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**8<sup>th</sup> December 2024**  
**2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Advent**

**SUNDAY EUCHARIST**  
**10:30 am**



**Introit Hymn 527 On Jordan's bank the Baptist's cry**

**Gradual Hymn 67 Be still, for the presence of the Lord**

**Offertory Hymn 494 O God our help in ages past**  
**During which a collection will be taken**

**Recessional Hymn 565 Praise my soul the King of Heaven**

## Liturgy of the Word

### A reading from the book of the prophet Baruch (5:1-9)

Take off the garment of your sorrow and affliction, O Jerusalem, and put on forever the beauty of the glory from God. Put on the robe of the righteousness that comes from God; put on your head the diadem of the glory of the Everlasting, for God will show your splendour everywhere under heaven, for God will give you evermore the name, "Righteous Peace, Godly Glory." Arise, O Jerusalem, stand upon the height; look toward the east, and see your children gathered from west and east at the word of the Holy One, rejoicing that God has remembered them. For they went out from you on foot, led away by their enemies, but God will bring them back to you, carried in glory, as on a royal throne. For God has ordered that every high mountain and the everlasting hills be made low and the valleys filled up, to make level ground, so that Israel may walk safely in the glory of God. The woods and every fragrant tree have shaded Israel at God's command. For God will lead Israel with joy, in the light of his glory, with the mercy and righteousness that come from him.

This is the word of the Lord **R. Thanks be to God**

### Responsorial Psalm

*Psalm 126: 1-2, 2-3, 4-5, 6 (6)*

#### **The Lord has done great things for us; we are filled with joy**

Vs 1 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

#### **The Lord has done great things for us; we are filled with joy**

Vs 2 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.

#### **The Lord has done great things for us; we are filled with joy**

Vs 3 Restore our fortunes, o Lord like the torrents in the southern desert. Those that sow in tears shall reap rejoicing

#### **The Lord has done great things for us; we are filled with joy**

Vs 4 Although they go forth weeping, carrying the seed to be sown, they shall come back rejoicing, carrying their sheaves

#### **The Lord has done great things for us; we are filled with joy**

### A reading from the letter of Paul to the Philippians (1.3–11)

I thank my God for every remembrance of you, always in every one of my prayers for all of you, praying with joy for your partnership in 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 Jesus Christ. It is right for me to think this way about all of you, because I hold you in my heart, for all of you are my partners in God's grace, both in my imprisonment and in the defense and confirmation of the gospel. For God is my witness, how I long for all of you with the tender affection of Christ Jesus. And this is my prayer, that your love may overflow more and more with knowledge and full insight to help you to determine what really matters, so that in the day of Christ you may be pure and blameless, having produced the harvest of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ for the glory and praise of God.

This is the word of the Lord **R. Thanks be to God**

### **Sung Gospel Acclamation**

*Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia* **All: Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia**

Prepare the way of the lord, make straight his paths: all flesh shall see the salvation of God.

**All: Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia**

### **The Gospel of Luke (3.1–6)**

The Lord be with you. **All: And also with you**

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke

**All: Glory to you, O Lord.**

In the fifteenth year of the reign of Emperor Tiberius, when Pontius Pilate was governor of Judea, and Herod was ruler of Galilee, and his brother Philip ruler of the region of Ituraea and Trachonitis, and Lysanias ruler of Abilene, during the high-priesthood of Annas and Caiaphas, the word of God came to John son of Zechariah in the wilderness. He went into all the region around 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, ‘The voice of one crying out in the wilderness: “Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight. Every valley shall be filled, and every mountain and hill shall be made low, and the crooked shall be made straight, and the rough ways made smooth; and all flesh shall see the salvation of God.”’

This is the Gospel of the Lord **R. Praise to you, O Christ**

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## **ADVENT AND CHRISTMAS SERVICES**

### **Traditional Carol Service with Readings**

**DECEMBER 15 @ 5 PM**

### **Nativity Play**

**DECEMBER 22<sup>ND</sup> @ 4 PM**

### **Christmas Eve**

**MIDNIGHT MASS @ 10:00 PM**

### **Christmas Day**

**SUNG EUCHARIST @ 10:30 AM**

## Song after Communion

More Love, More Power- Michael W. Smith

More love, more power  
More of You in my life  
More love, more power  
More of You in my life  
**And I will worship You, with  
all of my heart**  
**I will worship You, with all  
of my mind**  
**I will worship You, with all  
of my strength**  
**For You are my God, you are  
my God.**  
More faith, more passion  
More of You in my life  
More faith, more passion  
More of You in my life

**I will worship You with all of my  
heart**  
**And I will worship You with all of  
my mind**  
**And I will worship You with all of  
my strength**  
**For you are my God, you are my  
God.**  
More love, more power  
More of You in my life  
More love, more power  
More of You in my life  
**And I will worship You, with all  
of my heart**  
**I will worship You, with all of my  
mind**  
**I will worship You, with all of my  
strength**  
**For You are my God, you are my  
God.**

### **NOTICES**

#### CELEBRATION OF THE EUCHARIST AT ST. EDWARD'S

**SUNG MASS EVERY SUNDAY AT 10:30 AM**

**LOW MASS EVERY FIRST AND THIRD SUNDAY OF THE MONTH AT 8:30 AM**

**Wednesday mid-week Mass at 10:30 am**

### **SUNDAY SCHOOL TODAY**

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We have launched our new "Memorial Donations" campaign, which will provide the opportunity to dedicate a brass name plaque in memory of a loved one. The plaques will be affixed to one of the blue chairs where we sit to pray, worship and ask for God's blessing. If you are interested in donating a plaque, please contact the churchwardens, who will be happy to provide further information.

Can't make it to church for Bible study? No worries! Fr. Paul has prepared an engaging online Bible study on the Gospel of St. Luke, available for you to watch from the comfort of your home- or even while you're on the go. Two new videos will be posted weekly on our Facebook page, website, and Fr. Paul's YouTube channel. Don't miss this chance to deepen your faith and connect more deeply with God's word.