



St. Leo's Parish Community
First Sunday of Advent
Sunday, November 28, 2021



Welcome to St Leo's!
*We are so glad you
could join us!*



Second Sunday of Advent



The Sunday of *Peace*

Our peace is found in God and in his Son, Jesus Christ.

John the Baptist and all the prophets remind us that to receive peace we must be prepared for it.

We light this candle today to remind us that Christ is the Prince of Peace he is the one promised from the beginning of the world.

We thank God for the Hope he gives us and for the Peace he bestows.

Gathering Song: A Voice Cries Out

A VOICE CRIES OUT

Michael Joncas

Verse 1

1. Con - sole my peo - ple, the ones dear to me; speak to the
heart of Je - ru - sa - lem: the time of your mourn - ing is
end - ed now, the Lord of life will come.

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A voice cries out in the wil - der - ness: "Pre - pare a
way for the Lord!" A voice cries out in the wil - der -
ness: "Make straight a high - way for God!"

Verses 2, 4

2. Ev - 'ry val - ley is made a plain, ev - 'ry moun - tain is
4. Zi - on, shout from the moun - tain top, lift up your voice, O Je -
2. lev - eled; the glo - ry of God shall then be re -
4. ru - sa - lem, and say to the peo - ple of God's own
2. vealed, and the na - tions will sing in praise.
4. land, "Be - hold, be - hold your God!"

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A VOICE CRIES OUT (CONT. 2)

Verse 3

3. A voice shouts: "Cry!" O what shall I cry? All flesh is like
grass and its flow - ers: the grass may with - er, the

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3. flow - ers may fade, but the Word of the Lord is for - ev - er.

Verse 5

5. The Lord will ap - pear as a shep - herd, hold - ing his
lams in his arms, keep - ing his flock so
5. close to his heart, lead - ing them all, old and young.

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Greeting

Penitential Act: *Confiteor*

I confess to almighty God and to you,
my brothers and sisters,
that I have greatly sinned
in my thoughts and in my words,
in what I have done
and in what I have failed to do,
through my fault, through my fault,
through my most grievous fault;
Therefore I ask blessed Mary ever-Virgin,
all the Angels and Saints;
and you, my brothers and sisters,
to pray for me to the Lord our God.

-AND/OR-

Lord have Mercy,
Christ have Mercy,
Lord have Mercy

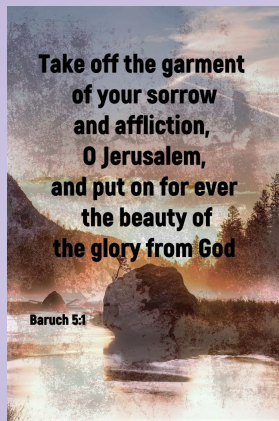


Liturgy of the Word

1st Reading **Bar 5:1-9**

Jerusalem, take off your robe of mourning and misery;
put on the splendor of glory from God forever:
wrapped in the cloak of justice from God,
bear on your head the mitre
that displays the glory of the eternal name.
For God will show all the earth your splendor:
you will be named by God forever
the peace of justice, the glory of God's worship.

Up, Jerusalem! stand upon the heights;
look to the east and see your children
gathered from the east and the west
at the word of the Holy One,
rejoicing that they are remembered by God.
Led away on foot by their enemies they left you:
but God will bring them back to you
borne aloft in glory as on royal thrones.
For God has commanded
that every lofty mountain be made low,
and that the age-old depths and gorges
be filled to level ground,
that Israel may advance secure in the glory of God.



The forests and every fragrant kind of tree
have overshadowed Israel at God's command;
for God is leading Israel in joy by the light of his
glory, with his mercy and justice for company.

The Word of the Lord,

~Thanks be to God



Responsorial Psalm Ps 126:1-2, 2-3, 4-5, 6.

R. The Lord has done great things for us; we are filled with joy.

When the LORD brought back the captives of Zion,
we were like men dreaming.

Then our mouth was filled with laughter,
and our tongue with rejoicing.

R. The Lord has done great things for us; we are filled with joy.

Then they said among the nations,
“The LORD has done great things for them.”

The LORD has done great things for us;
we are glad indeed.

R. The Lord has done great things for us; we are filled with joy.

Restore our fortunes, O LORD,
like the torrents in the southern desert.

Those who sow in tears
shall reap rejoicing.

R. The Lord has done great things for us; we are filled with joy.

Although they go forth weeping,
carrying the seed to be sown,
They shall come back rejoicing,
carrying their sheaves.

R. The Lord has done great things for us; we are filled with joy.



2nd Reading Phil 1:4-6, 8-11

Brothers and sisters:

I pray always with joy in my every prayer
for all of you,

because of your partnership for the gospel
from the first day until now.

I am confident of this,
that the one who began a good work in you
will continue to complete it
until the day of Christ Jesus.

God is my witness,
how I long for all of you with the affection
of Christ Jesus.

And this is my prayer:
that your love may increase ever more and more
in knowledge and every kind of perception,
to discern what is of value,
so that you may be pure and blameless
for the day of Christ,
filled with the fruit of righteousness
that comes through Jesus Christ
for the glory and praise of God.

The Word of the Lord,
~Thanks be to God

I AM SURE OF THIS, THAT HE WHO BEGAN
A GOOD WORK IN YOU WILL BRING IT
TO COMPLETION AT THE DAY OF
JESUS CHRIST.

PHILIPPIANS 1:6



Alleluia

R. Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.

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

R. Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.



Gospel Lk 3:1-6

In the fifteenth year of the reign of Tiberius Caesar,
when Pontius Pilate was governor of Judea,
and Herod was tetrarch of Galilee,
and his brother Philip tetrarch of the region
of Ituraea and Trachonitis,
and Lysanias was tetrarch of Abilene,
during the high priesthood of Annas and Caiaphas,
the word of God came to John
the son of Zechariah in the desert.
John went throughout the whole region of 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:

A voice of one crying out in the desert:

“Prepare the way of the Lord,
make straight his paths.

Every valley shall be filled

and every mountain and hill shall be made low.

The winding roads shall be made straight,

and the rough ways made smooth,
and all flesh shall see the salvation of God.”

The Gospel of the Lord,
~ **Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ**



Profession of Faith:

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.**

Universal Prayer: Prayers of Petition

~ Lord, hear our prayer



Liturgy of the Eucharist

Eucharistic Acclamations:

R: Blessed be God forever

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R: 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

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R: And with your spirit

R: We lift them up to the Lord

R: It is right and just.

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Holy, Holy, Holy Lord God of hosts.

Heaven and earth are full, full of your glory.

Hosanna, hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna, Hosanna in the highest.

Hosanna, Hosanna in the highest.

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

Or

When we eat this Bread and drink this Cup

We proclaim your Death, O Lord, until you come again

Or

Save us, Savior of the world,

for by your Cross and Resurrection you have set us free

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Amen, Amen, Amen, Amen, Amen

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The Lord's Prayer

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.*

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For the kingdom, the power and glory
are yours now and forever.~Amen



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Sign of Peace

R: And with your Spirit

(to one another) :

~ *Peace be with you!*

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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.

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R: Lord I am not worthy that should enter under my
roof, but only say the word and my soul shall be
healed.



Spiritual Communion:

My Jesus, I believe that you are present
in the Most Holy Sacrament.

I love you above all things,
and I desire to receive you into my soul.

Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally,
Come at least spiritually into my heart.

I embrace You as if You were already there
And unite myself wholly to You.

Never permit me to be separated from You.

Amen.



Communion Song: Beyond the Moon and Stars

BEYOND THE MOON AND STARS

Dan Schutte

Refrain



Be-yond the moon and stars, as deep as night, so great our



hun-ger, Lord, to see your light. The spar-row finds her home



be-neath your wing. So may we come to rest where an-gels

Verses



sing. 1. Our eyes have longed to see your lov - ing

2. Your roads have led us, Lord, 'cross des - ert

3. Up - on our dark-ness, Lord, a light has

4. With shin - ing star at night. and cloud by

5. When life's great jour - nev ends. and day is



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1. face, to live with - in your courts for all our days.

2. sand. We place our hopes and dreams with - in your hand.

3. shone. You chose to dwell with us in flesh and bone.

4. day. you brought us here to see your love's dis - play.

5. done then may our eyes be - hold your Ho - ly One.

READY THE WAY

Bob Hurd

Verses



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| 1. "Read - y the way of the Lord! | Read - y the |
| 2. "Let ev - 'ry val - ley be filled. | Let ev - 'ry |
| 3. Des - ert and waste-land will bloom. | Des - ert and |
| 4. Those who are blind will then see. | Those who are |
| 5. Strength-en the ones who are weak. | Strength-en the |



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| 1. way of the Lord!" | A voice — cries out in the wil - der - |
| 2. val - ley be filled. | Let ev - 'ry moun-tain be hum - |
| 3. waste-land will bloom. | ‡ Glo - ry and splen - dor will fill the |
| 4. deaf will then hear. | ‡ Those who are lame will then leap for |
| 5. ones who are weak. | ‡ Say to the fright-ened: "Have cour - |



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| 1. ness: "Read - y the way of the Lord!" | (to Verse 2) |
| 2. bled; let ev - 'ry val - ley be filled." | (to Refrain) |
| 3. land. Des - ert and waste-land will bloom. | (to Verse 4) |
| 4. joy. Those who are mute will then sing. | (to Refrain) |
| 5. age." Strength-en the ones who are weak. | (to Refrain) |

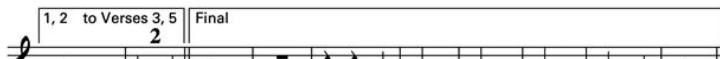
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Here is your God, com-ing with your vin-di - ca - tion.



Look and be-hold the sav - ing pow - er of God.



The sav - ing pow - er of God.

Concluding Rite

Closing Song:

Ready the Way



Vocations Prayer

Heavenly Father,
Bless our diocese with the grace of many vocations
to the priesthood, diaconate and to religious life.
Through the intercession of the Blessed Mother,
grant to those You have called
the willingness and the generosity of spirit
to give of themselves in devoting their lives and their talents
to the service of our Lord and to His Church.

Increase the faith of all within our diocese,
and especially the faith of those You are calling.
We ask this through Christ, Your Son our Lord. ~ **Amen**

Peace

THE SEASON OF ADVENT





Thank you, again, for joining us today for Mass!
~~There is nothing like receiving the Holy Eucharist~~
We hope to see you soon.