

Liturgical Music for the Second Sunday of Advent

ENTRANCE HYMN: *Prepare a Way for the Lord*

Repent for the kingdom of God is at hand;
prepare a way for the Lord.

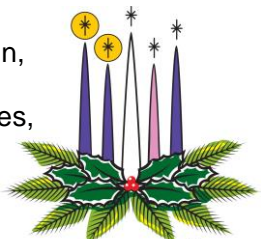
Hear a voice crying out in the wilderness,
“Make straight a path for the Lord,
a path for the Lord.

He carries a winnowing fan in his hand
in judgment over the earth.

He will gather the wheat and he'll scatter the chaff
in a fire that will never go out,
will never go out.

So listen again to the voice heard within,
To the challenging call of your God!
Turn away from sin and renew your lives,
through the saving power of Christ,
the power of Christ.

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2ND SUNDAY OF *Advent*

ADVENT WREATH CEREMONY:

The Second Candle, which can be named the John the Baptist Candle. John the Baptist was the one who prepared the way for the Lord.

Sung whilst
candle is lit

Come O Lord

O Root of Life, grow in my heart,
That I might be a branch upon Your vine,
And grow in love as You will grow in me;
And I will try to do my part,
To plant the seeds of love upon the earth,
And bring the fruits of love to one another.

**Come, O Lord! Come to every heart
And waken all who sleep to Your joy;
O Emmanuel, come to my heart,
I still look for the joy Your Christmas brings,
And I would be Your Presence in the world.**

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SPOKEN RESPONSE: Come Lord Jesus.

PSALM RESPONSE: *Psalm 71*

**Justice shall flourish in his time,
and fullness of peace forever.**

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GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.

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OFFERTORY: *I Have Loved You*

**I have loved you with an everlasting love,
I have called you and you are mine;
I have loved you with an everlasting love,
I have called you and you are mine.**

Seek the face of the Lord and long for him:
He will bring you his light and his peace.

Seek the face of the Lord and long for him:
He will bring you his joy and his hope.

Seek the face of the Lord and long for him:
He will bring you his care and his love.

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HOLY, HOLY: [Sung]

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ACCLAMATION:

We proclaim your Death, O Lord,
and profess your Resurrection
until you come again.

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LAMB OF GOD: [Sung]

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DURING COMMUNION: *You Are Mine*

I will come to you in the silence,
I will lift you from all your fear.
You will hear my voice, I claim you as my choice,
Be still and know I am here

**Do not be afraid, I am with you.
I have called you each by name.
Come and follow me, I will bring you home;
I love you and you are mine.**

I am hope for all who are hopeless,
I am eyes for all who long to see.
In the shadows of the night, I will be your light,
Come and rest in me.

I am strength for all the despairing,
Healing for the ones who dwell in shame.
All the blind will see, the lame will all run free,
And all will know my name.

I am the Word that leads all to freedom.
I am the peace the world cannot give.
I will call your name, embracing all your pain,
Stand up, now walk, and live!

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RECESSIONAL:

Every Valley

**Ev'ry valley shall be exalted
and ev'ry hill made low.
And all God's people shall see together
the glory of the Lord.**

A voice cries out in the wilderness:
“Prepare the way of the Lord.
Make straight in the desert a highway,
A highway for our God.”

Comfort all my people.
The time for war is gone.
The blind shall see, the deaf shall hear,
The lame shall leap for joy.

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PLEASE PRAY FOR THOSE WHO HAVE RECENTLY DIED: Rosina Zupanc & Barbara Scown.

PLEASE PRAY FOR THOSE WHOM WE REMEMBER: Rita Vanderbyl, David Samson, James Brosnan, Tom Kelly, Frank & Kathleen Nolan, Frank & Irene Nolan, Lorraine Murphy, Paddy Gough, Colleen Gehrke, Brian McCarthy, Sung Nguyen, Khalil El Alzm and his family, Peter Maczyszyn, Gerry Thiele, Andrew & Mary Killin, Eric & Peter Tilley, Brian Meara, Kirtley & Dolan families, Stan Patch, Brian Czulowski, Jack Short, Stan Gehrke, Rocky Millington, Jim Ryan, Jack & Eileen McMahon, Frank & Miriam O’Leary, Eric Cross, Pearl Noonan, Bob & John Skippington, Val O’Dempsey, Roy James, Thomas Boyle, Margery Boyle, Ellie & Ossie Cody, Mike Cody, Helen Cody, Maureen & Lex Levinson, Fr Harold Buckley, Harry & Marjorie Buckley, Moira Murphy, Melinda & Arthur Murphy, Bernice & Clement Goan, Arthur & Brian Bracey & Grahame Coultas.

LET US PRAY for those who are sick or recovering from surgery: Sr Teresa Lyne, Marian Siczek, Lilian Morrison, Brian Kay, Margaret Leahy, Rodney Newton, Michele Besgrove, Phyllis Cook, Dale Murphy (Pat Murphy’s son), Gordon Broughton, Koretti Manutai, Diane Brown, Dakota Smith, Rebecca Smith, Jodie Eade, Don Gallaway, Dominic Galligan, Ann Fowler, Martin, Ann Topping, Norma Caldwell, Ron Jones, Monica Jones, Josie Campion, Gen Waters, Jack Burchill, Kody Smith, Theresa Alexander, Joana Ambrad, Nena Preverin, Imogen Smith, Valerie Mills, Sophie Leonard, Kalayanee Jitpakdee, David Stewart, Anthony Eden, Michael Mulkerin, Lachlan Summerville, Margaret Pawson, Concetta Tiberi, Noela Shute, Ethan Bauer, Trish Spark, Philippa Swain, Stuart McLean, John McKeough, Aiden, Pat Stuart, Bridgette Muller, Errol Nutley, Darcy Watt, Hazel Seller, Lisa Lynch, Minna Ward, Paul McKean, Madge McLennan & Karen Purdie.

We also include in our prayers all the aged and sick to whom we take Communion.

We pray for the safety and good judgement of those serving in our defence forces overseas.

(Please contact us when you feel that it is appropriate to remove the name of your friend or loved one from our Parish Prayer List)

BOOK OF REMEMBRANCE ANNIVERSARIES 4 December - 10 December

Cecil Anderson, David Bunter, Jack Slattery, Sarah Breslin, Vicki Carroll, Col Connors, Tim Galligan, L. Farrell, Maria Gheno, Lloyd Jones, Daphne Leschke, Jack Manning, Kath Quinane, Bob Roberts, Elizabeth Smith, Ivan Wust, Sarah Dunning, John Caruana, Jean Cassidy, Johanna Galligan, Robert (Bob) Layton, Stephen O’Farrell, Iole Peacock, Verbena van Twest, Shirley Zammit, John Carroll, Hugh Daly, Frances Diете, Catherine Dunstan, Declan Fegan, Paolo Pitruzzello, Margarete Praug, Kathalene Deaves, Kathleen McCormick, Essie O’Donoghue, Peter Vergotis & Hilda Casey.

NEXT WEEK’S LITURGY - GROUP 2

YEAR A – THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

1st Reading: Is 35:1-6, 10 2nd Reading: James 5:7-10 Gospel Text: Matthew 11:2-11

| 10/11 December | 5.00pm Vigil | 7.00am | 8.15am - Riverview | 9.30am |
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| READERS | Margaret Kane Phyllis Cook Leanne Cook | Bob Myatt Bonnie Mulroney ----- | Michaela Dodrill Stellina Manutai Esau Manutai | Niamh Conway Carmel James Thomas McEniery Angela Ryan |
| EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF COMMUNION | Evelyn Le Bherz Elaine Norris Benjamin Raj Yvonne O’Reilly ----- | Francis Klein Les Scott Yvonne Folan Cora Bennett Barbara Engelbrecht | Jean Siczek Koreti Manutai Asolelei Sefo Jim Dodrill Melissa Dodrill | Leonie McEniery Matthew Starkey Breenna Conway Finn Conway Katie McAndrew |
| ALTAR SERVERS | 5.00pm – Michael Tait, Nicholas Everding 8.15am – ----- 9.30am – Gabe Shirley, Sam Morris | | | |
| CHURCH CLEANING | C Family | | | |
| COUNTERS: Group - | FIRST COLLECTION: \$ 1,121-60 | | SECOND COLLECTION: \$ 1,969-30 | |

REFLECTION

John proclaimed that the reign of God was ‘at hand’ as he immersed and plunged followers into the waters of the Jordan River. (His nickname was John the Immerser, or ‘baptiser’ in the Greek.) He used flowing water to symbolise the washing away of the past for those who repented so that they could be totally focused on the ‘at hand’ person who would inaugurate God’s kingdom.

In this passage, John does not identify the ‘Someone’! But he realised that this ‘Someone’ would have divine power to affect the future by immersing, baptising, his followers with the Holy Spirit and with fire.

At this stage of Advent, we should be like John’s disciples, filled with a sense of anticipation, looking forward to the *coming towards us* (‘Advent’ in Latin) of the One who can flood our minds and bodies with the Holy Spirit and can immerse our hearts in Divine Fire.

We could pause for a moment to thank God that, even though we are unworthy to carry His sandals, there is One who is coming towards us wanting to transform us with Divine Power. © Fr Michael Tate

