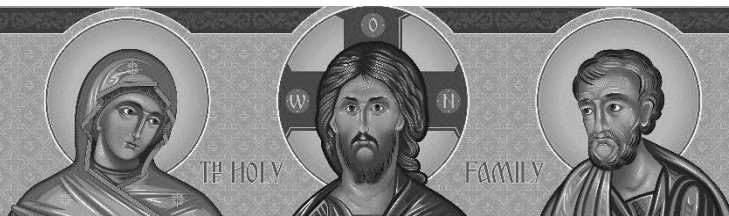


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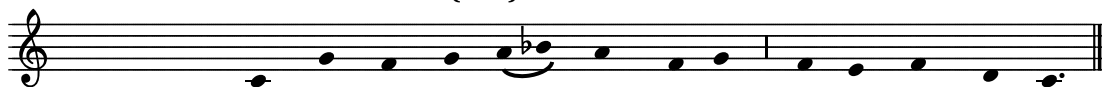
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2nd SUNDAY OF ADVENT – YEAR C – 8th of DECEMBER 2024

FIRST READING : Baruch 5:1-9

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 : Psalm 125(126)



℟ The Lord has done great things for us, we are filled with joy.

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. ℟

The heathens themselves said: "what marvels the Lord worked for them!" what marvels the Lord worked for us! Indeed we were glad. ℟

Deliver us O Lord from our bondage as streams in dry land. Those who are sowing in tears will sing when they reap. ℟

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. ℟

SECOND READING : Philippians 1:4-6,8-11

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; and 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 : Luke 3:1-6

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 Iturea 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.

FAMILY PRAYERS FOR ADVENT WREATH

What to do?

1. Begin with the Sign of the Cross
2. Light Candle
3. Say Antiphon of the Day
4. Say the Advent Prayer of that week
5. say Gospel of the Week
6. Finish with Grace before Meals.

2nd Week Prayer: O Lord, stir up our hearts that we may prepare for your only begotten Son, that through His coming, we may be made worthy to serve you with pure souls. Through the same Christ our Lord. Amen.

2nd Week Gospel (Luke 3:1-6.)

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



Second Candle and Week 2 of Advent

Monday: "O Wisdom, you come forth from the mouth of the Most High. You fill the universe and hold all things together in a strong yet gentle manner. O come to teach us the way of truth."

Tuesday: "O Adonai and leader of Israel, you appeared to Moses in a burning bush and you gave him the Law on Sinai. O come and save us with your mighty power."

Wednesday: "O stock of Jesse, you stand as a signal for the nations; kings fall silent before you whom the peoples acclaim. O come to deliver us, and do not delay."

Thursday: "O key of David and sceptre of Israel, what you open no one else can close again; what you close no one can open. O come to lead the captive from prison; free those who sit in darkness and in the shadow of death."

Friday: "O Rising Sun, you are the splendour of eternal light and the sun of justice. O come and enlighten those who sit in darkness and in the shadow of death."

Saturday: "O King whom all the people's desire, you are the cornerstone which makes all one. O come and save man whom you made from clay."

Sunday: "O Emmanuel, you are our king and judge, the One whom the peoples await and their Saviour. O come and save us, Lord, our God."

PROCESSIONAL HYMN:

O Come, O come, Emmanuel
 Redeem thy captive Israel,
 That doth in exile homeless mourn
 Until her Saviour Christ be born.

*Rejoice, rejoice! Emmanuel.
 Shall come to thee, O Israel.*

O come thou day star seen on high
 with healing for our hearts draw
 nigh:
 Do thou the mists of night dispel and
 death's forboding darkness quell.

*Rejoice, rejoice! Emmanuel.
 Shall come to thee, O Israel.*

O come of Gentile hearts, the King.
 A world that needs thee ransoming
 And save thy Servants who confess
 with humbled hearts their
 faithlessness.

*Rejoice, rejoice! Emmanuel.
 Shall come to thee, O Israel.*

OFFERTORY HYMN:

*You will turn toward us, O God,
 * and restore our life again,
 and your people will rejoice in you.
 Show us, Lord, your mercy and grant us
 your salvation.*

*O Lord, you have favored your land, *
 And brought back the captives of Jacob.
 You forgave the guilt of your people, *
 And covered all their sins.
 You averted all your rage;
 You turned back the heat of your anger.*

*Bring us back, O God, our savior!
 Put an end to your grievance against us.
 Will you be angry with us forever?
 Will your anger last from age to age?*

*I will hear what the Lord God speaks;
 He speaks of peace for his people and
 his faithful, and those who turn their
 hearts to him. His salvation is near for
 those who fear him, and his glory will
 dwell in our land.*

*Merciful love and faithfulness have met;
 Justice and peace have kissed.
 Faithfulness shall spring from the earth,
 And justice look down from heaven.*

*Also the Lord will bestow his bounty,
 And our earth shall yield its increase.
 Justice will march before him,
 and guide his steps on the way.*

Vox clamantis in deserto:
 Parate viam Domini,
 Rectas facite semitas eius.

*The voice of one crying in the
 wilderness:
 Prepare ye the way of the Lord,
 Make straight his paths.*

COMMUNION HYMN:

Come, thou long expected Jesus,
 Born to set thy people free;
 From our fears and sins release us,
 Let us find our rest in thee.

Israel's strength and consolation,
 hope of all the earth thou art:
 Dear desire of ev'ry nation,
 joy of ev'ry longing heart.

Born thy people to deliver,
 Born a child, and yet a king,
 Born to reign in us forever,
 Now thy gracious kingdom bring.

By thine own eternal Spirit
 Rule in all our hearts alone;
 By thine all sufficient merit
 Raise us to thy glorious throne.

Saviour of the nations, come;
 Virgin's Son, here make thy home!
 Marvel now, O heav'n and earth,
 That the Lord chose such a birth.

Not by human flesh and blood;
 By the Spirit of our God
 Was the Word of God made flesh,
 Woman's offspring, pure and fresh.

Wondrous birth! O wondrous child
 Of the Virgin undefiled!
 Though by all the world disowned,
 Still to be in heav'n enthroned.

From the Father forth he came
 And returneth to the same,
 Captive leading death and hell
 High the song of triumph swell!

Thou, the Father's only Son,
 Hast o'er sin the vict'ry won.
 Boundless shall thy kingdom be;
 When shall we its glories see?

Brightly doth thy manger shine,
 Glorious is its light divine.
 Let not sin o'er cloud this light;
 Ever be our faith thus bright.

RECESSIONAL HYMN:

O come, divine Messiah!
 The world in silence waits the day
 When hope shall sing its triumph,
 And sadness flee away.

*Sweet Saviour, haste;
 Come, come to earth, dispel the night
 And show thy face,
 And bid us hail the dawn of grace.
 O come, divine Messiah!
 The world in silence waits the day
 when hope shall sing its triumph,
 And sadness flee away.*

O thou, whom nations sighed for, whom
 priests and prophets
 Long foretold,
 Wilt break the captive fetters,
 Redeem the longlost fold.

Shalt come in peace and meekness,
 And lowly will thy cradle be;
 All clothed in human weakness
 Shall we thy Godhead see.

NEXT SUNDAY:

15th December 2024

3rd Sunday of Advent (Yr C)

Zeph 3:14-18; Phil 4:4-7; Lk 3:10-18;

LITURGY ROSTER

Readers: E. Shaw, S. Shaw

Prayers of the Faithful: T. Molloy

Offertory: P. Tagiilima Family

Special Ministers: P. Tagiilima

CHURCH CLEANING

P. Tagiilima Family

SUNDAY CUP OF TEA ROSTER

Mother's Prayer Group

ANNIVERSARIES THIS WEEK

8 Dec: Paddy Boyle, Eileen Moody,
 Edna Headland

9 Dec: Emma Ahio, Richard Mihaljevich
10 Dec: Kathleen Gould, France Warden,
 Ivan Vujcich

11 Dec: Carl Briant

12 Dec: Mary King

13 Dec: Eneliko Michael

14 Dec: Caylyss Anania

PARISH FINANCES

Parish \$2,831.47

Priests \$ 915.73

Total AP's and Cash \$2,747.20

HOLY FAMILY PARISH NOTICES**Christmas Mass Schedule****TUESDAY, DEC 24TH**

10pm: Carols Service

11pm: Midnight Mass

WEDNESDAY, DEC 25TH

8am: Latin Mass

10am: English Christmas Mass

Rosters for 2025 – Offertory, Church
 Cleaning, Morning Tea Rosters.

It's that time of the year again to check,
 whether you or family would like to removed
 or added to the rosters for 2025. Contact
 Ellen on 8346677 or hfp parish@xtra.co.nz

Mother's Prayer Group – St Margaret's
 Christmas Carolling, Saturday 14th December
 from 10:30am to 11:30am.

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