

# THE JERUSALEM MASS SHEET

1st SUNDAY OF ADVENT (B) 3rd December 2023

To our departed brothers and sisters and to all who were pleasing to you at their passing from this life, give kind admittance to your kingdom. There we hope to enjoy for ever the fullness of your glory through Christ our Lord, through whom you bestow on the world all that is good.

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, from every evil, graciously grant peace in our days, that, by the help of your mercy, we may be always free from sin and safe from all distress, as we await the blessed hope and the coming of our Saviour, Jesus Christ.  
**For the kingdom, the power and the glory are yours now and for ever.**

*The Priest says:*  
Lord Jesus Christ, who said to your Apostles: Peace I leave you, my peace I give you, look not on our sins, but on the faith of your Church, and graciously grant her peace and unity in accordance with your will. Who live and reign for ever and ever.  
**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** Ps 84:13

**The Lord will bestow his bounty, and our earth shall yield its increase.**

**Prayer after Communion** *Stand*

May these mysteries, O Lord, in which we have participated, profit us, we pray, for even now, as we walk amid passing things, you teach us by them to love the things of heaven and hold fast to what endures. 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*  
Cf. Ps 24:1-3

**To you, I lift up my soul, O my God. In you, I have trusted; let me not be put to shame. Nor let my enemies exult over me; and let none who hope in you be put to shame.**

*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**

Grant your faithful, we pray, almighty God, the resolve to run forth to meet your Christ with righteous deeds at his coming, so that, gathered at his right hand, they may be worthy to possess the heavenly Kingdom.  
Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
God, for ever and ever.  
**Amen.** *Sit*

**THE LITURGY OF THE WORD**

**First Reading**

A reading from the prophet Isaiah 63:16-17; 64:1. 3-8

You, Lord, yourself are our Father. Our Redeemer is your ancient name. Why, Lord, leave us to stray from your ways and harden our hearts against fearing you? Return, for the sake of your servants, the tribes of your inheritance. Oh, that you would tear the heavens open and come down – at your Presence the mountains would melt. No ear has heard, no eye has seen any god but you act like this for those who trust him. You guide those who act with integrity; and keep your ways in mind. You were angry when we were sinners; we had long been rebels against you. We were all like men unclean, all that integrity of ours like filthy clothing. We have all withered like leaves and our sins blew us away like the wind. No one invoked your name or roused himself to catch hold of you. For you hid your face from us and gave us up to the power of our sins. And yet, Lord, you are our Father; we the clay, you our potter, we are all the work of your hand.

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

**Psalm** Ps. 79:2-3.15-16.18-19. R. v4

**R) God of hosts bring us back; let your face shine on us and we shall be saved.**

O shepherd of Israel, hear us, shine forth from your cherubim throne O Lord, rouse up your might, O Lord, come to our help. **(R)**

God of hosts, turn again, we implore, look down from heaven and see. Visit the vine and protect it, the vine your right hand has planted. **(R)**

May your hand be on the man you have chosen, the man you have given your strength. And we shall never forsake you again; give us life that we may call upon your name. **(R)**

## Second Reading

A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the  
Corinthians 1:3-9

May God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ  
send you grace and peace.

I never stop thanking God for all the graces you  
have received through Jesus Christ. I thank him  
that you have been enriched in so many ways,  
especially in your teachers and preachers; the  
witness to Christ has indeed been strong among  
you so that you will not be without any of the gifts  
of the Spirit while you are waiting for our Lord  
Jesus Christ to be revealed; and he will keep you  
steady and without blame until the last day, the  
day of our Lord Jesus Christ, because God by  
calling you has joined you to his Son, Jesus  
Christ; and God is faithful.

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## Gospel Acclamation

**Alleluia, alleluia!**  
**Let us see, O Lord, your mercy**  
**and give us your saving help.**  
**Alleluia!**

*Stand*  
Ps 84:8

## Gospel

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

Mark 13:33-37

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark.  
**Glory to you, O Lord.**

Jesus said to his disciples: 'Be on your guard, stay  
awake, because you never know when the time  
will come. It is like a man travelling abroad: he has  
gone from his home, and left his servants in  
charge, each with his own task; and he has told  
the doorkeeper to stay awake. So stay awake,  
because you do not know when the master of the  
house is coming, evening, midnight, cockcrow,  
dawn; if he comes unexpectedly, he must not find  
you asleep. And what I say to you I say to all: Stay  
awake!'

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

Accept, we pray, O Lord, these offerings we make,  
gathered from among your gifts to us,  
and may what you grant us to celebrate  
devoutly here below,  
gain for us the prize of eternal redemption.  
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 III

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

You are indeed Holy, O Lord,  
and all you have created  
rightly gives you praise,  
for through your Son our Lord Jesus Christ,  
by the power and working of the Holy Spirit,  
you give life to all things and make them holy,  
and you never cease to gather a people  
to yourself,  
so that from the rising of the sun to its setting  
a pure sacrifice may be offered to your name.

Therefore, O Lord, we humbly implore you:  
by the same Spirit graciously make holy  
these gifts we have brought to you for  
consecration,  
that they may become the Body and  $\times$  Blood  
of your Son our Lord Jesus Christ,  
at whose command we celebrate these mysteries.

For on the night he was betrayed  
he himself took bread,  
and giving you thanks, he said the blessing,  
broke the bread 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 giving you thanks, he said the blessing,  
and gave the chalice 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, O Lord, as we celebrate the memorial  
of the saving Passion of your Son,  
his wondrous Resurrection  
and Ascension into heaven,  
and as we look forward to his second coming,  
we offer you in thanksgiving  
this holy and living sacrifice.

Look, we pray, upon the oblation of your Church  
and, recognizing the sacrificial Victim  
by whose death  
you willed to reconcile us to yourself,  
grant that we, who are nourished  
by the Body and Blood of your Son  
and filled with his Holy Spirit,  
may become one body, one spirit in Christ.

May he make of us  
an eternal offering to you,  
so that we may obtain an inheritance with  
your elect,  
especially with the most Blessed Virgin Mary,  
Mother of God,  
with blessed Joseph, her Spouse,  
with your blessed Apostles and glorious Martyrs  
and with all the Saints,  
on whose constant intercession in your presence  
we rely for unfailing help.

May this Sacrifice of our reconciliation,  
we pray, O Lord,  
advance the peace and salvation of all the world.  
Be pleased to confirm in faith and charity  
your pilgrim Church on earth,  
with your servant N. our Pope and N. our Bishop,  
the Order of Bishops, all the clergy,  
and the entire people you have gained for  
your own.

Listen graciously to the prayers of this family,  
whom you have summoned before you:  
in your compassion, O merciful Father,  
gather to yourself all your children  
scattered throughout the world.