

First Sunday of Advent
November 28, 2021

Pre-Mass Meditation

*We all have knots, or deficiencies in our hearts, and we go through difficulties.
God wants us to trust Our Lady, undoer of knots, to entrust to Her the knots of
our sins, the tangles of our miseries that prevent us from uniting oursel
ves with God, to allow Her to undo them and bring us to Her son Jesus,
Especially for the knots of
Climate Change, Clericalism, Prejudice, and within Families.*

Entrance Hymn: Prepare the Way (H/O)

Refrain

Prepare the way for the coming of God.
Make a straight path for the coming of God.
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Every valley fill it in. Every mountain make it small.
Every valley fill it in. Every mountain make it small. **Refrain**

Crooked pathways, make them straight. All the rough land, make it smooth.
Crooked pathways, make them straight. All the rough land, make it smooth. **Refrain**

All will see God's power strong. God has promised, glory comes.
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Blessing of the Advent Wreath

Leader:

Advent is a time of hope. This Advent, we place our hope in Mary, Undoer of Knots to help us contemplate the knots in our society. With every candle we light on the wreath we draw closer to Mary, the girl who had hope in God's word. Advent is a call to wake up to God in our midst. Let us keep walking through Advent with our eyes open, finding ways to undo the knots we encounter. Follow the Light, allowing these days to draw us to a place where darkness gives way to a new vision, and wonder leads to wisdom.

Priest:

Lord God, we praise you for your Son, Jesus; he is Emmanuel, the hope of all peoples. He is the wisdom that teaches and guides us. Let your blessing come upon us as we light the candles of the wreath. May its light be as a sign of Christ's promise of salvation and a sign of your unending love. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

(Sprinkle the wreath, light one candle)

Hymn: Come, Lord! Maranatha

Come, Lord! Maranatha! Come and bring us your peace.
Come, Lord! Maranatha! Come to us, set us free.
Come now and bring us your peace.

Greeting

In the name of the Creator, the Redeemer, and the Holy Spirit.
Amen

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,
and the love of God,
and the communion of the Holy Spirit
be with you all.

And with your spirit.

Let us come to God, mindful of our sins:

I confess to almighty God and to you, my brothers and sisters, that I have greatly sinned,
in my thoughts and in my words, in what I have done and what I have failed to do,
through my fault, through my fault, through my most grievous fault;
therefore I ask blessed Mary ever-Virgin, all the Angels and Saints,
and you my brothers and sisters, to pray for me to the Lord our God.

God have Mercy

You come to heal the contrite. God, have mercy. **God, have mercy.**
You come to call sinners. Christ, have mercy. **Christ, have mercy.**
You plead for us at the right hand of the Father. God, have mercy. **God, have mercy.**

May almighty God have mercy on us,
forgive us our sins,
and bring us to everlasting life.

Amen

Collect

Let us pray:

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, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

The Liturgy of the Word

First Reading Jeremiah 33:14-16

A reading from the Book of the Prophet Jeremiah

The days are coming, says the Most High God,
when I will fulfill the promise
I made to the house of Israel and Judah.

In those days, in that time,
I will raise up for David a just shoot
who shall do what is right and just in the land.

In those days Judah shall be safe
and Jerusalem shall dwell secure;
this is what they shall call her:
“God our justice.”

The Word of God
Thanks be to God

Responsorial Psalm

Refrain

To you, O God, I lift up my soul; lift up my spirit to my Lord. To you I lift up my soul.
To you, O God, I lift up my soul; lift up my spirit to my Lord. To you I lift up my soul.

Make me to know your ways, O God; teach me your paths, guide me. You are my savior.

Refrain

Good and upright our gracious God, showing the way, guiding the humble to justice. **Refrain**

Steadfast and kind your ways, O God; all who revere your covenant know your friendship.

Refrain

Second Reading 1 Thessalonians 3:12 - 4:2

A reading from the Letter to the Community at Thessalonika

Brothers and sisters:

May our God make you increase and abound in love for one another and for all, just as we have for you, so as to strengthen your hearts, to be blameless in holiness before our God and Creator

at the coming of our Lord Jesus with all his holy ones. Amen.

Finally, sisters and brothers,

we earnestly ask and exhort you in the Lord Jesus that, as you received from us how you should conduct yourselves to please God and - as you are conducting yourselves - you do so even more.

For you know what instructions we gave you through the Lord Jesus.

The Word of our God.

Thanks be to God.

Alleluia (Mass of Renewal)

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia,
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia,

Show us your love, light our way
We put our trust in you, our love, our hope

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia,

***Gospel* Luke 21:25-28, 34-36**

The Lord be with you.

And with your Spirit.

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

Glory to you, O Lord.

Jesus said to his disciples:

“There will be signs in the sun, the moon, and the stars, and on earth nations will be in dismay, perplexed by the roaring of the sea and the waves.

People will die of fright in anticipation of what is coming upon the world, for the powers of the heavens will be shaken. And then they will see the Son of Humanity coming in a cloud with power and great glory.

But when these signs begin to happen, stand erect and raise your heads because your redemption is at hand.

“Beware that your hearts do not become drowsy from carousing and drunkenness and the anxieties of daily life, and that day catch you by surprise like a trap.

For that day will assault everyone who lives on the face of the earth.

Be vigilant at all times and pray that you have the strength to escape the tribulations that are imminent and to stand before the Son of Humanity.”

The Good News of Salvation
Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Homily (take a moment to reflect on the readings - what word or phrase stood out to you?)

The Sacrament of Confirmation

Universal Intercessions

Response: God, our Justice, hear our prayer.
(God, our Justice, hear our prayer.)

For all who are gathered here: that Christ may increase our love for one another and help us to be overflowing with generosity toward all who are in need, let us pray...

For Analise McKenna as she receives the Sacrament of Confirmation, that she may feel the love of her family and her community as she is surrounded by the power of the Holy Spirit, let us pray...

For the undoing of the knot of Climate Change, that, through Mary’s intercession, we may find practical ways to heal our earth, let us pray...

For a renewed dedication to social justice: that God will strengthen our hearts, help us be aware of the pain of injustice, and guide us in bringing healing, justice and peace to all who suffer, let us pray...

For what other intentions do we want to pray...

The Liturgy of the Eucharist

Preparation of the Gifts
Instrumental by Analise (our Confirmandi)

Spirit Blowing Through Creation (G 325)

Spirit blowing through creation, Spirit burning in the skies,

Let the hope of your salvation fill our eyes;
God of splendor, God of glory, You who light the stars above,
Come, renew your whole creation in your love.

As you moved upon the waters, As you ride upon the wind,
Move us all your sons and daughters deep within;
As you shaped the hills and mountains, Formed the land and filled the deep,
Let your hand renew and waken all who sleep.

Refrain

Spirit renewing the earth, renewing the hearts of all people;
Burn in the weary souls, blow through the silent lips, come now awake us, Spirit of God.

Love that sends the rivers dancing, Love that waters all that lives,
Love that heals and holds and rouses and forgives;
You are food for all your creatures, You are hunger in the soul,
In your hands the broken-hearted are made whole.

All the creatures you have fashioned, All that lie and breathe in you,
Find their hope in your compassion, strong and true;
You, O Spirit of salvation, You alone, beneath, above,
Come renew your whole creation in your love. **Refrain**

Offertory Prayers

Blessed are you, Lord God of all creation, for through your goodness we have received the bread
we offer you: fruit of the earth and work of human hands, it will become for us the bread of life.
Blessed be God forever.

Blessed are you, Lord God of all creation, for through your goodness we have received the wine
we offer you: fruit of the vine and work of human hands, it will become our spiritual drink.
Blessed be God forever.

Pray, brothers and sisters, that my sacrifice and yours may be acceptable to God, the almighty
Father.

**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.**

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 (if you are watching the video or listening to the audio, please follow
along and participate with Fr. Jack; and continue with the Communion Reflection Song below. If
you are using this at home with your family, continue with the Spiritual Eucharist below)

Service Music: Mass of Renewal

Spiritual Communion

*Invite the Family to **stand** for the Our Father. Although without a Priest, we cannot offer the Mystery of Jesus' Sacrifice on the Cross, we can join with the Church throughout the world in offering a Spiritual Communion until such time as we can again participate in the great Sacrifice of the Mass.*

Our Father

Leader: At the Savior's command and formed by divine teaching, we dare to say:

Family: 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.

Leader: Deliver us Lord we pray from every evil, and grant us 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 Savior, Jesus Christ.

Family: For the kingdom, the power and the glory are yours, now and forever.

Leader: 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 forever and ever.

Family: Amen.

Leader: May the peace of the Lord be with us always.

*Invite the family to **kneel** if practical. The following formula of prayers can be prayed together as a family, inviting Jesus spiritually into our hearts.*

Leader: Together with the whole Church throughout the world, let us profess an Act of Faith in Jesus' real presence in the Eucharist.

All: O my God, I firmly believe that you are one God in three divine Persons, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

I believe that your divine Son became man and died for our sins and that he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe these and all the truths which the Holy Catholic Church teaches because you have revealed them who are eternal truth and wisdom, who can neither deceive nor be deceived.

In this faith I intend to live and die.

Amen.

Leader: Through His sacrifice on the cross, Jesus made the ultimate act of love by offering himself as expiation for our sins. Let us now make our own act of love as we pray:

All: O Lord God, I love you above all things and I love my neighbor for your sake because you are the highest, infinite and perfect good, worthy of all my love. In this love I intend to live and die. Amen.

Leader: With a humble and contrite heart, we ask the Lord to come to us just as He would if we were able to receive the sacrament.

All: My Jesus, I believe that you are present in the Blessed Sacrament. I love you above all things and I desire you in my soul. Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace You as if You were already there and unite myself wholly to You. Never permit me to be separated from You. Amen.

Communion Song: You Call Us Lord/Creator of the Stars of Night (H/O and BB 67)

Refrain

In this place of wood and stone, of hungry hearts, of bread and cup,
make us Your church, a house and home built on your abiding love.

Creator of the stars of night, YOur people's everlasting light,
O Christ, Redeemer of us all, We pray you hear us when we call **Refrain**
In sorrow that the ancient curse Should doom to death a universe,
You came, O Savior, to set free Your own in glorious liberty. **Refrain**

When this old world drew on toward night, You came; but not in splendor bright,
Not as a monarch but the child Of Mary, blameless mother mild. **Refrain**

At your great Name, O Jesus, ow All news must bend, all hearts must bow;
All things on earth with one accord, Like those in heaven, shall call your Lord. **Refrain**

Communion Meditation Sacred Creation (H/O)

Refrain

Sacred the land, sacred the water, sacred the sky, holy and true.
Sacred all life, sacred each other; all reflect god who is good.

All praise be yours through Brother Sun, bearing a likeness of you, Most high one.
Sister Moon and Stars who are precious, splendid, ride your glorious sky. **Refrain**

Brother Wind and Air that pervades, vary their moods to sustain all you've made.
Sister Water, useful and pure, lowly, freely changing her life. **Refrain**

Through Brother Fire you brighten the night, strong and robust, yet playful and bright.
Sister Earth, our mother who nurtures, feeding, yielding flower and herb. **Refrain**

Prayer after Communion:

Let us pray:

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**

Concluding Rite***Final Blessing***

And may the blessing of almighty God, the Creator, and the Redeemer, and the Holy Spirit come down on you and remain with you forever.

Amen

Go in peace. **Thanks be to God.**

Song of Sending: Ready the Way (BB62)

“Ready the way of the Lord! Ready the way of the Lord!”

A voice cries out in the wilderness: “Ready the way of the Lord!”

“Let every valley be filled. Let every valley be filled.

Let every mountain be humbled; let every valley be filled.”

Refrain

Here is your God, coming with your vindication

Look and behold the saving power of God.