, Liv - ing off grass - hop - pers,
pect - ed, World - end - ing wrath is the
lis - tens, Stand - ing in - tent in the
tiz - er, Drowned in the grief of our
vest - ed, Des - ert - im - pelled by the



cry - ing his news: "Now, lis - ten now!
hon - ey and briars, Knee - deep in wa - ter,
power he de - scribes: God s own a - noint - ed,
buzz of the throng, Wait - ing in line
groan-ings and cries, Bow - ing be - neath God's
Spir - it with - in. World - mak - ing love,



There is One who comes af - ter! I am un -
? he hails the im - pend - ing Flame - giv - ing
? out - spo - ken, un - cen - sored, Judg - ing the
on the brink of de - ci - sions, Seek - ing the
? un - fet - tered out - sid - er, Ris - ing en -
shin-ing, tem - pered and test - ed, Now is at



fit - ted to fas - ten his shoes."
Spir - it's en - vel - op - ing fires.
pal - ace, the priests and the scribes.
Spir - it that beck - ons through John.
vi - sioned, he o - pens his eyes.
hand— let sal - va - tion be - gin!

Exchange of Peace

☩. The Peace of the Lord be with you always.

☩. And also with you.

☩. Let us offer each other a sign of peace.

Breaking of the Bread

As the bread is broken, we sing or say:

A XII. s.
-gnus De- i, * qui tol-lis peccá-ta mundi : mi-se-
ré-re no-bis. Agnus De- i, * qui tol-lis peccá-ta mundi :
mi-se-ré-re no-bis. Agnus De- i, * qui tol-lis peccá-ta mun-
di : do-na no-bis pa-cem.

☩. This is the Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world.
Happy are those who are called to his supper.

☩. Lord, I am not worthy to receive you,
but only say the word
and I shall be healed.

To those receiving Communion, the celebrant says:

☩. The body of Christ.

☩. Amen.

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.

☩. This is the Word of the Lord.

☩. Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm (Ps 126:1-2, 2-3, 4-5, 6.)



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

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.

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

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.

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

Restore our fortunes, O LORD,
like the torrents in the southern desert.
Those who sow in tears
shall reap rejoicing.

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

Although they go forth weeping,
carrying the seed to be sown,
They shall come back rejoicing,
carrying their sheaves.

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

Reading 2 (*Phil 1:4-6, 8-11*)

A reading from the first letter of 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.

℣. This is the Word of the Lord.

℟. Thanks be to God.

COMMUNION LITURGY

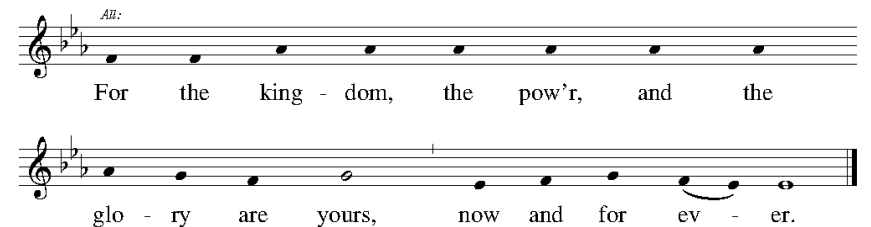
The Lord's Prayer

℣. We pray confidently in the words our Savior taught us:



Our Fa - ther, who art in heav - en, hal - lowed be thy name;
thy king - dom come; thy will be done on earth as it
is in heav - en. Give us this day our dai - ly bread;
and for - give us our tres - pass - es as we for - give
those who tres - pass a - gainst us; and lead us not
in - to temp - ta - tion, but de - liv - er us from e - vil.

℣. Deliver us, Lord, from every evil, and grant us peace in our day. In your mercy keep us free from sin and protect us from all anxiety as we wait in joyful hope for the coming of our Savior, Jesus Christ.



All:
For the king - dom, the pow'r, and the
glo - ry are yours, now and for ev - er.

℣. Lord Jesus Christ, you said to your apostles: I leave you peace, my peace I give you. Look not on our sins, but on the faith of your Church, and grant us the peace and unity of your kingdom where you live for ever and ever.

℟. Amen.

(Sanctus XVIII Deus Genitor Alme)

S anctus, * Sanctus, Sanctus Dómi-nus De-us

Sába-oth. Ple-ni sunt cæ-li et terra gló-ri-a

tu-a. Ho-sánna in excélsis. Bene-díctus qui ve-nit

in nómi-ne Dómi-ni. Ho-sánna in excél-sis.

Eucharistic Prayer (II)

The celebrant prays the Eucharistic Prayer. After the consecration, the celebrant sings:

Ÿ. Let us proclaim the mystery of faith.

Dy - ing you de - stroyed our death, ris - ing you re -

stored our life. Lord Je - sus, come in glo - ry.

The celebrant concludes the Eucharistic Prayer.

Ÿ. Through him, with him and in him
in the unity of the Holy Spirit
all glory and honor are yours, Almighty Father
Forever and ever.

A - men, A - men, A - men.

Gospel Acclamation (Lk 3:4, 6)

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu -

ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

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

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu -

ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Gospel (Lk 3:1-6)

Ÿ. The Lord be with you.

R. And also with you.

Ÿ. A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Luke.

The celebrant and the people mark a cross on their foreheads (mind), their lips (speech) and over their hearts, asking the Lord to open them to his Word.

R. Glory to you Lord.

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.*

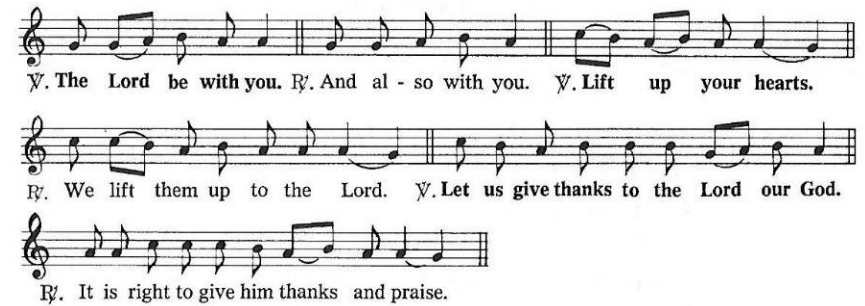
*The winding roads shall be made straight,
and the rough ways made smooth,
and all flesh shall see the salvation of God.”*

℣. This is the Gospel of the Lord.

℟. Praise to you, Lord, Jesus Christ.

Homily

Preface and *Sanctus* (Advent I)



℣. The Lord be with you. ℟. And al - so with you. ℣. Lift up your hearts.

℟. We lift them up to the Lord. ℣. Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

℟. It is right to give him thanks and praise.

The celebrant recites or sings the Preface:

Father, all-powerful and ever-living God,
we do well always and everywhere to give you thanks
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

When he humbled himself to come among us as a man,
he fulfilled the plan you formed long ago
and opened for us the way to salvation.

Now we watch for the day,
hoping that the salvation promised us will be ours
when Christ our Lord will come again in his glory.

And so, with all the choirs of angels in heaven
we proclaim your glory
and join in their unending hymn of praise:

LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

Offering of the Gifts

Ÿ. Blessed are you, Lord, God of all creation. Through your goodness we have this bread to offer, which earth has given and human hands have made. It will become for us the bread of life.

℟. Blessed be God for ever.

Ÿ. Blessed are you, Lord, God of all creation. Through your goodness we have this wine to offer, fruit of the vine and work of human hands. It will become our spiritual drink.

℟. Blessed be God for ever.

Prayer over the Gifts

Ÿ. Pray, my brothers and sisters, that our sacrifice may be acceptable to God, the almighty Father.

**℟. May the Lord accept the sacrifice at your hands,
for the praise and glory of his name,
for our good, and the good of all his Church.**

Lord, we are nothing without you.
As you sustain us with your mercy,
receive our prayers and offerings.

We ask this through Christ our Lord.

℟. Amen.

Nicene Creed

XVII. s.

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C Redo in unum De- um, Patrem omni-pot-éntem,
factó-rem caeli et terrae, vi- si- bí- li- um ó-mni- um, et in-
vi- si- bí- li- um. Et in unum Dómi-num Ie- sum Christum,
Fí- li- um De- i u-ni-gé-ni-tum. Et ex Patre na- tum ante
ó-mni- a saé- cu- la. De- um de De- o, lumen de lúmi- ne,
De- um ve- rum de De- o ve- ro. Gé- ni- tum, non fa- ctum, con-
substanti- á-lem Patri : per quem ó-mni- a fa- cta sunt. Qui
propter nos hómi- nes, et propter nostram sa- lú- tem descén-
dit de cae- lis. Et incarná- tus est de Spí- ri- tu Sancto ex
Ma- rí- a Vírgi- ne : Et homo factus est. Cru- ci- fí- xus
ét- i- am pro no- bis : sub Pónti- o Pi- lá- to passus, et se- púl-

tus est. Et re-surré-xit térti- a di- e, se-cúndum Scri-
ptú- ras. Et ascéndit in cae- lum: se-det ad dexte- ram Pa-
tris. Et í-te-rum ventú-rus est cum gló-ri- a, iu-di-cá-re
vi-vos et mórtu- os: cu-ius regni non e-rit fi- nis. Et in
Spí- ri- tum Sanctum, Dómi- num, et vi- vi- fi- cántem: qui ex
Patre Fi- li- óque pro- cé- dit. Qui cum Patre et Fí- li- o
simul ad-o- rá- tur, et conglo- ri- fi- cá- tur: qui lo- cú- tus est
per Prophé- tas. Et unam sanctam cathó- li- cam et a- po-
stó- li- cam Ecclé- si- am. Confi- te- or unum ba- ptis- ma
in remissi- ó- nem pec- ca- tó- rum. Et exspécto re- surre-
cti- ó- nem mortu- ó- rum. Et vi- tam ventú- ri saé- cu- li.
A- men.

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth, of all that is seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God,
begotten, not made, one in Being with the Father.

Through him all things were made.

For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven:

All bow at these two lines

by the power of the Holy Spirit
he was born of the Virgin Mary, and became man.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered, died, and was buried.

On the third day he rose again in fulfillment of 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.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son.

With the Father and the Son he is worshipped and glorified.

He has spoken through the Prophets.

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.

We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.

We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

General Intercessions

*The celebrant invites the congregation to pray and offers several
prayer intentions. Each concludes, "We pray to the Lord."*

Ma - ra - na - tha! Come, O Christ the Lord.