

Second Sunday of Advent

Lectionary: 6

Reading I

Bar 5:1-9

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 his glory,

with his mercy and justice for
company.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 126:1-2, 2-3, 4-5, 6.

R. (3) The Lord has done great things
for us; we are filled with joy.

When the LORD brought back the
captives of Zion,

we were like men dreaming.

Then our mouth was filled with
laughter,

and our tongue with rejoicing.

R. The Lord has done great things for
us; we are filled with joy.

Then they said among the nations,

“The LORD has done great things for
them.”

The LORD has done great things for us;
we are glad indeed.

R. The Lord has done great things for
us; we are filled with joy.

Restore our fortunes, O LORD,
like the torrents in the southern
desert.

Those who sow in tears
shall reap rejoicing.

R. The Lord has done great things for
us; we are filled with joy.

Although they go forth weeping,
carrying the seed to be sown,

They shall come back rejoicing,
carrying their sheaves.

R. The Lord has done great things for
us; we are filled with joy.

Reading II

Phil 1:4-6, 8-11

Brothers and sisters:

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.

Alleluia

Lk 3:4, 6

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

Prepare the way of the Lord, make
straight his paths:

all flesh shall see the salvation of God.

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

Gospel

Lk 3:1-6

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 the Lord,

make straight his paths.

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.”*