

# THE JERUSALEM MASS SHEET

3rd SUNDAY OF ADVENT (B)

13th December 2020

Have mercy on us all, we pray,  
that with the Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of God,  
with blessed Joseph, her Spouse,  
with the blessed Apostles,  
and all the Saints who have pleased you  
throughout the ages,  
we may merit to be coheirs to eternal life,  
and may praise and glorify you  
through your Son, Jesus Christ.

Through him, and with him, and in him,  
O God, almighty Father,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
all glory and honour is yours,  
for ever and ever.

*The people acclaim:* **Amen**

**The Communion Rite** *Stand*

*The Priest invites all to join in 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.**

*The Priest continues alone:*  
Deliver us, Lord, we pray, ...  
**For the kingdom,  
the power and the glory are yours  
now and for ever.**

*The Priest says:*  
Lord Jesus Christ... **Amen.**  
The peace of the Lord be with you always.  
**And with your spirit.**

*The Deacon, or the Priest, adds:*  
Let us offer each other the sign of peace.

*The Priest takes the host and breaks it.  
Meanwhile the people say or sing:*

**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.** *Kneel*

*The Priest shows the host to the people and says:*  
Behold the Lamb of God,  
behold him who takes away the sins of the world.  
Blessed are those called to the supper of the Lamb.  
**Lord, I am not worthy  
that you should enter under my roof,  
but only say the word  
and my soul shall be healed.**

*The Priest or other minister says to each  
communicant:*  
The Body [Blood] of Christ.

*Each communicant answers:* **Amen.**

**Communion Antiphon** Cf. Is 35:4  
**Say to the faint of heart: Be strong and do  
not fear.  
Behold, our God will come, and he will  
save us.**

**Prayer after Communion** *Stand*  
We implore your mercy, Lord,  
that this divine sustenance may cleanse us of  
our faults  
and prepare us for the coming feasts.  
Through Christ our Lord.  
**Amen.**

**THE CONCLUDING RITES**  
*Announcements may be made.* *Then:*  
*Priest:* The Lord be with you.  
*All:* **And with your spirit.**

*A formula of Solemn Blessing may be used.*  
May almighty God bless you,  
the Father, and the Son, ✠ and the Holy Spirit.  
**Amen.**

*Then the Deacon, or the Priest, says:*  
Go forth, the Mass is ended. *Or:*  
Go and announce the Gospel of the Lord. *Or:*  
Go in peace, glorifying the Lord by your life. *Or:*  
Go in peace.

**Thanks be to God.**



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## THE INTRODUCTORY RITES

**Entrance Antiphon** or a hymn *Stand*

Phil 4:4-5

**Rejoice in the Lord always; again I say, rejoice.  
Indeed, the Lord is near.**

*All make the Sign of the Cross as the Priest says:*  
In the name of the Father, and of the Son,  
and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

*The Priest greets everyone present.  
The people respond: And with your spirit.  
The Mass of the day may be introduced.*

## Penitential Act

Lord Jesus, you came to gather the nations  
into the peace of God's kingdom:  
Lord, have mercy. *Or:* Kyrie, eleison.  
**Lord, have mercy. Or: Kyrie, eleison.**

You come in word and in sacrament  
to strengthen us and make us holy:  
Christ, have mercy. *Or:* Christe, eleison.  
**Christ, have mercy. Or: Christe, eleison.**

You will come again in glory  
with salvation for your people:  
Lord, have mercy. *Or:* Kyrie, eleison.  
**Lord, have mercy. Or: Kyrie, eleison.**

*The absolution by the Priest follows:*  
May almighty God have mercy on us,  
forgive us our sins,  
and bring us to everlasting life.  
**Amen.**

## The Collect

O God, who see how your people  
faithfully await the feast of the Lord's Nativity,  
enable us, we pray,  
to attain the joys of so great a salvation  
and to celebrate them always  
with solemn worship and glad rejoicing.  
Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,  
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the  
Holy Spirit,  
one God, for ever and ever.  
**Amen.**

*Sit*

## THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

### First Reading

A reading from the prophet Isaiah 61:1-2.10-11

The spirit of the Lord has been given to me  
for the Lord has anointed me.  
He has sent me to bring the news to the poor,  
to bind up hearts that are broken;

to proclaim liberty to captives,  
freedom to those in prison;  
to proclaim a year of favour from the Lord.

'I exult for joy in the Lord,  
my soul rejoices in my God,  
for he has clothed me in garments of salvation,  
he has wrapped me in a cloak of integrity,  
like a bridegroom wearing his wreath,  
like a bride adorned in her jewels.

'For as the earth makes fresh things grow,  
as a garden makes seeds spring up,  
so will the Lord make both integrity and praise  
spring up in the sight of all nations.'

The word of the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God.**

**Psalm** Lk 1:46-50. 53-54. R. Is 61:10

### R) My soul rejoices in my God.

My soul glorifies the Lord,  
my spirit rejoices in God my Saviour.  
He looks on his servant in her nothingness;  
henceforth all ages will call me blessed. **(R)**

The Almighty works marvels for me.  
Holy is his name!  
His mercy is from age to age,  
on those who fear him. **(R)**

He has fills the starving with good things,  
sends the rich away empty.  
He protects Israel, his servant,  
remembering his mercy. **(R)**

### Second Reading

A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the  
Thessalonians 5:16-24

Be happy at all times; pray constantly; and for all  
things give thanks to God, because this is what  
God expects you to do in Christ Jesus.  
Never try to suppress the Spirit or treat the gift

of prophecy with contempt; think before you do anything –hold on to what is good and avoid every form of evil.

May the God of peace make you perfect and holy; and may you all be kept safe and blameless, spirit, soul and body, for the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. God has called you and he will not fail you.

The word of the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God.**

**Gospel Acclamation** *Stand*  
**Alleluia, alleluia!** Is 61:1 (Lk 4:18)  
**The spirit of the Lord has been given to me.**  
**He has sent me to bring good news to the poor.**  
**Alleluia!**

**Gospel** John 1:6-8. 19-28  
The Lord be with you.  
**And with your spirit.**  
A reading from the holy Gospel according to John.  
**Glory to you, O Lord.**

A man came, sent by God.  
His name was John.  
He came as a witness,  
as a witness to speak for the light,  
so that everyone might believe through him.  
He was not the light,  
only a witness to speak for the light.

This is how John appeared as a witness. When the Jews sent priests and Levites from Jerusalem to ask him, 'Who are you?' he not only declared, but he declared quite openly, 'I am not the Christ.' 'Well then,' they asked 'are you Elijah?' 'I am not' he said. 'Are you the Prophet?' He answered, 'No.' So they said to him, 'Who are you? We must take back an answer to those who sent us. What have you to say about yourself?' So he said, 'I am, as Isaiah prophesied:

a voice that cries in the wilderness:  
Make a straight way for the Lord'

Now these men had been sent by the Pharisees, and they put this further question to him, 'Why are you baptising if you are not the Christ, and not Elijah, and not the Prophet?' John replied, 'I baptise with water; but there stands among you – unknown to you – the one who is coming after me; and I am not fit to undo his sandal- strap.' This happened at Bethany, on the far side of the Jordan, where John was baptising.

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

**The Homily** *Sit*

**The Nicene Creed** *Stand*  
**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.** *All bow*

**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.**

**The Prayer of the Faithful**  
*Response example:* Lord, in your mercy.  
**Hear our prayer.**

*After the concluding prayer all say:* **Amen.** *Sit*

**THE LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST**  
*The offerings are brought to the altar.*  
*A hymn may be sung. If the Priest says the two*  
*prayers of offering aloud, the response both*  
*times is:*  
**Blessed be God for ever.**

*The people rise as the Priest says:*  
Pray, brethren (brothers and sisters),  
that my sacrifice and yours  
may be acceptable to God,  
the almighty Father.

*The people reply:*  
**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.**

**Prayer over the Offerings**  
May the sacrifice of our worship, Lord, we pray,  
be offered to you unceasingly,  
to complete what was begun in sacred mystery  
and powerfully accomplish for us your  
saving work.  
Through Christ our Lord.  
**Amen.**

**The Eucharistic Prayer**  
The Lord be with you.  
**And with your spirit.**

Lift up your hearts.  
**We lift them up to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.  
**It is right and just.**

**Preface I of Advent**  
It is truly right and just, our duty and  
our salvation,  
always and everywhere to give you thanks,  
Lord, holy Father, almighty and eternal God,  
through Christ our Lord.

For he assumed at his first coming  
the lowliness of human flesh,  
and so fulfilled the design you formed long ago,  
and opened for us the way to eternal salvation,  
that, when he comes again in glory and majesty  
and all is at last made manifest,  
we who watch for that day  
may inherit the great promise  
in which now we dare to hope.

And so, with Angels and Archangels,  
with Thrones and Dominions,  
and with all the hosts and Powers of heaven,  
we sing the hymn of your glory,  
as without end we acclaim:

**Holy, Holy, Holy Lord God of hosts.**  
**Heaven and earth are full of your glory.**  
**Hosanna in the highest.**  
**Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.**  
**Hosanna in the highest.** *Kneel*

**Eucharistic Prayer II**  
*(The Priest may use a different Eucharistic Prayer.)*

You are indeed Holy, O Lord,  
the fount of all holiness.

Make holy, therefore, these gifts, we pray,  
by sending down your Spirit upon them  
like the dewfall,  
so that they may become for us  
the Body and ✠ Blood of our Lord, Jesus Christ.

At the time he was betrayed  
and entered willingly into his Passion,  
he took bread and, giving thanks, broke it,  
and gave it to his disciples, saying:

TAKE THIS, ALL OF YOU, AND EAT OF IT,  
FOR THIS IS MY BODY,  
WHICH WILL BE GIVEN UP FOR YOU.

In a similar way, when supper was ended,  
he took the chalice  
and, once more giving thanks,  
he gave it to his disciples, saying:

TAKE THIS, ALL OF YOU, AND DRINK FROM IT,  
FOR THIS IS THE CHALICE OF MY BLOOD,  
THE BLOOD OF THE NEW AND ETERNAL COVENANT,  
WHICH WILL BE Poured OUT FOR YOU AND FOR MANY  
FOR THE FORGIVENESS OF SINS.

DO THIS IN MEMORY OF ME.

The mystery of faith.

*The people continue, acclaiming:*  
**We proclaim your Death, O Lord,**  
**and profess your Resurrection**  
**until you come again.**

Therefore, as we celebrate  
the memorial of his Death and Resurrection,  
we offer you, Lord,  
the Bread of life and the Chalice of salvation,  
giving thanks that you have held us worthy  
to be in your presence and minister to you.

Humbly we pray  
that, partaking of the Body and Blood of Christ,  
we may be gathered into one by the Holy Spirit.

Remember, Lord, your Church,  
spread throughout the world,  
and bring her to the fullness of charity,  
together with N. our Pope and N. our Bishop  
and all the clergy.

Remember also our brothers and sisters  
who have fallen asleep  
in the hope of the resurrection,  
and all who have died in your mercy:  
welcome them into the light of your face.