

CELEBRATION of the EUCHARIST



Saint John the Baptist, altarpiece panel Lippo Memmi , (c.1325)

Second Sunday of Advent



December 10, 2023

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INTRODUCTORY RITES

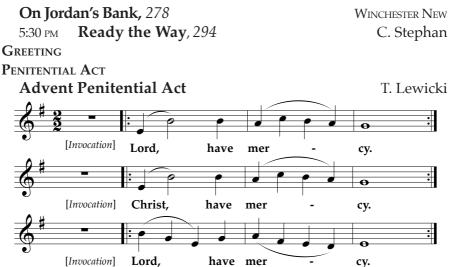


ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

cf. Isaiah 30:19, 30

O people of Sion, 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.

ENTRANCE HYMN



Collect



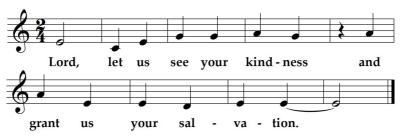
FIRST READING

Prepare the way of the Lord.

Isaiah 40:5, 9-10

Responsorial Psalm

Ps. 85:9-10, 11-12, 13-14



I will hear what God proclaims; the Lord - for he proclaims peace to his people. Near indeed is his salvation to those who fear him, glory dwelling in our land. R

Kindness and truth shall meet; justice and peace shall kiss. Truth shall spring out of the earth, and justice shall look down from heaven. R

The Lord himself will give his benefits; our land shall yield its increase. Justice shall walk before him, and salvation, along the way of his steps. R We await new heavens and a new earth.

2 Peter 3:8-14



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

Gospel

Make straight the paths of the Lord.

Mark 1:1-8

HOMILY

PROFESSION of FAITH 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, All how. 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. **UNIVERSAL PRAYER**

Our response is, Come, O Lord, and set us free.

LITURGY of the EUCHARIST



PREPARATION of the ALTAR and the GIFTS

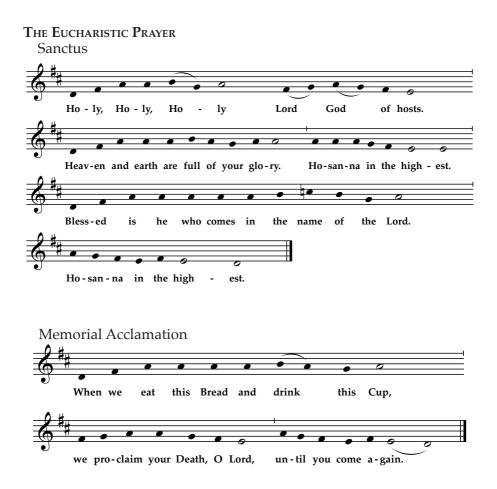
Comfort, Comfort, O My People, 295 5:30 PM Like a Shepherd, 622 11:30 AM Comfort, Comfort, Ye My People Geneva 42 B. Dufford, S.J. C. Goudimel (1510-1572)

omfort, comfort, ye my people, speak ye peace thus saith our God; comfort those who sit in darkness mourning 'neath their sorrow's load. Speak ye to Jerusalem of the peace that waits for them; tell her that her sins I cover, and her warfare now is over.

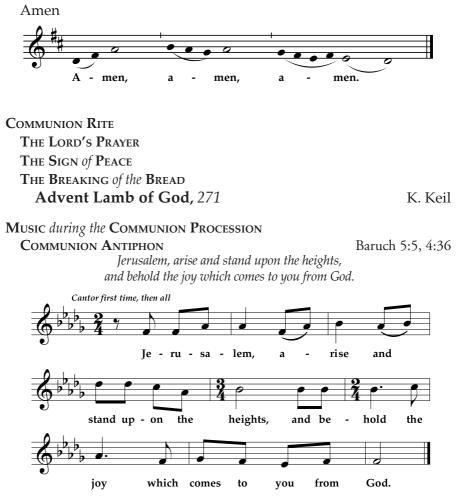
Hark, the voice of one that crieth in the desert far and near, bidding all men to repentance since the kingdom now is here. Oh, that warning cry obey! Now prepare for God a way; let the valleys rise to meet him and the hills bow down to greet him.

Make ye straight what long was crooked, make the rougher places plain; let your hearts be true and humble as befits his holy reign. For the glory of the Lord now o'er earth is shed abraod; and all flesh shall see the token that his word is never broken.

Text: Based on Isaiah 40:1-8; Johann G. Olearius (1611-1684), translation by Catherine Winkworth (1827-1878)



PRAYER over the **O**FFERINGS



5:30 PM Every Valley, 289 A Voice Cries Out, 276 11:30 AM The Advent Carol

Count, if you can, all the stars in the heavens;" Abraham marveled as Mystery spoke. "Next year a son!" the trav'ler had promised; and Sarah had laughed at what seemed but a joke.

Faceless the Myst'ry, nameless the Trav'ler, Dreams beyond words set the stage for God's grace. Faith dares to hope in a promise unlikely, For Love is God's name and the glimpse of God's face.

God of our doubting, God ever faithful, God of our questioning, God the all-wise, God our Emmanuel, God Maranatha, God the unchanging, God the surprise.

Sunk in the depths of his people's despairing, How dare Isaiah trust dreams in his heart? Dead though the root, yet a new flow'r will blossom, from death and Text: Peter Scagnelli (1949-2017)

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decay there will bloom a fresh start.

Where did the Prophet look? Close to the present, Israel's hope was its newly born King. "Wonderful Counselor," King Hezekiah, oh surely of him did the oracle sing.

No mortal ruler incarnates such promise, No earthly king can be called Prince of Peace; Past his own vision Isaiah was pointing; oh When would the longing of Israel cease?

Though in the fullness of time came the Virgin, Bearing the Christ, he who makes all things new; Still it is Advent, the last page of Scripture prays: "Come, Lord! The world is still waiting for you!"

PRAYER after COMMUNION

CONCLUDING RITES



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Christmas 2023 Mass Schedule		
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Sun., Dec. 24	4:00 рм	English (Church)
	4:15 рм	English (PAC)
	4:30 рм	English (Metz Middle
		School)
	6:00 рм	English (Church)
	8:00 PM	Spanish (Church)
Mon., Dec. 25	12:00 MIDNIGHT English (Church)*	
		English (Church)
	9:30 AM	English (Church)
	11:30 AM	English (Church)*
	1:30 рм	Spanish (Church)*
	3:30 рм	Spanish (Church)

*N.B. The Midnight Mass and 11:30 AM and 1:30 PM Christmas Day Masses will be live-streamed for those unable to attend in person. There are no evening Mass on Christmas Day.



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