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Second Sunday of Advent C

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.

First Reading

Baruch 5:1-9

A reading from the prophet Baruch

*Jerusalem – God will show you
splendour.*

Jerusalem, take off your dress of sorrow
and distress,
put on the beauty of the glory of God for
ever,
wrap the cloak of the integrity of God
around you,
put the diadem of the glory of the Eternal
on your head:
since God means to show your splendour
to every nation under heaven,
since the name God gives you for ever will
be,
'Peace through integrity, and honour
through devotedness'.
Arise, Jerusalem, stand on the heights
and turn your eyes to the east:
see your sons reassembled from west and
east
at the command of the Holy One, jubilant
that God has remembered them.
Though they left you on foot,
with enemies for an escort,
now God brings them back to you
like royal princes carried back in glory.
For God has decreed the flattening
of each high mountain, of the everlasting
hills,

the filling of the valleys to make the
ground level
so that Israel can walk in safety under the
glory of God.
And the forests and every fragrant tree will
provide shade
for Israel at the command of God;
for God will guide Israel in joy by the light
of his glory
with his mercy and integrity for escort.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 125. R. v.3

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

1. When the Lord delivered Zion from
bondage,
it seemed like a dream.
Then was our mouth filled with
laughter,
on our lips there were songs. **(R.)**
2. The heathens themselves said: 'What
marvels
the Lord worked for them!'
What marvels the Lord worked for us!
Indeed we were glad. **(R.)**
3. Deliver us, O Lord, from our bondage

as streams in dry land.
Those who are sowing in tears
will sing when they reap. **(R.)**
4. They go out, they go out, full of tears,

carrying seed for the sowing:
they come back, they come back, full of
song,
carrying their sheaves. **(R.)**

Second Reading

Philippians 1:3-6. 8-11

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Philippians

Show yourselves sinless and without blame in the day of Christ.

Every time I pray for all of you, I pray with joy, remembering how you have helped to spread the Good News from the day you first heard it right up to the present. I am quite certain that the One who began this good work in you will see that it is finished when the Day of Christ Jesus comes. God knows how much I miss you all, loving you as Christ Jesus loves you. My prayer is that your love for each other may increase more and more and never stop improving your knowledge and deepening your perception so that you can always recognise what is best. This will help you to become pure and blameless, and prepare you for the Day of Christ, when you will reach the perfect goodness which Jesus Christ produces in us for the glory and praise of God.

Gospel Acclamation

Luke 3:4. 6

Alleluia, alleluia!

Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight his paths:

all people shall see the salvation of God.

Alleluia!

Gospel

Luke 3:1-6

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

All people shall see the salvation of God.

In the fifteenth year of Tiberius Caesar's reign, when Pontius Pilate was governor of Judaea, Herod tetrarch of Galilee, his

brother Philip tetrarch of the lands of Ituraea and Trachonitis, Lysanias tetrarch of Abilene, during the pontificate of Annas and Caiaphas, the word of God came to John son of Zechariah, in the wilderness. He went through the whole Jordan district proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins, as it is written in the book of the sayings of the prophet Isaiah:

A voice cries in the wilderness;
Prepare a way for the Lord,
make his paths straight.
Every valley will be filled in,
every mountain and hill be laid low,
winding ways will be straightened
and rough roads made smooth.
And all mankind shall see the salvation
of God.

Communion Antiphon

Baruch 5:5; 4:36

Jerusalem, arise and stand upon the heights,
and behold the joy which comes to you
from God.

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