

THE CATHOLIC MASS SHEET

ENGLISH STANDARD VERSION

2nd SUNDAY OF ADVENT (C)

8th December 2024

THE INTRODUCTORY RITES

Entrance Antiphon or a hymn. *Stand*

**O people of Sion, behold, Cf. Is 30:19,30
the Lord will come to save the nations,
and the Lord will make the glory of his
voice heard
in the joy of your heart.**

All make the Sign of the Cross as the Priest says:
In the name of the Father, and of the Son,
and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

Greeting

The Priest greets the people, saying:

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,
and the love of God,
and the communion of the Holy Spirit
be with you all.

Or:

Grace to you and peace from God our Father
and the Lord Jesus Christ.

Or:

The Lord be with you.

The people reply:

And with your spirit.

The Mass of the day may be introduced.

Penitential Act

*The Priest invites the faithful to repentance
followed, after a brief pause, by one of the
Penitential Acts:*

**I confess to almighty God
and to you, my brothers and sisters,
that I have greatly sinned,
in my thoughts and in my words,
in what I have done and in what I have
failed to do,**

And, striking their breast, they say:

**through my fault, through my fault,
through my most grievous fault;**

**therefore I ask blessed Mary ever-Virgin,
all the Angels and Saints,
and you, my brothers and sisters,
to pray for me to the Lord our God.**

Or:

Have mercy on us, O Lord.

For we have sinned against you.

Show us, O Lord, your mercy.

And grant us your salvation.

Or:

You were sent to heal the contrite of heart:

Lord, have mercy. *Or:* Kyrie, eleison.

Lord, have mercy. Or: Kyrie, eleison.

You came to call sinners:

Christ, have mercy. *Or:* Christe, eleison.

Christ, have mercy. Or: Christe, eleison.

You are seated at the right hand of the
Father to intercede for us:

Lord, have mercy. *Or:* Kyrie, eleison.

Lord, have mercy. Or: Kyrie, eleison.

The absolution by the Priest follows:

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

Amen.

*If the 'Kyrie, eleison' has not been said or sung,
it is said or sung now.*

The Collect

Almighty and merciful God,
may no earthly undertaking hinder those
who set out in haste to meet your Son,
but may our learning of heavenly wisdom
gain us admittance to his company.

Who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the
Holy Spirit,

God, for ever and ever.

Amen.

Sit

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

First Reading

A reading from the Prophet Baruch. Baruch 5:1-9

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.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm Psalm 126(125):1-2b. 2c-3. 4-5. 6. R.3

**R. What great deeds the LORD worked for us!
Indeed, we were glad.**

When the LORD brought back the exiles of Sion,
we thought we were dreaming.
Then was our mouth filled with laughter;
on our tongues, songs of joy.

R.

Then they said among the nations,
'What great deeds the LORD worked for them!
What great deeds the LORD worked for us!
Indeed, we were glad.

R.

Bring back our exiles, O LORD,
as streams in the Negeb.
Those who are sowing in tears
will sing when they reap.

R.

They go out, they go out, full of tears,
bearing seed for the sowing;
they come back, they come back with a song,
bearing their sheaves.

R.

Second Reading

A reading from the Letter of Saint Paul to the
Philippians. Philippians 1:3-6, 8-11

Brothers and sisters:

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. 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.

The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Acclamation before the Gospel

Alleluia, alleluia.

Stand
Luke 3:4, 6

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

Gospel

Luke 3:1-6

The Lord be with you.

And with your spirit.

A reading from the holy Gospel 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."'

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

The Homily

Sit

The Nicene Creed

Stand

**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.**

All bow

**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.**

Or:

The Apostles' Creed

I believe in God,
the Father almighty,
Creator of heaven and earth,
and in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the *All bow*
Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died and was buried;
he descended into hell;
on the third day he rose again from the dead;
he ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of God
the Father almighty;
from there he will come to judge the
living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and life everlasting. Amen.

The Prayer of the Faithful

Response example: Lord, in your mercy.
Hear our prayer.

After the concluding prayer all say: **Amen.** *Sit*

THE LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

*The offerings are brought to the altar.
A hymn may be sung.*

*If the Priest says the two prayers of offering
aloud the response both times is:*
Blessed be God for ever.

The people rise as the Priest says:
Pray, brethren (brothers and sisters),
that my sacrifice and yours
may be acceptable to God,
the almighty Father.

The people reply:
**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 holy Church.**

Prayer over the Offerings

Be pleased, O Lord, with our humble prayers
and offerings,
and, since we have no merits to plead our cause,
come, we pray, to our rescue
with the protection of your mercy.
Through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The Eucharistic Prayer

The Lord be with you.
And with your spirit.
Lift up your hearts.
We lift them up to the Lord.
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right and just.
*The Priest continues with the Preface and
concludes with the people, singing or saying aloud:*
**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.** *Kneel*

*The Eucharistic Prayer continues until the
priest says:*

The mystery of faith.
*And the people continue, acclaiming one of
the following:*

**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, Saviour of the world,
for by your Cross and Resurrection
you have set us free.**

*The Priest concludes the Eucharistic Prayer
saying alone:*

Through him, and with him, and in him,
O God, almighty Father,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
all glory and honour is yours,
for ever and ever.

The people acclaim: **Amen.**

The Communion Rite

Stand

The Priest invites all to join in the Lord's Prayer:

**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.**

The Priest continues alone:

Deliver us, Lord, we pray, from every evil,
graciously grant peace in our days,
that, by the help of your mercy,
we may be always free from sin
and safe from all distress,
as we await the blessed hope
and the coming of our Saviour, Jesus Christ.
**For the kingdom,
the power and the glory are yours
now and for ever.**

The Priest says:
Lord Jesus Christ,
who said to your Apostles:
Peace I leave you, my peace I give you,
look not on our sins,
but on the faith of your Church,
and graciously grant her peace and unity
in accordance with your will.
Who live and reign for ever and ever.
Amen.
The peace of the Lord be with you always.
And with your spirit.

The Deacon, or the Priest, adds:
Let us offer each other the sign of peace.
All then make an appropriate sign of peace.

The Priest takes the host and breaks it.
Meanwhile the people say or sing:

**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.** *Kneel*

The Priest shows the host to the people and says:
Behold the Lamb of God,
behold him who takes away the sins of the world.
Blessed are those called to the supper
of the Lamb.
**Lord, I am not worthy
that you should enter under my roof,
but only say the word
and my soul shall be healed.**

*The Priest or other minister says to each
communicant:*
The Body [Blood] of Christ.
Each communicant answers: **Amen.**

Communion Antiphon Bar 5:5;4:36
**Jerusalem, arise and stand upon the heights,
and behold the joy which comes to you from God.**

*After the distribution of Holy Communion a
sacred silence may be observed or a psalm,
hymn or canticle of praise may be sung.*

Prayer after Communion *Stand*
Replenished by the food of spiritual nourishment,
we humbly beseech you, O Lord,
that, through our partaking in this mystery,
you may teach us to judge wisely the things
of earth
and hold firm to the things of heaven.
Through Christ our Lord.
Amen.

THE CONCLUDING RITES

Announcements may be made. *Then:*

Solemn Blessing

Priest: The Lord be with you.

All: **And with your spirit.**

A formula of Solemn Blessing may be used.

May almighty God bless you,
the Father, and the Son, ✠ and the Holy Spirit.
Amen. *Or:*

The Deacon, or the Priest, says:
Bow down for the blessing.

May the almighty and merciful God,
by whose grace you have placed your faith
in the First Coming of his Only Begotten Son
and yearn for his coming again
sanctify you by the radiance of Christ's Advent
and enrich you with his blessing.
Amen.

As you run the race of this present life,
may he make you firm in faith,
joyful in hope and active in charity.
Amen.

So that, rejoicing now with devotion
at the Redeemer's coming in the flesh,
you may be endowed with the rich reward of
eternal life
when he comes again in majesty.
Amen.

And may the blessing of almighty God,
The Father, and the Son, ✠ and the Holy Spirit,
come down on you and remain with you for ever.
Amen.

Then the Deacon, or the Priest, says:

Go forth, the Mass is ended. *Or:*
Go and announce the Gospel of the Lord. *Or:*
Go in peace, glorifying the Lord by your life. *Or:*
Go in peace.

Thanks be to God.



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