

READINGS AND CREED INSERT • 12/6/20 •  
THE SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

**FIRST READING**

Is 40:1-5, 9-11

Comfort, give comfort to my people, says your God. Speak tenderly to Jerusalem, and proclaim to her that her service is at an end, her guilt is expiated; indeed, she has received from the hand of the LORD double for all her sins. A voice cries out: In the desert prepare the way of the LORD! Make straight in the wasteland a highway for our God! Every valley shall be filled in, every mountain and hill shall be made low; the rugged land shall be made a plain, the rough country, a broad valley. Then the glory of the LORD shall be revealed, and all people shall see it together; for the mouth of the LORD has spoken. Go up on to a high mountain, Zion, herald of glad tidings; cry out at the top of your voice, Jerusalem, herald of good news! Fear not to cry out and say to the cities of Judah: Here is your God! Here comes with power the Lord GOD, who rules by his strong arm; here is his reward with him, his recompense before him. Like a shepherd he feeds his flock; in his arms he gathers the lambs, carrying them in his bosom, and leading the ewes with care.

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM** (5:00pm, 7:15am, and 8:30am)

From Psalm 85

*Antiphon:* Lord, let us see Your kindness, and grant us Your salvation.

**SECOND READING**

2 Peter 3:8-14

Do not ignore this one fact, beloved, that with the Lord one day is like a thousand years and a thousand years like one day. The Lord does not delay his promise, as some regard “delay,” but he is patient with you, not wishing that any should perish but that all should come to repentance. But the day of the Lord will come like a thief, and then the heavens will pass away with a mighty roar and the elements will be dissolved by fire, and the earth and everything done on it will be found out. Since everything is to be dissolved in this way, what sort of persons ought you to be, conducting yourselves in holiness and devotion, waiting for and hastening the coming of the day of God, because of which the heavens will be dissolved in flames and the elements melted by fire. But according to his promise we await new heavens and a new earth in which righteousness dwells. Therefore, beloved, since you await these things, be eager to be found without spot or blemish before him, at peace.

**GOSPEL**

Mark 1:1-8

The beginning of the gospel of Jesus Christ the Son of God. As it is written in Isaiah the prophet: Behold, I am sending my messenger ahead of you; he will prepare your way. A voice of one crying out in the desert: “Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight his paths.” John the Baptist appeared in the desert proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. People of the whole Judean countryside and all the inhabitants of Jerusalem were going out to him and were being baptized by him in the Jordan River as they acknowledged their sins. John was clothed in camel’s hair, with a leather belt around his waist. He fed on locusts and wild honey. And this is what he proclaimed: “One mightier than I is coming after me. I am not worthy to stoop and loosen the thongs of his sandals. I have baptized you with water; he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit.”

**HOLY COMMUNION**

We invite all Catholics who are properly disposed (i.e., in the state of grace and having fasted for one hour before communion) to come forward in the usual way to receive Holy Communion. All others, including our non-Catholic guests, may remain in their pews and join us in prayer.

Alternatively, to participate in the communion procession and receive a blessing, come forward in the line and cross your arms over your chest as you approach the minister. Thank you.

## 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,  
/bow/ 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.

## PROPER SUNG BY THE CHOIR AT 11:00am MASS • PLEASE DO NOT JOIN IN THE SINGING.

**ENTRANCE ANTIPHON** *Populus Sion* cf. Is 30:19,30; Ps 80:2  
Pópulus Sion, ecce, Dóminus véniet ad salvándas gentes: et audítam fáciat Dóminus glóriam vocis suæ in lætítia  
cordis vestri. *℟. Qui regis Israë́l, inténde: qui dedúcis, velut ovem, Ioseph.*  
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. *℟. O Shepherd of Israel, harken, You who lead Joseph like a flock.*

**GRADUAL** (in place of the Responsorial Psalm at 11:00am) Ps 50:2-3, 5  
Ex Sion species decóris eius: Deus manífeste véniet.  
*℟. Congregáte illi sanctos eius, qui ordinavérunt testaméntum eius super sacrificia.*  
From Sion, perfect in beauty, God shines forth.  
*℟. Gather His faithful ones before Him, those who have made a covenant with Him by sacrifice.*

**ALLELUIA** Ps 122:1  
Alleluia, Alleluia. *℟. Laetatus sum in his quae dicta sunt mihi: in domum Domini ibimus.*  
Alleluia, Alleluia. *℟. I rejoiced when it was said unto me: "Let us go to the house of the Lord!"*

**OFFERTORY ANTIPHON** *Deus tu convertens* Ps 85:7-9  
Deus, tu convértens vivificábis nos, et plebs tua lætábitur in te: osténde nobis, Dómine, misericórdiam tuam,  
et salutáre tuum da nobis.  
*You will turn to us, O God, and give us life; Your people shall rejoice in You. Show us, O Lord, Your mercy, and grant us  
Your salvation.*

**COMMUNION ANTIPHON** *Ierusalem, surge* Bar 4:36  
Ierusalem, surge, et sta in excelso: et vide iucunditatem, quae veniet tibi a Deo tuo.  
*Ierusalem, arise and stand upon the heights, and behold the joy which comes to you from God.*

*Today's Mass Ordinary is Mass XVII from the Kyriale. The anthem is Howells' "O pray for the peace of  
Jerusalem"; the Marian antiphon for the seasons of Advent and Christmas, Alma Redemptoris Mater, is  
sung during the exiting procession.*

*Please remember our Advent Recitals (4:30pm) and Vespers (5:15pm) on each Sunday of Advent. **This week's  
recital is presented by the Sister Servants of the Eternal Word; Sr. Benedicta Marie, SsEW,  
director; Sr. Margaret Mary, SsEW, organ and soprano.** Please visit the Sacred Music tab of our website  
([www.stpaulsbhm.org/sacred-music](http://www.stpaulsbhm.org/sacred-music)) for more info on this week and upcoming recitals.*