

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON (or a hymn) O 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.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM (Ps 125)

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

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

LECTOR: 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.**

LECTOR: The heathens themselves said: "What marvels the Lord worked for them!" What marvels the Lord worked for us! Indeed we were glad. **R.**

LECTOR: Deliver us, O Lord, from our bondage as streams in dry land. Those who are sowing in tears will sing when they reap. **R.**

LECTOR: 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.**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION Alleluia, alleluia! Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight his paths: all people shall see the salvation of God. Alleluia!

COMMUNION ANTIPHON (or a hymn) Jerusalem, arise and stand upon the heights, and behold the joy which comes to you from God.

TODAY'S READINGS Baruch 5:1-9; Philippians 1:3-6, 8-11; Luke 3:1-6.

NEXT WEEK (3rd Sunday of Advent, Year C) Zephaniah 3:14-18; Isaiah 12; Philippians 4:4-7; Luke 3:10-18.

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The need to forgive ourselves



5 December 2021 2nd Sunday Advent, Year C

John the Baptist is among the most theologically significant figures in the Gospels. In Luke's gospel, his birth narrative parallels that of Jesus. His conception is announced by an angel, and his birth was a surprise gift to his aged parents. The expectant mothers of Jesus and John meet and rejoice that they have been blessed by God. The children are cousins, and both will begin their mission in the desert.

Although his formative years were lived in obscurity in the desert, John's public ministry began by calling people to a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins symbolised by water baptism. Using the words of the prophet Isaiah he also called people to prepare for the coming of the Messiah. His message and ministry marked the culmination of the law and the prophets and heralded the inbreaking of the kingdom of God. He was a transitional figure between the Old and New Testaments.

His call to repentance can be viewed in two ways. Looking backward, the issue can be making up for what has been done in the past. Looking forward, it can be about getting things sorted so that the problems will hopefully not recur. However, the issue of repentance is more complicated than just having two perspectives on life. Socially, we want criminals to pay for their crimes, so we send them to prison to suffer because of their actions. It's about justice.

Many people share this view and believe that those who acted badly should get their just desserts in this life and if not then certainly in the next. Hell is imagined as God's final reckoning where the God of justice prevails. However, this is hardly an adequate view of God who through the prophets and through Jesus calls us to repent. To repent is to start anew, to make sure that past failures do not predict our future, so having repented of our failures and experienced God's forgiveness, we look forward to a better way of living. Repentance is about letting the Lord come more fully into our lives.

God is a God of love, not of vengeance, so let us start afresh in the knowledge of God's enduring love for each of us and look forward to the fullness of life to which God has called us.

In the formula of absolution in the sacrament of penance, we hear: "God the Father of mercies, through the death and resurrection of his Son has reconciled the world to himself and sent the Holy Spirit among us for the forgiveness of sin." May we hear this message of love that reconciles, believe that God has forgiven us, and be big enough to let go of the past and forgive ourselves. Repentance is not just about the past, but about a way of living into the future in knowledge of the love of God for each of us.

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Mon - Fri (incl) @ 6.30am

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find themselves isolated and unable to visit parish.

Children's Church will resume in Feb next year 2022

for Term 1. We look forward to all joining us.

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Coming **Nov-Dec-Jan 2021 - 2022**

Dec 5 2nd Week Advent Year C

Dec 12 3rd Week Advent Year C

Dec 19 4th Week Advent Year C

Dec 24 Christmas Eve, Carols 6pm with Mass 6.30pm

Dec 25 Christmas Day

Dec 26 Feast of The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, Joseph

Jan 1 Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God

Jan 2 The Epiphany of the Lord

To all doing exams, finishing schooling for the year or starting anew over this and the next few weeks, we wish you well. If you are travelling Stay Safe & enjoy holidays!

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Christmas at a glance:

Christmas Eve: Carols 6pm with Mass 6.30pm

Christmas Day: 6.30am, 8.30am

No evening Mass Christmas Day

Sun Dec 26 : 6.30am, 8.30am



Advent, a time of preparation, not just for Christmas celebrations & holidays, but for the great Nativity of Jesus. The word 'Advent' means coming. The 2nd of four candles symbolises 'love.' **May our love keep growing & may our hearts be prepared for the Day of Christ. Amen**

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RECESSIONAL B DUFFORD ALL THE ENDS OF THE EARTH

R/- All the ends of the earth, all you creatures of the sea, lift up your eyes to the wonders of the Lord. For the Lord of the earth, the Master of the sea, has come with justice for the world.

V1 Break into song at the deeds of the Lord, the wonders God has done in every age. **R/-**

V2 Heaven and earth shall rejoice in your might; every heart, every nation call you Lord. **R/-**

PROCESSIONAL B FARRELL CHRIST BE OUR LIGHT

V1 Longing for light, we wait in darkness. Longing for truth, we turn to you. Make us your own, your holy people, light for the world to see.

R/- Christ be our light! Shine in our hearts. Shine through the darkness. Christ, be our light! Shine in your church gathered today.

V2 Longing for peace, our world is troubled. Longing for hope, many despair. Your word alone has power to save us. Make us your living voice. **R/-**



LIGHTING OF THE CANDLE M HAUGEN GIFT OF GOD

REFER TO ATTACHED SHEET

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION REFER TO ATTACHED SHEET

OFFERTORY B FARRELL ALL THAT IS HIDDEN

V1 If you would follow me, follow where life will lead:

Do not look for me among the dead, For I am hidden in pain, risen in love; There is no harvest without sowing of grain.

R/- All that is hidden will be made clear. All that is dark now will be revealed. What you have heard in the dark

proclaim in the light; What you hear in whispers proclaim from the housetops.

V4 If you would rise with me, rise through your destiny: do not refuse the death which brings you life, for as the grain in the earth must die for rebirth, So I have planted your life deep within mine.

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REFLECTION P GRANT COMMUNION SONG

V1 We see bread and wine before us, But hidden there from our view Lies the flesh and blood of Jesus Now sacrificed for us anew. **R/- Jesus, we bring you our bodies.**

Jesus, we bring you our souls, needing nourishment, needing healing, seeking peace.

V2 On the night before he suffered He took the bread into his hands, Giving thanks and praise he broke it Saying "Take and eat, this is my body." **R/-**

V3 And when supper was then ended He took the wine, again gave thanks, Saying "Take and drink of my cup,

This is my blood to be shed for you." **R/-**