



Second Sunday of Advent

December 5-6, 2020

Due to concerns that congregational singing requires increased volumes of projected air and particulates, we have suspended congregational singing at Mass during this time.

Because of the importance of music in sacred liturgy, a cantor and organist will provide music on behalf of the worshipping assembly, including those who are worshipping at home. We encourage you to participate, if only in an internal way, by praying along with the sung words included in this liturgy guide. We look forward to the day when we can join in song together.

ORDER OF THE MASS

PRELUDE

Instrumental Offering

Cold December Flies Away

Marilyn Biery

INTRODUCTORY RITE

Entrance Hymn

Please follow along in prayer as the cantor sings:

ON JORDAN'S BANK

*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.*

*To heal the sick stretch out your hand,
And bid the fallen sinner stand;
Shine forth, and let your light restore
Earth's own true loveliness once more.*

*Then cleansed be ev'ry heart from sin;
Make straight the way of God within,
And let each heart prepare a home
Where such a mighty guest may come.*

*All praise to You, eternal Son,
Whose advent has our freedom won;
Whom with the Father we adore,
And Holy Spirit, evermore.*

*For you are our salvation, Lord,
Our refuge, and our great reward;
Without your grace we waste away
Like flow'rs that wither and decay.*

Rite of Acceptance and Welcome

Penitential Rite



Collect (opening prayer)

LITURGY OF THE WORD

First Reading: Isaiah 40:1-5, 9-11

Comfort, give comfort to my people, says your God. Speak tenderly to Jerusalem, and proclaim to her that her service is at an end, her guilt is expiated; indeed, she has received from the hand of the LORD double for all her sins. A voice cries out: In the desert prepare the way of the LORD! Make straight in the wasteland a highway for our God! Every valley shall be filled in, every mountain and hill shall be made low; the rugged land shall be made a plain, the rough country, a broad valley. Then the glory of the LORD shall be revealed, and all people shall see

it together; for the mouth of the LORD has spoken. Go up on to a high mountain, Zion, herald of glad tidings; cry out at the top of your voice, Jerusalem, herald of good news! Fear not to cry out and say to the cities of Judah: Here is your God! Here comes with power the Lord GOD, who rules by his strong arm; here is his reward with him, his recompense before him. Like a shepherd he feeds his flock; in his arms he gathers the lambs, carrying them in his bosom, and leading the ewes with care.

Responsorial Psalm: 85

Assembly will recite response

R/. Lord, let us see your kindness; Lord, let us see your kindness.

*Let us hear what our God proclaims:
Peace to the people of God, salvation is near to
the ones who fear God. R/.*

*The Lord will come and you shall know his
love, justice shall walk in his pathways,
salvation the gift that he brings. R/.*

*Kindness and truth, justice and peace; truth shall
spring up as the water from the earth, justice
shall rain from the heavens. R/.*

Marty Haugen



Second Reading: 2 Peter 3:8-14

Do not ignore this one fact, beloved, that with the Lord one day is like a thousand years and a thousand years like one day. The Lord does not delay his promise, as some regard "delay," but he is patient with you, not wishing that any should perish but that all should come to repentance. But the day of the Lord will come like a thief, and then the heavens will pass away with a mighty roar and the elements will be dissolved by fire, and the earth and everything done on it will be found out.

Since everything is to be dissolved in this way, what sort of persons ought you to be, conducting yourselves in holiness and devotion, waiting for and hastening the coming of the day of God, because of which the heavens will be dissolved in flames and the elements melted by fire. But according to his promise we await new heavens and a new earth in which righteousness dwells. Therefore, beloved, since you await these things, be eager to be found without spot or blemish before him, at peace.

*Gospel Acclamation
Alleluia*

Gospel: Mark 1:1-8

The beginning of the gospel of Jesus Christ the Son of God.

As it is written in Isaiah the prophet: Behold, I am sending my messenger ahead of you; he will prepare your way. A voice of one crying out in the desert: "Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight his paths." John the Baptist appeared in the desert proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. People of the whole Judean countryside

and all the inhabitants of Jerusalem were going out to him and were being baptized by him in the Jordan River as they acknowledged their sins. John was clothed in camel's hair, with a leather belt around his waist. He fed on locusts and wild honey. And this is what he proclaimed: "One mightier than I is coming after me. I am not worthy to stoop and loosen the thongs of his sandals. I have baptized you with water; he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit."



Homily

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,
 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

LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

Preparation of the Gifts

Comfort, Comfort Ye My People

Paul Manz

Eucharistic Prayer Acclamations:

Holy, Holy, Holy

*Holy, Holy, Holy Lord God of hosts.
 Heaven and earth are full of your glory.
 Hosanna in the highest.
 Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
 Hosanna in the highest.*

Memorial Acclamation

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

or

*When we eat this
 Bread and drink
 this Cup, We
 proclaim your
 death O Lord,
 Until you come
 again.*

or

*Save us, Savior of
 the world,
 for by
 your Cross
 and Resurrection
 You have set us
 free.*



THE COMMUNION RITE

Lord's Prayer

Sign of Peace

Lamb of God

*Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world,
have mercy on us.*

*Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world,
have mercy on us.*

*Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world,
grant us peace.*

The communion procession will be by way of one, single-file line in each aisle. When coming forward, all must wear a mask and maintain 6ft distancing.

For safety reasons, we ask that people receive on the hand, step aside, remove mask and consume host. Then put mask back on until back in pew. Those not receiving communion are to remain in pew.

Please keep your hand flat when receiving the Eucharist to avoid contact with the minister.

Spiritual Communion

For those watching at home and will find it meaningful, a prayer of spiritual communion by St. Alphonsus Liguori is provided:

My Jesus, I believe that You are present in the Most Blessed Sacrament.

I love You above all things,

and I desire to receive You into my soul.

Since I cannot now receive you sacramentally,

come at least spiritually into my heart.

I embrace You as if you were already there,

and I unite myself wholly to You.

Never permit me to be separated from You.

COMMUNION PROCESSION

Please follow along in prayer as the cantor sings:

HOW HOLY THIS FEAST

How holy this feast in which Christ is our food;

His passion is recalled, grace fills our hearts,

and we receive a pledge of the glory to come.

Text: O Sacrum Convivium, St. Thomas Aquinas

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A VOICE CRIES OUT IN THE WILDERNESS

*Console my people, the ones dear to me:
speak to the heart of Jerusalem:
the time of your mourning is ended now.
The Lord of life will come. R/.*

Refrain:

*A voice cries out in the wilderness:
Prepare a way for the Lord!
A voice cries out in the wilderness:
Make straight a highway for God!*

*Ev'ry valley is made a plain,
ev'ry mountain is leveled
the glory of God shall then be revealed,
and the nations will sing in praise. R/.*

*A voice shouts: "Cry!" O what shall I cry?
All flesh is like grass and its flowers:
the grass may wither, the flower may fade,
but the Word of the Lord is forever. R/.*

*Zion, shout from the mountain top,
lift up your voice O Jerusalem,
and say to the people of God's own land,
"Behold, behold your God!" R/.*

*The Lord will appear as a shepherd,
holding his lambs in his arms,
keeping his flock so close to his heart
leading them all, old and young. R/.*

Michael Joncas

LIKE A SHEPHERD

Refrain:

*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. R/.*

*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. R/.*

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

Bob Dufford

Prayer after communion

Recessional

Instrumental Offering

People, Look East!

Setting by Kristina Langlois

Please allow the ushers to guide the dismissal so we can avoid clusters of people. We must respectfully ask that people do not linger or socialize in the narthex or outside on the sidewalk to allow proper social distancing between households during exit.