

SUNDAY 5th DECEMBER 2021
2nd of Advent

Collect

O Lord, raise up we pray,
your power and come among us,
and with great might succour us;
that whereas, through our sins and wickedness
we are grievously hindered
in running the race that is set before us,
your bountiful grace and mercy
may speedily help and deliver us;
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,
to whom with you and the Holy Spirit,
be honour and glory, now and for ever.



1st Reading - 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 that comes from God; put on your head
the diadem of the glory of the Everlasting; for God
will show your splendour everywhere under heaven.
For God will give you evermore the name, 'Righteous
Peace, Godly Glory.' Arise, O Jerusalem, stand upon
the height; look toward 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 out 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.

Psalm - Benedictus (Luke 1.68-79)

Blessed be the Lord the God of Israel,
who has come to his people and set them free.
He has raised up for us a mighty Saviour,
Born of the house of his servant David. *℟*

Through his holy prophets God promised of old
to save us from our enemies,
From the hands of all that hate us,
to show mercy to our ancestors,
And to remember his holy covenant. *℟*

In the tender compassion of our God
The dawn from on high shall break upon us,
To shine on those who dwell
in darkness and the shadow of death,
And to guide our feet into the way of peace. *℟*



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2nd Reading - Philippians 1.3-11

My brothers and sisters, I thank my God every time
I remember you, constantly praying with joy in
every one of my prayers for all of you, because of your
sharing in the gospel from the first day until now.
I am confident of this, that the one who began a good
work among you will bring it to completion by the
day of Jesus Christ. It is right for me to think this way
about all of you, because you hold me in your heart,
for all of you share in God's grace with me, both in my
imprisonment and in the defence and confirmation of
the gospel. For God is my witness, how I long for all
of you with the compassion of Christ Jesus. And this
is my prayer, that your love may overflow more and
more with knowledge and full insight to help you to
determine what is best, so that in the day of Christ
you may be pure and blameless, having produced the
harvest of righteousness that comes through Jesus
Christ for the glory and praise of God.

Gospel - Luke 3.1-6

In the fifteenth year of the reign of Emperor
Tiberius, when Pontius Pilate was governor of
Judea, and Herod was ruler of Galilee, and his brother
Philip ruler of the region of Ituraea and Trachonitis,
and Lysanias ruler of Abilene, during the high-
priesthood of Annas and Caiaphas, the word of God
came to John son of Zechariah in the wilderness.
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 the prophet Isaiah, 'The voice of one crying
out 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 be made straight, and the rough
ways made smooth; and all flesh shall see
the salvation of God.'"

Post Communion Prayer

Father in heaven,
who sent your Son to redeem the world
and will send him again to be our judge:
give us grace so to imitate him
in the humility and purity of his first coming
that, when he comes again,
we may be ready to greet him
with joyful love and firm faith;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

