

# THE JERUSALEM MASS SHEET

3rd SUNDAY OF ADVENT (C)

12th December 2021

Have mercy on us all, we pray,  
that with the Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of God,  
with blessed Joseph, her Spouse,  
with the blessed Apostles,  
and all the Saints who have pleased you  
throughout the ages,  
we may merit to be coheirs to eternal life,  
and may praise and glorify you  
through your Son, Jesus Christ.

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, ...  
**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

Cf. Is 35:4

**Say to the faint of heart: Be strong and do  
not fear.  
Behold, our God will come, and he will  
save us.**

## Prayer after Communion

*Stand*

We implore your mercy, Lord,  
that this divine sustenance may cleanse us of  
our faults  
and prepare us for the coming feasts.  
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*

Phil 4:4-5

**Rejoice in the Lord always; again I say, rejoice.  
Indeed, the Lord is near.**

*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

Lord Jesus, you came to gather the nations  
into the peace of God's Kingdom:  
Lord, have mercy. *Or:* Kyrie, eleison.  
**Lord, have mercy. Or: Kyrie, eleison.**

You come in word and in sacrament  
to strengthen us and make us holy:

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

You will come again in glory  
with salvation for your people:

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.**

## The Collect

O God, who see how your people  
faithfully await the feast of the Lord's Nativity,  
enable us, we pray,  
to attain the joys of so great a salvation  
and to celebrate them always  
with solemn worship and glad rejoicing.  
Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,  
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 Zephaniah

3:14-18

Shout for joy, daughter of Zion,  
Israel, shout aloud!  
Rejoice, exult with all your heart,  
daughter of Jerusalem!  
The Lord has repealed your sentence;  
he has driven your enemies away.  
The Lord, the king of Israel, is in your midst;  
you have no more evil to fear.  
When that day comes,  
word will come to Jerusalem:  
Zion, have no fear,  
do not let your hands fall limp.  
The Lord your God is in your midst,  
a victorious warrior.  
He will exult with joy over you,  
he will renew you by his love;  
he will dance with shouts of joy for you  
as on a day of festival.

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

*Psalm*

Ps. 12:2-6.R.v6

**R) Sing and shout for joy  
for great in your midst is the Holy One of Israel.**

Truly, God is my salvation,  
I trust, I shall not fear.  
For the Lord is my strength, my song,  
he became my saviour.  
With joy you will draw water  
from the wells of salvation. **(R)**

Give thanks to the Lord, give praise to his name!  
Make his mighty deeds known to the peoples!  
Declare the greatness of his name. **(R)**

Sing a psalm to the Lord  
for he has done glorious deeds,  
make them known to all the earth!  
People of Zion, sing and shout for joy  
for great in your midst  
is the Holy One of Israel. **(R)**

## Second Reading

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Philippians 4:4-7

I want you to be happy, always happy in the Lord; I repeat, what I want is your happiness. Let your tolerance be evident to everyone: the Lord is very near. There is no need to worry; but if there is anything you need, pray for it, asking God for it with prayer and thanksgiving, and that peace of God, which is so much greater than we can understand, will guard your hearts and your thoughts, in Christ Jesus.

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

## Gospel Acclamation

**Alleluia, alleluia!** Is 61:1 (Lk 4:18)  
**The spirit of the Lord has been given to me. He has sent me to bring good news to the poor.**  
**Alleluia!**

## Gospel

The Lord be with you. Luke 3:10-18  
**And with your spirit.**  
A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke.  
**Glory to you, O Lord.**

When all the people asked John, 'What must we do?' he answered, 'If anyone has two tunics he must share with the man who has none, and the one with something to eat must do the same.' There were tax collectors too who came for baptism, and these said to him, 'Master what must we do?' He said to them, 'Exact no more than your rate.' Some soldiers asked him in their turn, 'What about us? What must we do?' He said to them, 'No intimidation! No extortion! Be content with your pay!'

A feeling of expectancy had grown among the people, who were beginning to think that John might be the Christ, so John declared before them all, 'I baptise you with water, but someone is coming, someone who is more powerful than I am, and I am not fit to undo the strap of his sandals; he will baptise you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing-fan is in his hand to clear his threshing-floor and to gather the wheat into his barn; but the chaff he will burn in a fire that will never go out.' As well as this, there were many other things he said to exhort the people and to announce the Good News to them.

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.**

**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.**

Stand

*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

May the sacrifice of our worship, Lord, we pray, be offered to you unceasingly, to complete what was begun in sacred mystery and powerfully accomplish for us your saving work.  
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 II

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

You are indeed Holy, O Lord, the fount of all holiness. Make holy, therefore, these gifts, we pray, by sending down your Spirit upon them like the dewfall, so that they may become for us the Body and  $\times$  Blood of our Lord, Jesus Christ.

At the time he was betrayed and entered willingly into his Passion, he took bread and, giving thanks, broke it, 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 chalice and, once more giving thanks, he gave it 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:*  
**We proclaim your Death, O Lord, and profess your Resurrection until you come again.**

Therefore, as we celebrate the memorial of his Death and Resurrection, we offer you, Lord, the Bread of life and the Chalice of salvation, giving thanks that you have held us worthy to be in your presence and minister to you.

Humbly we pray that, partaking of the Body and Blood of Christ, we may be gathered into one by the Holy Spirit.

Remember, Lord, your Church, spread throughout the world, and bring her to the fullness of charity, together with N. our Pope and N. our Bishop and all the clergy.

Remember also our brothers and sisters who have fallen asleep in the hope of the resurrection, and all who have died in your mercy: welcome them into the light of your face.