

## Second Sunday of Advent

### INTRODUCTION

INTROIT HYMN— **575** *Celebration Hymnal*

*The ADVENT CANDLE is lit, and the priest says*  
Blessed are you, sovereign Lord, just and true:  
to you be praise and glory for ever. Of old you  
spoke by the mouth of your prophets, but in  
our days you speak through your Son, whom  
you have appointed the heir of all things.  
Grant us, your people, to walk in his light,  
that we may be found ready and watching  
when he comes again in glory and judgement;  
for you are our light and our salvation.

*All respond: Blessed be God for ever.*

In the name of the Father, and of ✠ the Son,  
and of the Holy Spirit.

*All respond: Amen.*

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

*The PRAYERS OF PENITENCE are introduced.*

**Most merciful God,  
Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,  
we confess that we have sinned in thought,  
word and deed.**

**We have not loved you with our whole heart.  
We have not loved our neighbours as  
ourselves.**

**In your mercy forgive what we have been,  
help us to amend what we are,  
and direct what we shall be;  
that we may do justly, love mercy,  
and walk humbly with you, our God. Amen.**

May the God of all healing and forgiveness  
draw you to himself, and cleanse you ✠ from  
all your sins, that you may behold the glory  
of his Son, the Word made flesh, Jesus Christ  
our Lord. **Amen.**

*KYRIE ELEÏSON is sung.*

**Kyrie, eleïson.** (× 3) *(Lord, have mercy.)*

**Christe, eleïson.** (× 3) *(Christ, have mercy.)*

**Kyrie, eleïson.** (× 3) *(Lord, have mercy.)*

*All remain standing for the COLLECT.*

O Lord, raise up, we pray, your power and  
come among us, and with great might suc-  
cour us; that whereas, through our sins and  
wickedness we are grievously hindered in  
running the race that is set before us, your  
bountiful grace and mercy may speedily help  
and deliver us; through Jesus Christ your Son  
our Lord, to whom with you and the Holy  
Spirit, be honour and glory, now and for ever.  
**Amen.**

### LITURGY OF THE WORD

*Readings for Year C*

FIRST READING

*Bar 5,1–9*

A reading from the prophet Baruch.

Take off the garment of your sorrow and  
affliction, O Jerusalem, and put on for ever the  
beauty of the glory from God. Put on the robe  
of the righteousness from God; put on your  
head the crown of the glory of the Everlasting.  
For God will show your splendour everywhere  
under heaven. For your name will for ever be  
called by God: 'Peace of righteousness and  
glory of godliness.' Arise, O Jerusalem, stand  
upon the height and look towards the east  
and see your children gathered from west and  
east, at the word of the Holy One, rejoicing  
that God has remembered them. For they  
went forth from you on foot, led away by their  
enemies; but God will bring them back to  
you, carried in glory, as on a royal throne. For  
God has ordered that every high mountain  
and the everlasting hills be made low and the  
valleys filled up to make level ground, so that  
Israel may walk safely in the glory of God. The  
woods and every fragrant tree have shaded  
Israel at God's command. For God will lead  
Israel with joy in the light of his glory, with  
the mercy and righteousness that come from  
him.

This is the word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

℟. The dawn from on high shall break upon us.

*(All repeat)*

Blessèd be the Lord, the God of Israel;  
he has visited his people and redeemed them.  
He has raised up for us a mighty Saviour,  
born of the house of his servant David. ℟.

Through his holy prophets he promised of old,  
that he would save us from the hands of all  
who hate us.

He promised to show mercy to our fathers  
and to remember his holy covenant. ℟.

This was the oath he swore to our father  
Abraham:  
to free us from the hands of our enemies,  
free to worship him without fear,  
holy and righteous in his sight all the days of  
our life. ℟.

You, my child, shall be called the prophet of  
the Highest,  
for you will go before the Lord to prepare his  
way,  
to give his people knowledge of salvation,  
by the forgiveness of their sins. ℟.

In the tender compassion of our God,  
the dawn from on high shall break upon us,  
to shine on those in darkness and the shadow  
of death,  
and to guide our feet into the way of peace. ℟.

## SECOND READING

*Php 1.3–11*

A reading from the letter of Paul to the  
Philippians.

I thank my God in all my remembrance of  
you, always in every prayer of mine for you  
all making my prayer with joy, because of  
your partnership in the gospel from the first  
day until now. And I am sure of this, that he  
who began a good work in you will bring it to  
completion at the day of Jesus Christ. It is right  
for me to feel this way about you all, because I  
hold you in my heart, for you are all partakers  
with me of grace, both in my imprisonment  
and in the defence and confirmation of the  
gospel. For God is my witness, how I yearn

for you all with the affection of Christ Jesus.  
And it is my prayer that your love may abound  
more and more, with knowledge and all  
discernment, so that you may approve what  
is excellent, and so be pure and blameless  
for the day of Christ, filled with the fruit of  
righteousness that comes through Jesus  
Christ, to the glory and praise of God.

This is the word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

GRADUAL HYMN—**364**

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

*Lk 3.4,6*

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

**Alleluia.**

## GOSPEL READING

*Lk 3.1–6*

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**  
Hear the Gospel ✠ of our Lord Jesus Christ  
according to Luke. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

In the fifteenth year of the reign of Tiberius  
Caesar, Pontius Pilate being governor of Judea,  
and Herod being tetrarch of Galilee, and his  
brother Philip tetrarch of the region of Ituraea  
and Trachonitis, and Lysanias tetrarch of  
Abilene, during the high priesthood of Annas  
and Caiaphas, the word of God came to John  
the son of Zechariah in the wilderness. And  
he went into all the region around the Jordan,  
proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the  
forgiveness of sins. As it is written in the book  
of the words of Isaiah the prophet, “The voice  
of one crying in the wilderness: ‘Prepare the  
way of the Lord, make his paths straight. Every  
valley shall be filled, and every mountain and  
hill shall be made low, and the crooked shall  
become straight, and the rough places shall  
become level ways, and all flesh shall see the  
salvation of God.’”

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

A SERMON *may follow.*

All *stand* to recite the NICENE CREED.

**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, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven,**

*(all bow)* **was incarnate from the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary, and was made man.**

*(all rise)* **For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again 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.**

**We 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 worshipped and glorified, who 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.**

*The INTERCESSIONS are introduced, and all kneel. One of these responses may be used:*

∇. Lord, hear us. ℞. **Lord, graciously hear us.**  
or ∇. Lord, in your mercy, ℞. **Hear our prayer.**

*At the Commemoration of the Departed:*

∇. Rest eternal ☩ grant unto them, O Lord;  
℞. **And let light perpetual shine upon them.**

*The Intercessions may end:* Merciful Father,  
**Accept these prayers, for the sake of your Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.**

## LITURGY OF THE SACRAMENT

The peace of the Lord be always with you.  
**And also with you.**

OFFERTORY HYMN— **255**

*The people unite their prayers with the priest, who says the PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS.*

Pray, my brothers and sisters, that my sacrifice and yours 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, in your goodness be pleased with our prayers and offerings and, since we can merit nothing of ourselves, come to our aid with your mercy; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**  
Lift up your hearts. **We lift them to the Lord.**  
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.  
**It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

*The PREFACE follows.*

*All respond with the SANCTUS & BENEDICTUS.*  
**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, 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.**

*All kneel. After the Consecration, all acclaim:*  
Christ is the bread of life:

**When we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim your death, Lord Jesus, until you come in glory (× 2).**

*The Eucharistic Prayer continues, and ends:*  
... for ever and ever. Amen.

## RITE OF COMMUNION

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name; thy kingdom come; thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation; but deliver us from evil.**

**For thine is the kingdom, the power and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.**

*The priest breaks the Host; AGNUS DEI is sung.*

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

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

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

*The priest gives the COMMUNION INVITATION.*

God's holy gifts for God's holy people.

**Jesus Christ is holy, Jesus Christ is Lord,  
to the glory of God the Father.**

*Holy Communion is distributed.*

COMMUNION HYMN— **10**

*The priest says the POST-COMMUNION prayer.*

Father in heaven, who sent your Son to redeem the world and will send him again to be our judge: give us grace so to imitate him in the humility and purity of his first coming that, when he comes again, we may be ready to greet him with joyful love and firm faith; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

## CONCLUSION

*The priest gives the BLESSING and DISMISSAL.*

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

... The blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son, ✠ and the Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always. **Amen.**

Go in the peace of Christ.

**Thanks be to God.**

RECESSIONAL HYMN

- Christ is surely coming,  
bringing his reward,  
Omega and Alpha,  
First and Last and Lord,  
Root and stem of David,  
Brilliant Morning Star;  
Meet your Judge and Saviour,  
nations near and far!  
Meet your Judge and Saviour,  
nations near and far!**

- See the holy city!**

There they enter in,  
Men by Christ made holy,  
washed from every sin,  
Thirsty ones, desiring  
all he loves to give;  
Come for living water:  
freely drink, and live!  
Come for living water:  
freely drink, and live!

- Grace be with God's people;  
Praise his holy name:  
Father, Son and Spirit,  
evermore the same;  
Hear the certain promise  
from the eternal home:  
'Surely I come quickly.'  
Come, Lord Jesus, come!  
'Surely I come quickly.'  
Come, Lord Jesus, come!**

*The service may be followed by the ANGELUS.*

∇. The angel of the Lord declared unto Mary:

℟. **And she conceived by the Holy Spirit.**

Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with thee;  
blessed art thou among women,  
and blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus.

**Holy Mary, Mother of God,  
pray for us sinners, now,  
and at the hour of our death. Amen.**

∇. Behold the handmaid of the Lord:

℟. **Be it unto me according to thy word.**

Hail Mary ...

∇. And the Word was made flesh:

℟. **And dwelt among us.**

Hail Mary ...

∇. Pray for us, O holy Mother of God:

℟. **That we may be made worthy of the  
promises of Christ.**

Let us pray. Pour forth, we beseech you, O Lord, your grace into our hearts; that we to whom the Incarnation of Christ, your Son, was made known by the message of an angel, may by his Passion and Cross ✠ be brought to the glory of his Resurrection; through the same Christ our Lord. **Amen.**