

Second Sunday of Advent

Sung Eucharist Book of Alternative Services (p. 185)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE BLESSING AND LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH

LITURGY OF THE WORD

PROCESSIONAL HYMN

The first verse will be sung by the Celebrant alone, if possible.

INVOCATION

INTROIT SENTENCE

Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight. All flesh shall see the salvation of God. LUKE 3:4, 6

THE GRACE (STAND)

THE CALL TO CONFESSION

Silence is kept.

KYRIE CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION (KNEEL OR SIT)

Please say or sing the KYRIE ELEISON after each of the three petitions.

Kyrie Eleison. Christe Eleison. Kyrie Eleison. (MERBECKE: CP 678/HB C177)
or

Lord, have mercy upon us. Christ, have mercy upon us.

Lord, have mercy upon us.

THE COLLECT (STAND)

Silence is kept.

O Lord, raise up, we pray, your power and come among us, and with great might succour 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**

THE PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD (SIT)

*After each reading, except the psalm, the reader says 'The Word of the Lord' and all respond: **Thanks be to God.***

FIRST READING – 1ST READER

See, I am sending my messenger to prepare the way before

me, and the Lord whom you seek will suddenly come to his temple. The messenger of the covenant in whom you delight indeed, he is coming, says the Lord of hosts. But who can endure the day of his coming, and who can stand when he appears? For he is like a refiner's fire and like fullers' soap; he will sit as a refiner and purifier of silver, and he will purify the descendants of Levi and refine them like gold and silver, until they present offerings to the Lord in righteousness. Then the offering of Judah and Jerusalem will be pleasing to the Lord as in the days of old and as in former years. MALACHI 3:1-4

CANTICLE – 1ST READER

Blessed be the Lord, the God of Israel; he has come to his people and set them free.

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 our enemies, 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 set us free 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 Most High, 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 who dwell in darkness and the shadow of death, and to guide our feet into the way of peace.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen. CANTICLE 19 (BAS) – LUKE 1:68-79

SECOND READING – 2ND READER

I thank my God every time I remember you, constantly praying with joy in every one of my prayers for all of you, because of your sharing in the gospel from the first day until now. I am confident of this, that the one who began a good work among

you will bring it to completion by the day of Jesus Christ. It is right for me to think this way about all of you, because you hold me in your heart, for all of you share in God's grace with me, both in my imprisonment and in the defence and confirmation of the gospel. For God is my witness, how I long for all of you with the compassion of Christ Jesus. And this is my prayer, that your love may overflow more and more with knowledge and full insight to help you to determine what is best, so that in the day of Christ you may be pure and blameless, having produced the harvest of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ for the glory and praise of God. PHILIPPIANS 1:3-11

GOSPEL (STAND)

Gospeller: Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia (CP: 708)

All: Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia

Gospeller: Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight: and all flesh shall see the salvation of God. ISAIAH 40:3-5

All: Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia

Gospeller: The Lord be with you. (TONE - BAS P.920 OR CP: 718)

All: And also with you.

Gospeller: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to

All: Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

In the fifteenth year of the reign of Emperor Tiberius, when Pontius Pilate was governor of Judea, and Herod was ruler of Galilee, and his brother Philip ruler of the region of Ituraea and Trachonitis, and Lysanias ruler of Abilene, during the high priesthood of Annas and Caiaphas, the word of God came to John son of Zechariah in the wilderness. 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 the prophet Isaiah, "The voice of one crying out 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 be made straight, and the rough ways made smooth; and all flesh shall see the salvation of God.'" LUKE 3:1-6

Gospeller: The Gospel of Christ.

All: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

All: Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia

SERMON

(SIT)

THE NICENE CREED – BAS p.188 (STAND)
Celebrant: We believe in one God,
All: 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: by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary, and was made man. 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. 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.

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE (KNEEL OR SIT)
The response will be announced.

THE PEACE (STAND)

LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

OFFERTORY HYMN

Eucharistic Prayer III – BAS p.198 (REMAIN STANDING)

PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS

God of love and power, your word stirs within us the expectation of the coming of your Son. Accept all we offer you this day, and sustain us with your promise of eternal life. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

SURSUM CORDA (MUSIC - BAS P.921)

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

Celebrant: Lift up your hearts.

All: We lift them to the Lord.

Celebrant: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

THE PREFACE

SANCTUS & BENEDICTUS (MERBECKE: CP 683/HB C177)

**All: Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of Hosts,
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Glory be to you, O Lord most high.
Blessed is he that comes in the name of the Lord:
Hosanna in the highest.**

THE EUCHARISTIC CANON (KNEEL OR STAND)

Response to: "Therefore, Father, according to his command" is: we remember his death, we proclaim his resurrection, we await his coming in glory; & at the end of the Eucharistic Prayer: Amen.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Celebrant: As our Saviour taught us, let us pray. Our Father in heaven,

All: hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial, and deliver us

from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and for ever. Amen

FRACTION SENTENCE

Silence is kept.

Celebrant: God of promise, you prepare a banquet for us in your kingdom.

All: Happy are those who are called to the supper of the Lamb.

AGNUS DEI (MERBECKE: CP 685/HB C177)

All: Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world: Have mercy upon us. Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world: Have mercy upon us. Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world: Grant us your peace.

COMMUNION SENTENCE (KNEEL OR SIT)

Celebrant: Jesus is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world. Blessed are those who are called to his supper.

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

COMMUNION

COMMUNION HYMN

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION (KNEEL OR SIT)

Silence is kept.

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**

SOLEMN BLESSING FOR ADVENT (KNEEL)

RECESSIONAL HYMN

DISMISSAL (REMAIN STANDING)