

Second Sunday of Advent
December 5, 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 ourselves 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)

Come, O God of all the earth: Come to us, O Righteous One;
Come and bring our love to birth: In the glory of your Son.

Refrain

Sing out, earth and skies! Sing of the God who loves you!
Raise your joyful cries! Dance to the life around you!

Come, O God of flashing light: Twinkling star and burning sun;
God of day and God of night: In your light we all are one. **Refrain**

Come, O Justice, Ome, O Peace: Come and shape our hearts anew;
Come and make oppression cease; Bring us all to life in you. **Refrain**

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 two candles)

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:

Almighty and merciful God may no earthly undertaking hinder those who set out in haste to meet
your Son, but may our learning of heavenly wisdom gain us admittance to his company.
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 Baruch 5:1-9

A reading from the Book of the Prophet Baruch

Jerusalem, take off your robe of mourning and misery;
put on the splendor of glory from God forever:
wrapped in the cloak of justice from God, bear on your head the mitre that displays the glory of
the eternal name.

For God will show all the earth your splendor:
you will be named by God forever the peace of justice, the glory of God's worship.

Up, Jerusalem! stand upon the heights;
look to the east and see your children gathered from the east and the west at the word of the Holy
One, rejoicing that they are remembered by God.

Led away on foot by their enemies they left you: but God will bring them back to you borne aloft
in glory as on royal thrones.

For God has commanded that every lofty mountain be made low, and that the age-old depths and
gorges be filled to level ground, that Israel may advance secure in the glory of God.

The forests and every fragrant kind of tree have overshadowed Israel at God's command; for
God is leading Israel in joy by the light of God's glory, with mercy and justice for company.

The Word of God
Thanks be to God

Responsorial Psalm

Refrain

God has done great things for us, filled us with laughter and music;
God has done great things for us, filled us with laughter and music;
God has done great things for us, filled us with laughter and music;
God has done great things for us, filled us with laughter and music;

When our God led us back to freedom,
like dreamers we beheld the promised land again;
our mouths were filled with laughter and rejoicing. **Refrain**

We proclaimed to the nations what you had done for us;
your mighty deeds of love, restoring us to life,
you lead your people home to you rejoicing. **Refrain**

Come restore our fortune, renew us in your love,

as rivers through the sand, as springs within the desert;
those who sow in tears shall reap rejoicing. **Refrain**

Second Reading Philippians 1:4-6, 8-11

A reading from the Letter of Paul to the Community at Philippi

Sisters and brothers:

I pray always with joy in my every prayer for all of you, because of your partnership for the gospel from the first day until now.

I am confident of this, that the one who began a good work in you will continue to complete it until the day of Christ Jesus.

God is my witness, how I long for all of you with the affection of Christ Jesus.

And this is my prayer:
that your love may increase ever more and more
in knowledge and every kind of perception,
to discern what is of value,
so that you may be pure and blameless for the day of Christ,
filled with the fruit of righteousness
that comes through Jesus Christ for the glory and praise of God.

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,

A voice cries out in the desert;
Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight God's paths.

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

Gospel Luke 3:1-6

The Lord be with you.
And with your Spirit.
A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke
Glory to you, O Lord.

In the fifteenth year of the reign of Tiberius Caesar, when Pontius Pilate was governor of Judea, and Herod was tetrarch of Galilee, and his brother Philip tetrarch of the region of Ituraea and Trachonitis, and Lysanias was tetrarch of Abilene, during the high priesthood of Annas and Caiaphas, the word of God came to John the son of Zechariah in the desert.

John went throughout the whole region of the Jordan, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins,
as it is written in the book of the words of the prophet Isaiah:

*A voice of one crying out in the desert:
“Prepare the way of our God,
make straight God’s path.
Every valley shall be filled
and every mountain and hill shall be made low.
The winding roads shall be made straight,
and the rough ways made smooth,
and all flesh shall see the salvation of God.”*

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?)

Universal Intercessions

Response: God of Mercy, hear our prayer.
(God of Mercy, hear our prayer.)

For the Church: that we may make ready a way for the Lord and make a straight path for God, free of knots, in our hearts, within our families, and in our workplaces, let us pray...

For freedom and healing: that God will fill in the valleys and make level the lives of all who struggle with depression, addictions, or pride, so that they may experience freedom and wholeness, let us pray...

For all who have been oppressed by acts of clericalism, that God may smooth the pathways of their lives and bring low those who abuse their power and authority, let us pray...

For all who have been injured in body or spirit: that God will heal them, free them from fear and help them to live life fully, let us pray...

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

The Liturgy of the Eucharist

Preparation of the Gifts

There is a Longing (BB 405)

Refrain

There is a longing in our hearts, O Lord, for you to reveal yourself to us.
There is a longing in our hearts for love we only find in you, our God.

For justice, for freedom, for mercy: hear our prayer.
In sorrow, in grief: be near, hear our prayer, O God. **Refrain**

For wisdom, for courage, for comfort: hear our prayer.
In weakness, in fear: be near, hear our prayer, O God. **Refrain**

For healing, for wholeness, for new life: hear our prayer.
In sickness, in death, be near, hear our prayer, O God. **Refrain**

Lord save us, take pity, light in our darkness.
We call you, we wait: be near hear our prayer, O God. **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.

Be pleased, O Lord, with our humble prayers and offerings, and, since we have no merits to plead our cause, come, we pray, to our rescue with the protection of your mercy. 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 (BB 878)

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: A Voice Cries Out (BB 45)

Refrain

A voice cries out in the wilderness: "Prepare a way for the Lord!"

A voice cries out in the wilderness: "Make straight a highway for God!"

Console my people, the ones dear to me; speak to the heart of Jerusalem:
the time of your mourning is ended now, the Lord of life will come. **Refrain**

Every valley is made a plain, every mountain is leveled;
The glory of God shall then be revealed, and the nations will sing in praise. **Refrain**

A voice shouts: "Cry! O what shall I cry? All flesh is like grass and its flowers:
the grass may wither, the flowers may fade, but the Word of the Lord is forever. **Refrain**

Zion, shout from the mountain top, lift up your voice, O Jerusalem,
and say to the people of God's own land, "Behold, behold your God." **Refrain**

The Lord will appear as a shepherd, holding the lambs in his arms,
keeping his flock so close to his heart, leading them all, old and young. **Refrain**

Communion Meditation A Time Will Come for Singing (H/O)

A time will come for singing When all your tears are shed
When sorrows chains are broken And broken hearts will mend
The deaf will hear your singing When silent tongues are freed
The lame will join your dancing When blind eyes learn to see

A time will come for singing When trees will raise their boughs
When men lay down their armor And hammer their swords into plows
When beggars live as princes And orphans find their homes
When prison cells are emptied And hatred has grown old

A time will come for singing A hymn by hearts foretold
That kings have sought for ages And treasured more than gold

Its lyrics turn to silver When sung in harmony
The Lord of Love Will teach us to sing its melody

Prayer after Communion:

Let us pray:

Replenished by the food of spiritual nourishment, we humbly beseech you, O Lord, that, though our partaking in this mystery, you may teach us to judge wisely the things of earth and hold firm to the things of heaven. 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: Prepare, Prepare! (H/O)

Refrain:

Prepare, Prepare, the way of the Lord
Prepare, Prepare, the way of the Lord, Oh
Prepare, Prepare, the way of the Lord
The Lord, Our God, is coming soon.

Prepare, Prepare, the way of the Lord...
Make straight the path, the way of the Lord...
Justice and peace, the way of the Lord..
Sing and rejoice, the way of the Lord...