

Sunday, December 8, 2024
Second Sunday of Advent

Prayer for the Morning

In the Lord's day justice shall flourish: come, let us adore him!

Glory to the Father...Amen. Alleluia!

Hymn

Meter: CM

The King shall come when morning dawns
And light triumphant breaks;
When beauty gilds the eastern hills
And life to joy awakes.
Not, as of old, a little child,
To bear, and fight, and die,
But crowned with glory like the sun
That lights the morning sky.
The King shall come when morning dawns
And light and beauty brings.
Hail, Christ the Lord! thy people pray:
Come quickly, King of kings.

Psalm

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Wrapped in the cloak of justice from God, bear on your head the mitre/ that displays the glory of the eternal name. (Bar 5:2)

Robed in majesty, might, and power, the Lord promises to extend his mantle of justice over all the world. Safe in his shadow, armed with his promise, let us sing songs of joy as we await his coming in glory.

The Lord is king, with majesty enrobed;
the Lord has robed himself with might,
he has girded himself with power.
The world you made firm, not to be moved;
your throne has stood firm from of old.
From all eternity, O Lord, you are.
The waters have lifted up, O Lord,
the waters have lifted up their voice,
the waters have lifted up their thunder.
Greater than the roar of mighty waters,
more glorious than the surgings of the sea,
the Lord is glorious on high.
Truly your decrees are to be trusted.
Holiness is fitting to your house,
O Lord, until the end of time.

Glory to the Father...

Word of God

Isaiah 61:1-3

The spirit of the Lord God is upon me, / because the Lord has anointed me; / He has sent me to bring glad tidings to the lowly, / to heal the brokenhearted, / To proclaim liberty to the captives / and release to the prisoners, / To announce a year of favor from the Lord / and a day of vindication by our God, / to comfort all who mourn; / To place on those who mourn in Zion / a diadem instead of ashes, / To give them oil of gladness in place of mourning, / a glorious mantle instead of a listless spirit.

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. (Bar 5:3-4)

Canticle of Zechariah

Jerusalem, take off your robe of mourning and misery; / put on the splendor of glory from God forever. (Bar 5:1)

Blessed be the Lord, the God of Israel; he has come to his people and set them free. He has raised up for us a mighty savior, born of the house of his servant David.

Through his holy prophets he promised of old that he would save us from our enemies, from the hands of all who hate us. He promised to show mercy to our fathers and to remember his holy covenant.

This was the oath he swore to our father Abraham: to set us free from the hands of our enemies, free to worship him without fear, holy and righteous in his sight all the days of our life.

You, my child, shall be called the prophet of the Most High; for you will go before the Lord to prepare his way, to give his people knowledge of salvation by the forgiveness of their sins.

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.

Glory to the Father...

Intercessions

The promised day of the Lord is always today. In hope, let us pray:

R/Come, Lord, do not delay!

You are enrobed with majesty; might and power are yours: – come and establish your kingdom over all the earth. **R/**

You bring healing to the brokenhearted, liberty to -captives, comfort to those who mourn: – come and fill the world with your glory. **R/**

You keep the promises you have made: – prepare all hearts to receive you with joy. **R/**

Personal intentions

Our Father....

O God of glory, you have sent your only Son into our midst to bear us in joy into your presence. Waken those whose faith slumbers; stir up those whose love has waned into indifference; rouse to fullness of life those who have abandoned their journey toward you amid the hardships they have met along the way. Through the same Christ our Lord. Amen.

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Reading 1

Baruch 5:1-9

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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.

Reading 2

Philippians 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.

Gospel

Luke 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."

Men of St. Joseph Prayer

St. Joseph, help me to be like you. Help me to be obedient to the teachings of the Church and faithful to God's commands. Help me to patiently endure my cross each day. Let me be a model of holiness and a pillar of virtue. I solemnly promise to embrace God's will and I accept the challenge to work tirelessly for my family's salvation. Be my guide and companion on this journey. St. Joseph, terror of demons, pray for us!

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