

# THE JERUSALEM MASS SHEET

2nd SUNDAY OF ADVENT (C)

5th December 2021

In humble prayer we ask you, almighty God: command that these gifts be borne by the hands of your holy Angel to your altar on high in the sight of your divine majesty, so that all of us, who through this participation at the altar receive the most holy Body and Blood of your Son, may be filled with every grace and heavenly blessing.

Remember also, Lord, your servants N. and N., who have gone before us with the sign of faith and rest in the sleep of peace. Grant them, O Lord, we pray, and all who sleep in Christ, a place of refreshment, light and peace.

To us, also, your servants, who, though sinners, hope in your abundant mercies, graciously grant some share and fellowship with your holy Apostles and Martyrs: with John the Baptist, Stephen, Matthias, Barnabas, [...] and all your Saints; admit us, we beseech you, into their company, not weighing our merits, but granting us your pardon, through Christ our Lord.

Through whom you continue to make all these good things, O Lord; you sanctify them, fill them with life, bless them, and bestow them upon us.

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

*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, ...  
**For the kingdom, the power and the glory are yours now and for ever.**

*The Priest says:*  
Lord Jesus Christ... 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.

*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.**

**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:*

*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.**

*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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## THE INTRODUCTORY RITES

**Entrance Antiphon** or a hymn *Stand*  
Cf. Is 30:19,30

**O people of Zion, behold, 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.**

*The Priest greets everyone present.*

*The people respond:* **And with your spirit.**

*The Mass of the day may be introduced.*

## Penitential Act

*The Priest invites the people to repentance using 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.**

*The Priest says the absolution. All reply:* Amen.

Lord, have mercy. **Lord, have mercy.**  
Christ, have mercy. **Christ, have mercy.**  
Lord, have mercy. **Lord, have mercy.**

## 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 5:1-9

Jerusalem, take off your dress of sorrow and distress, put on the beauty of the glory of God for ever, wrap the cloak of the integrity of God around you,

put the diadem of the glory of the Eternal on your head: since God means to show your splendour to every nation under heaven, since the name God gives you for ever will be, 'Peace through integrity, and honour through devotedness'.

Arise, Jerusalem, stand on the heights and turn your eyes to the east: see your sons reassembled from west and east at the command of the Holy One, jubilant that God has remembered them.

Though they left you on foot, with enemies for an escort, now God brings them back to you like royal princes carried back in glory. For God has decreed the flattening of each high mountain, of the everlasting hills, the filling of the valleys to make the ground level so that Israel can walk in safety under the glory of God. And the forests and every fragrant tree will provide shade for Israel at the command of God; for God will guide Israel in joy by the light of his glory with his mercy and integrity for escort.

The word of the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God.**

## Psalm

Ps. 125. R.v 3

**R) What marvels the Lord worked for us! Indeed we were glad.**

When the Lord delivered Zion from bondage it seemed like a dream. Then was our mouth filled with laughter, on our lips there were songs. **(R)**

The heathens themselves said: 'What marvels the Lord worked for them!' What marvels the Lord worked for us! Indeed we were glad. **(R)**

Deliver us, O Lord, from our bondage as streams in dry land.

Those who are sowing in tears will sing when they reap. **(R)**

They go out, they go out, full of tears carrying seed for the sowing: they come back, they come back, full of song, carrying their sheaves. **(R)**

## Second Reading

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Philippians 1:4-6. 8-11

Every time I pray for all of you, I pray with joy, remembering how you have helped to spread the Good News from the day you first heard it right up to the present. I am quite certain that the One who began this good work in you will see that it is

finished when the Day of Christ Jesus comes. God knows how much I miss you all, loving you as Christ Jesus loves you. My prayer is that your love for each other may increase more and more and never stop improving your knowledge and deepening your perception so that you can always recognise what is best. This will help you to become pure and blameless, and prepare you for the Day of Christ, when you will reach the perfect goodness which Jesus Christ produces in us for the glory and praise of God.

The word of the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God.**

### **Gospel Acclamation**

**Alleluia, alleluia!**  
**Prepare a way for the Lord,**  
**make his paths straight,**  
**and all mankind shall see the salvation of God.**  
**Alleluia!**

*Stand*  
Lk 3:4-6

### **Gospel**

The Lord be with you.  
**And with your spirit.**

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke.  
**Glory to you, O Lord.**

Luke 3:1-6

In the fifteenth year of Tiberius Caesar's reign, when Pontius Pilate was governor of Judaea, Herod tetrarch of Galilee, his brother Philip tetrarch of the lands of Ituraea and Trachonitis, Lysanias tetrarch of Abilene, during the pontificate of Annas and Caiaphas, the word of God came to John son of Zechariah, in the wilderness. He went through the whole Jordan district proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins, as it is written in the book of the sayings of the prophet Isaiah:

A voice cries in the wilderness;  
Prepare a way for the Lord,  
make his paths straight.  
Every valley will be filled in,  
every mountain and hill be laid low,  
winding ways will be straightened  
and rough roads made smooth.  
And all mankind shall see the salvation of God.

The Gospel of the Lord.  
**Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

### **The Homily**

#### **The Nicene Creed**

**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.**

#### **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.**

### **Preface I of Advent**

It is truly right and just, our duty and  
our salvation,  
always and everywhere to give you thanks,  
Lord, holy Father, almighty and eternal God,  
through Christ our Lord.

For he assumed at his first coming  
the lowliness of human flesh,  
and so fulfilled the design you formed long ago,  
and opened for us the way to eternal salvation,  
that, when he comes again in glory and majesty  
and all is at last made manifest,  
we who watch for that day  
may inherit the great promise  
in which now we dare to hope.

And so, with Angels and Archangels,  
with Thrones and Dominions,  
and with all the hosts and Powers of heaven,  
we sing the hymn of your glory,  
as without end we acclaim.

**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*

#### **Eucharistic Prayer I**

*(The Priest may use a different Eucharistic Prayer.)*

To you, therefore, most merciful Father,  
we make humble prayer and petition  
through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord:  
that you accept  
and bless ✠ these gifts, these offerings,  
these holy and unblemished sacrifices,  
which we offer you firstly  
for your holy catholic Church.  
Be pleased to grant her peace,  
to guard, unite and govern her  
throughout the whole world,  
together with your servant N. our Pope  
and N. our Bishop,  
and all those who, holding to the truth,  
hand on the catholic and apostolic faith.

Remember, Lord, your servants N. and N.  
and all gathered here,  
whose faith and devotion are known to you.  
For them, we offer you this sacrifice of praise  
or they offer it for themselves  
and all who are dear to them:  
for the redemption of their souls,  
in hope of health and well-being,  
and paying their homage to you,  
the eternal God, living and true.

In communion with those whose memory we venerate,  
especially the glorious ever-Virgin Mary,  
Mother of our God and Lord, Jesus Christ,  
and blessed Joseph, her Spouse,  
your blessed Apostles and Martyrs,  
Peter and Paul, Andrew, [...]   
and all your Saints;  
we ask that through their merits and prayers,  
in all things we may be defended  
by your protecting help.

Therefore, Lord, we pray:  
graciously accept this oblation of our service,  
that of your whole family;  
order our days in your peace,  
and command that we be delivered from eternal  
damnation  
and counted among the flock of those you have chosen.

Be pleased, O God, we pray,  
to bless, acknowledge,  
and approve this offering in every respect;  
make it spiritual and acceptable,  
so that it may become for us  
the Body and Blood of your most beloved Son,  
our Lord Jesus Christ.

On the day before he was to suffer,  
he took bread in his holy and venerable hands,  
and with eyes raised to heaven  
to you, O God, his almighty Father,  
giving you thanks, he said the blessing,  
broke the bread  
and gave it to his disciples, saying:

TAKE THIS, ALL OF YOU, AND EAT OF IT,  
FOR THIS IS MY BODY,  
WHICH WILL BE GIVEN UP FOR YOU.

In a similar way, when supper was ended,  
he took the precious chalice  
in his holy and venerable hands,  
and once more giving you thanks, he said the blessing  
and gave the chalice to his disciples, saying:

TAKE THIS, ALL OF YOU, AND DRINK FROM IT,  
FOR THIS IS THE CHALICE OF MY BLOOD,  
THE BLOOD OF THE NEW AND ETERNAL COVENANT,  
WHICH WILL BE Poured OUT FOR YOU AND FOR MANY  
FOR THE FORGIVENESS OF SINS.

DO THIS IN MEMORY OF ME.

The mystery of faith.

*The people continue, acclaiming:*  
**When we eat this Bread and drink this Cup,**  
**we proclaim your Death, O Lord,**  
**until you come again.**

Therefore, O Lord,  
as we celebrate the memorial of the blessed Passion,  
the Resurrection from the dead,  
and the glorious Ascension into heaven  
of Christ, your Son, our Lord,  
we, your servants and your holy people,  
offer to your glorious majesty  
from the gifts that you have given us,  
this pure victim,  
this holy victim,  
this spotless victim,  
the holy Bread of eternal life  
and the Chalice of everlasting salvation.

Be pleased to look upon these offerings  
with a serene and kindly countenance,  
and to accept them,  
as once you were pleased to accept  
the gifts of your servant Abel the just,  
the sacrifice of Abraham, our father in faith,  
and the offering of your high priest Melchizedek,  
a holy sacrifice, a spotless victim.