

Sunday, December 7, 2025
Second Sunday of Advent, Year A

Gathering: Prepare! Prepare! (Stephen Pishner)

(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!

Advent Wreath Candle: Litany for Advent (Farrell) ... H/O
“Word of goodness, come now, Jesus. Word of freedom, come now, Jesus.
You we long for, come now, Jesus. Fill our hearts now, come now, Jesus.
Light of nations, come now, Jesus. Light of justice, come now, Jesus. Come!”

The Liturgy of the Word

First Reading Isaiah 11:1-10 (4A)

Responsorial Psalm: Happy the People-Ps33 (V1,V2,V4)

Refrain: Happy are the people, O God You have chosen; chosen to be your own.

Vs. 1: Your words, O God, are truth indeed,
And all your works are ever faithful;
You love justice and right, your compassion fills all creation.

Vs. 2: See how the eye of God is watching,
Ever guarding all who wait in hope,
To deliver them death and sustain them in time of famine.

Vs. 4: Our soul is waiting for God,
For God is our help and our shield.
May your kindness, O God be on us who place our hope in you.

Second Reading Romans 15:4-9

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!
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Gospel Matthew 3:1-12

A reading from the Gospel according to Mark

Homily

Universal Intercessions

**Response: God of love, hear our prayer.
(God of love, hear our prayer.)**

For the Church: that through our baptism with Spirit and fire, we may learn to listen and become instruments for the transformation of the world, let us pray...

For a spirit of Justice: that our hearts may be stirred to work for the establishment of God's order in the world through deeds of compassion and courageous witness, let us pray...

For students as they complete the semester: that God will give them clarity of mind and thought as they express their knowledge and insights in projects and on examinations, let us pray...

For the renewal of all of creation: that God will heal the divisions amongst peoples and the wounds within nature so that God's plan for the earth may flower and the hearts of all may be healed, let us pray...

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

The Liturgy of the Eucharist

Preparation of Gifts

Offertory: Comfort, Comfort, O My People (trad.) ... BB60

1 Comfort, comfort O my people,
speak of peace, now says our God;
comfort those who sit in darkness
mourning 'neath their sorrow's load.
Speak unto Jerusalem
of the peace that waits for them!

Tell of all the sins I cover,
and that warfare now is over.

2 Hark the voice of one who's crying
in the desert far and near,
bidding all to full repentance,
since the kingdom now is here.
O that warning cry obey,
now prepare for God a way;
let the valleys rise to meet Him,
and the hills bow down to greet Him.

3 O make straight what long was crooked,
make the rougher places plain,
let your hearts be true and humble,
as befits His holy reign;
for the glory of the LORD
now o'er earth is shed abroad,
and all flesh shall see the token
that His Word is never broken.

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.

O God, who give us the gift of true prayer and of peace, graciously grant that, through this offering, we may do fitting homage to your divine majesty and, by partaking of the sacred mystery, we may be faithfully united in mind and heart. 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 Songs below.)

Holy: Mass of a Joyful Heart (Angrisano) ... H/O
Mem: Mass of a Joyful Heart (Angrisano) ... H/O
Amen: Mass of a Joyful Heart (Angrisano) ... H/O
Lamb: Mass of a Joyful Heart (Angrisano) ... H/O

Communion Song: (5pm/8am): Each Winter as the Year Grows Older (trad.) ... G258

Each winter as the year grows older,
We each grow older too.
The chill sets in a little colder;
The verities we knew
Seem shaken and untrue.

When race and class cry out for treason,
When sirens call for war,
They overshout the voice of reason
And scream till we ignore
All we held dear before.

Yet I believe beyond believing,
That life can spring from death:
That growth can flower from our grieving;
That we can catch our breath
And turn transfixed by faith.

So even as the sun is turning
To journey to the north,
The living flame, in secret burning,
Can kindle on the earth
And bring God's love to birth.

O Child of ecstasy and sorrows,
O Prince of peace and pain,
Brighten today's world by tomorrow's,
Renew our lives again;
Lord Jesus, come and reign!

(10am): A Voice Cries Out In the Wilderness (Joncas) ... BB46

Vs. 1 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**

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!

Vs. 2 Ev'ry valley is made a plain,
ev'ry mountain is leveled
the glory of God shall then be revealed,
and the nations will sing in praise. **REFRAIN**

Vs 3 A voice shouts: "Cry!" O what shall I cry?
All flesh is like grass and its flowers:
the grass may wither, the flower may fade,
but the Word of the Lord is forever. **REFRAIN**

Vs 4. 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**

Vs 5. The Lord will appear as a shepherd,
holding his lambs in his arms,
keeping his flock so close to his heart
leading them all, old and young. **REFRAIN**

Prayer after Communion:

Let us pray: Grant that our faithful, O Lord, whom you nourish and endow with life through the food of your Word and heavenly Sacrament, may so benefit from your beloved Son's great gifts that we may merit an eternal share in his life. Who lives and reigns for ever and ever. **Amen**

Go in peace,
Thanks be to God.

Song of Sending: Sending: Ready the Way (Hurd) ... BB63

Vs. 1. "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."

Vs. 2 Let every valley be filled,
Let every valley be filled. Let every mountain be humbled, Let every valley be filled. Refrain
Refrain.: Here is your God, coming with your vindication. Look and behold the saving power of
God.

Vs. 3. Desert and waste land will bloom,
Desert and waste land will bloom. Glory and splendor will fill the land, Desert and waste land
will bloom.

Vs. 4. Those who are blind will then see, Those who are deaf will then hear. Those who are
lame will then leap for joy, Those who are mute will then sing. Refrain

Vs. 5. Strengthen the ones who are weak, Strengthen the ones who are weak. Say to the
frightened: "Have courage." Strengthen the ones who are weak. Refrain