



Second of Advent December 9-10, 2023

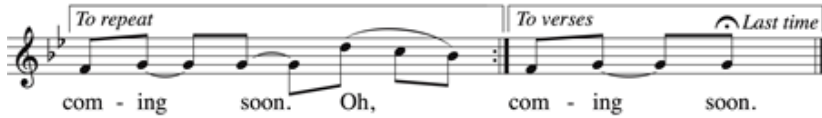
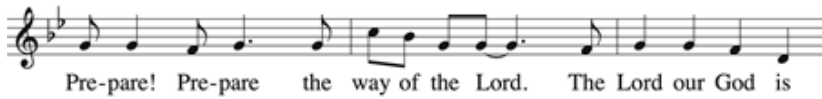
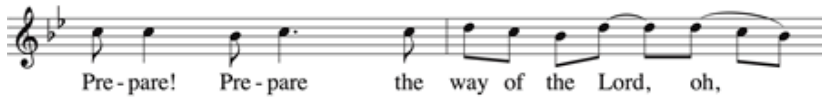
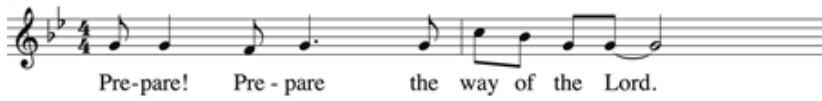


INTRODUCTORY RITES

Gathering Song:

Prepare! Prepare!

Ostinato Refrain



Verses

Cantor:



1. Pre - pare the way, the
2. Make straight the path, ?
3. Jus - tice and peace, ?
4. Sing and re - joice! The
5. A vir - gin will bear a son, Em -



way of the Lord. Read - y your hearts.
 lev - el the hills, lift up the gates.
 kind - ness and truth shall come to the earth.
 Lord is near, I say re - joice!
 man - u - el: God with us!



Oh, the Lord our God is com-ing soon!

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Tune: Stephen Pishner
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- Sign of the Cross
- Greeting
- Act of Penitence

Opening Prayer

LITURGY OF THE WORD

Second Sunday of Advent

Lectionary: 5

Reading 1

IS 40:1-5, 9-11

Comfort, give comfort to my people,
says your God.

Speak tenderly to Jerusalem, and proclaim to her
that her service is at an end,
her guilt is expiated;
indeed, she has received from the hand of the LORD
double for all her sins.

A voice cries out:

In the desert prepare the way of the LORD!
Make straight in the wasteland a highway for our God!
Every valley shall be filled in,
every mountain and hill shall be made low;
the rugged land shall be made a plain,
the rough country, a broad valley.

Then the glory of the LORD shall be revealed,
and all people shall see it together;
for the mouth of the LORD has spoken.

Go up on to a high mountain,
Zion, herald of glad tidings;
cry out at the top of your voice,
Jerusalem, herald of good news!

Fear not to cry out
and say to the cities of Judah:
Here is your God!

Here comes with power
the Lord GOD,
who rules by his strong arm;
here is his reward with him,
his recompense before him.
Like a shepherd he feeds his flock;

in his arms he gathers the lambs,
carrying them in his bosom,
and leading the ewes with care.
The Word of the Lord

Responsorial Psalm:

Psalm 85: Lord, Let Us See Your Kindness

Refrain



Lord, let us see your kind - ness; Lord, grant us your sal - va - tion.

Verses

1. Now I will hear what God proclaims, the Lord who speaks of peace.
Near to us now, God's saving love for those who believe.
2. Mercy and faithfulness shall meet, in justice and peace, embrace.
Truth shall blossom from the earth as the heavens rejoice.
3. Our God shall grant abundant gifts, the earth shall yield its fruit.
Justice shall march before our God and guide us to peace.

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Reading 2

2 PT 3:8-14

Do not ignore this one fact, beloved,
that with the Lord one day is like a thousand years
and a thousand years like one day.
The Lord does not delay his promise, as some regard “delay,”
but he is patient with you,
not wishing that any should perish
but that all should come to repentance.
But the day of the Lord will come like a thief,
and then the heavens will pass away with a mighty roar
and the elements will be dissolved by fire,
and the earth and everything done on it will be found out.

Since everything is to be dissolved in this way,
what sort of persons ought you to be,
conducting yourselves in holiness and devotion,
waiting for and hastening the coming of the day of God,
because of which the heavens will be dissolved in flames
and the elements melted by fire.

But according to his promise

we await new heavens and a new earth
in which righteousness dwells.
Therefore, beloved, since you await these things,
be eager to be found without spot or blemish before him, at peace.

The Word of the Lord

Gospel Acclamation

Advent Alleluia

Refrain
Cantor, then all (first time only):

Hal - le - lu - ia, hal - le - lu - ia,
hal - le - lu - ia, hal - le - lu - ia!

Verses

1. Lord, show us your mercy and love,
and grant us your salvation.
2. Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight his paths:
all people shall see the salvation of God.
3. The Spirit of the Lord is upon me,
he sent me to bring good news to the poor.
4. A virgin will give birth to a Son; a virgin will give birth to a Son;
his name will be Emmanuel: God is with us.
5. I am the servant of the Lord:
may his will for me be done.

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Gospel

MK 1:1-8

The beginning of the gospel of Jesus Christ the Son of God.

As it is written in Isaiah the prophet:
*Behold, I am sending my messenger ahead of you;
he will prepare your way.
A voice of one crying out in the desert:
“Prepare the way of the Lord,
make straight his paths.”*

John the Baptist appeared in the desert
proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins.

People of the whole Judean countryside
and all the inhabitants of Jerusalem
were going out to him
and were being baptized by him in the Jordan River
as they acknowledged their sins.
John was clothed in camel's hair,
with a leather belt around his waist.
He fed on locusts and wild honey.
And this is what he proclaimed:
"One mightier than I is coming after me.
I am not worthy to stoop and loosen the thongs of his sandals.
I have baptized you with water;
he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit."

The Gospel of the Lord

Homily

Nicene Creed

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.
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.

Universal Prayer (Prayer of the Faithful)

Please respond: Come, Lord Jesus

LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

Preparation Song:

COME, THOU LONG-EXPECTED JESUS

STUTTGART



1. Come, thou long - ex - pect-ed Je-sus, Born to set thy peo - ple free!
2. Is - rael's strength and con-so - la-tion, Hope of all the earth thou art;
3. Born thy peo - ple to de - liv - er, Born a child, and yet a king:
4. By thine own e - ter-nal Spir-it Rule in all our hearts a - lone;



1. From our fears and sins re-lease us, Let us find our rest in thee.
2. Dear de - sire of ev - ery na - tion, Joy of ev - ery long - ing heart.
3. Born to reign in us for - ev - er, Now thy gra-cious king-dom bring.
4. By thine all - suf - fi-cient mer - it Raise us to thy glo-rious throne.

Text: 87 87; Charles Wesley, 1707–1788.

Music: Christian F. Witt's *Psalmodia Sacra*, 1715; adapt. by Henry J. Gauntlett, 1805–1876.

Invitation to Pray

Pray brothers and sisters ...

Response: 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.

Preface Dialogue

The Lord be with you.

Response: And with your spirit.

Lift up your hearts.

Response: We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

Response: It is right and just.

Eucharistic Acclamations: Mass of Renewal

Holy

HOLY

Mass of Renewal
Curtis Stephan

Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Ho - ly Lord God of hosts. Heav-en and
earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho-san-na in the high - est.
Bless-ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-
san-na in the high-est. Ho-san-na in the high - est.

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Memorial Acclamation

SAVE US, SAVIOR

Mass of Renewal
Curtis Stephan

Save us, Sav-ior of the world, for by your Cross and Res - ur -
rec - tion you have set us free, you have set us free.

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AMEN

Mass of Renewal
Curtis Stephan

A - men, a - men, a - men.

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COMMUNION RITE

The Lord's Prayer Sign of Peace

The peace of the Lord be with you always.
Response: And with your Spirit

Breaking of the Bread

LAMB OF GOD

Mass of Renewal
Curtis Stephan

Lamb of God, you take a-way the sins of the world, have mer - cy,
have mer - cy on us. world, grant us, grant us peace.

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Invitation to Communion

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.
Response: Lord, I am not worthy
that you should enter under my roof,
but only say the word and my soul shall be healed.

Communion Song:

A VOICE CRIES OUT

Michael Joncas

Verse 1



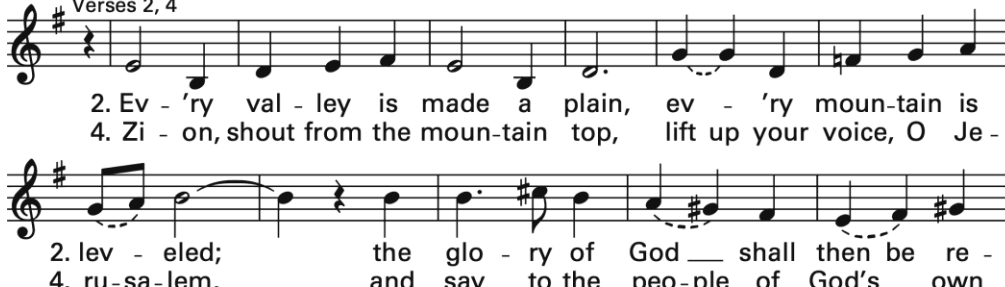
1. Con - sole my peo - ple, the ones dear to me; speak to the
1. heart of Je - ru - sa - lem: the time of your mourn - ing is
1. end - ed now, the Lord of life will come.

Refrain



A voice cries out in the wil - der - ness: "Pre - pare a
way for the Lord!" A voice cries out in the wil - der -
ness: "Make straight a high - way for God!"

Verses 2, 4



2. Ev - 'ry val - ley is made a plain, ev - 'ry moun - tain is
4. Zi - on, shout from the moun - tain top, lift up your voice, O Je -
2. lev - eled; the glo - ry of God shall then be re -
4. ru - sa - lem, and say to the peo - ple of God's own

to Refrain




2. vealed, and the na - tions will sing in praise.
4. land, "Be - hold, be - hold your God!"

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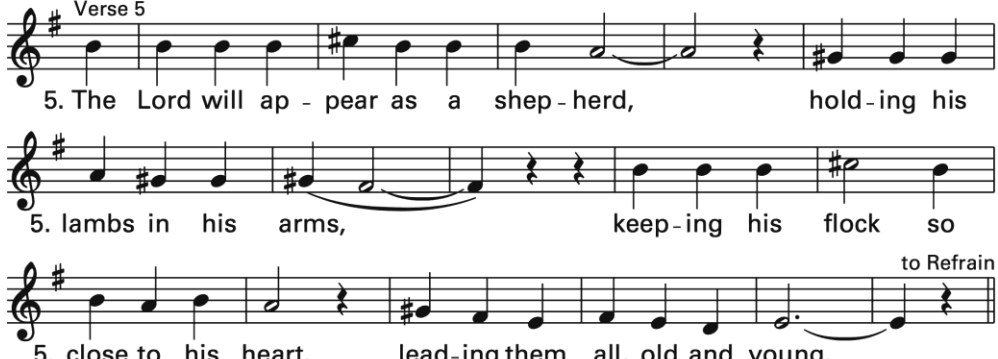
A VOICE CRIES OUT (CONT. 2)

Verse 3



3. A voice shouts: "Cry!" O what shall I cry? All flesh is like
3. grass and its flow-ers: the grass may with-er, the
3. flow-ers may fade, but the Word of the Lord is for - ev - er. to Refrain

Verse 5



5. The Lord will ap - pear as a shep - herd, hold - ing his
5. lambs in his arms, keep - ing his flock so
5. close to his heart, lead - ing them all, old and young. to Refrain

Post Communion Prayer

CONCLUDING RITES

Announcements

Final Blessing

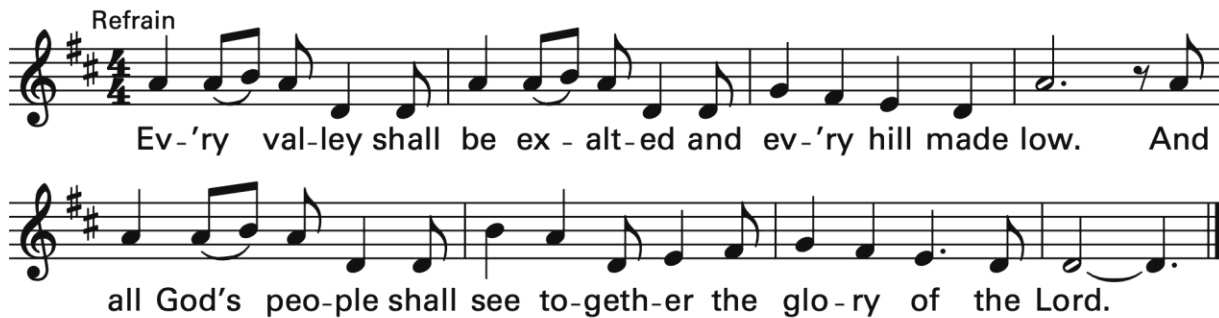
Dismissal

Sending Song:

EVERY VALLEY

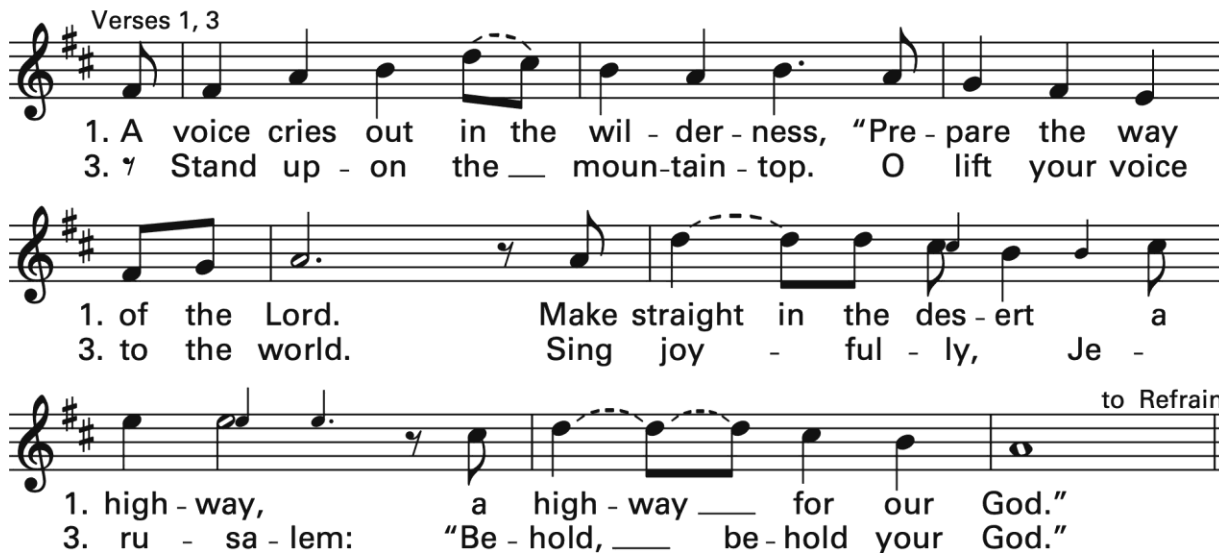
Bob Dufford, SJ

Refrain



Ev-'ry val-ley shall be ex - alt-ed and ev-'ry hill made low. And
all God's peo-ple shall see to-geth-er the glo-ry of the Lord.

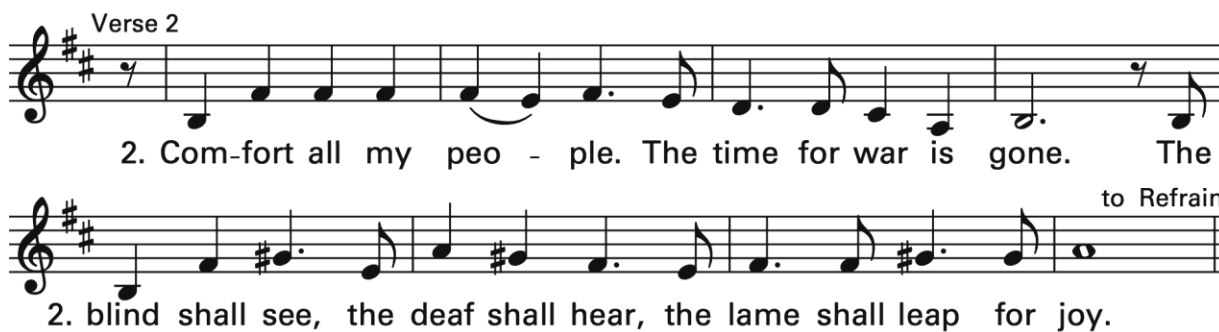
Verses 1, 3



1. A voice cries out in the wil - der - ness, "Pre - pare the way
3. 7 Stand up - on the __ moun-tain - top. O lift your voice
1. of the Lord. Make straight in the des - ert a
3. to the world. Sing joy - ful - ly, Je -
1. high - way, a high - way __ for our God."
3. ru - sa - lem: "Be - hold, __ be - hold your God."

to Refrain

Verse 2



2. Com-fort all my peo - ple. The time for war is gone. The
2. blind shall see, the deaf shall hear, the lame shall leap for joy.

to Refrain

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