

# THE CATHOLIC MASS SHEET

ENGLISH STANDARD VERSION

2nd Sunday of Advent (A)

7th December 2025

## THE INTRODUCTORY RITES

Entrance Antiphon or a hymn

*Stand*

Cf. Is 30:19,30

**O people of Sion, behold,  
the Lord will come to save the nations,  
and the Lord will make the glory of his  
voice heard  
in the joy of your heart.**

*All make the Sign of the Cross as the Priest says:*  
In the name of the Father, and of the Son,  
and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

*The Priest greets everyone present.*

*The people respond: **And with your spirit.***

*The Mass of the day may be introduced.*

## Penitential Act

*The Priest invites the people to repentance  
using one of the Penitential Acts.*

Have mercy on us, O Lord.

**For we have sinned against you.**

Show us, O Lord, your mercy.

**And grant us your salvation.**

*The Priest says the absolution. All reply:*  
**Amen.**

Lord, have mercy.	<b>Lord, have mercy.</b>
Christ, have mercy.	<b>Christ, have mercy.</b>
Lord, have mercy.	<b>Lord, have mercy.</b>

## Collect

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.  
Who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the  
Holy Spirit,  
God, for ever and ever.  
**Amen.**

*Sit*

## THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

### First Reading

A reading from the Prophet Isaiah.

Isaiah 11:1-10

On that day: There shall come forth a shoot  
from the stump of Jesse, and a branch from  
his roots shall bear fruit. And the Spirit of the  
LORD shall rest upon him, the Spirit of wisdom  
and understanding, the Spirit of counsel and  
might, the Spirit of knowledge and the fear  
of the LORD. And his delight shall be in the

fear of the LORD. He shall not judge by what  
his eyes see, or decide disputes by what his  
ears hear, but with righteousness he shall  
judge the poor, and decide with equity for  
the meek of the earth; and he shall strike  
the earth with the rod of his mouth, and with  
the breath of his lips he shall kill the wicked.  
Righteousness shall be the belt of his waist,  
and faithfulness the belt of his loins.

The wolf shall dwell with the lamb, and the  
leopard shall lie down with the young goat,  
and the calf and the lion and the fattened  
calf together; and a little child shall lead  
them. The cow and the bear shall graze;  
their young shall lie down together; and the  
lion shall eat straw like the ox. The nursing  
child shall play over the hole of the cobra,  
and the weaned child shall put his hand  
on the adder's den. They shall not hurt or  
destroy in all my holy mountain; for the earth  
shall be full of the knowledge of the LORD as  
the waters cover the sea.

In that day the root of Jesse, who shall stand  
as a signal for the peoples — of him shall the  
nations enquire, and his resting-place shall be  
glorious.

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## Psalm

Psalm 72(71):1-2. 7-8. 12-13. 17. R. cf. 7

**R. In his days shall justice flourish, and great  
peace for ever.**

O God, give your judgement to the king,  
to a king's son your justice,  
that he may judge your people in justice,  
and your poor in right judgement **R.**

In his days justice shall flourish,  
and great peace till the moon is no more.  
He shall rule from sea to sea,  
from the River to the bounds of the earth. **R.**

For he shall rescue the needy when they cry,  
the poor who have no one to help.  
He will have pity on the weak and the needy,  
and save the lives of the needy. **R.**

May his name endure for ever,  
his name continue like the sun.  
Every tribe shall be blest in him,  
all nations shall call him blessed. **R.**



## Second Reading

A reading from the Letter of Saint Paul to the Romans.  
Romans 15:4-9

Brothers and sisters: Whatever was written in former days was written for our instruction, that through endurance and through the encouragement of the Scriptures we might have hope. May the God of endurance and encouragement grant you to live in such harmony with one another, in accord with Christ Jesus, that together you may with one voice glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. Therefore welcome one another as Christ has welcomed you, for the glory of God.

For I tell you that Christ became a servant to the circumcised to show God's truthfulness, in order to confirm the promises given to the patriarchs, and in order that the Gentiles might glorify God for his mercy. As it is written, 'Therefore I will praise you among the Gentiles, and sing to your name.'

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**Acclamation before the Gospel** *Stand*

**Alleluia, alleluia.** Luke 3:4, 6

**Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight;  
all flesh shall see the salvation of God.  
Alleluia.**

**Gospel** Matthew 3:1-12

The Lord be with you.

**And with your spirit.**

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

In those days John the Baptist came preaching in the wilderness of Judea, 'Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand.' For this is he who was spoken of by the prophet Isaiah when he said, 'The voice of one crying in the wilderness: "Prepare the way of the Lord; make his paths straight."'

Now John wore a garment of camel's hair and a leather belt round his waist, and his food was locusts and wild honey. Then Jerusalem and all Judea and all the region about the Jordan were going out to him, and they were baptised by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins. But when he saw many of the Pharisees and Sadducees coming to his baptism, he said to them, 'You brood of vipers! Who warned you

to flee from the wrath to come? Bear fruit in keeping with repentance. And do not presume to say to yourselves, "We have Abraham as our father", for I tell you, God is able from these stones to raise up children for Abraham. Even now the axe is laid to the root of the trees. Every tree therefore that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire.

'I baptise you with water for repentance, but he who is coming after me is mightier than I, whose sandals I am not worthy to carry. He will baptise you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing fork is in his hand, and he will clear his threshing floor and gather his wheat into the barn, but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

**Homily**

*Sit*

**The Nicene Creed**

*Stand*

**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.**

*All bow*

**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.

*Or:*

**The Apostles' Creed**

I believe in God,  
the Father almighty,  
Creator of heaven and earth,  
and in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,  
*who was conceived by the* *All bow*

*Holy Spirit,*  
*born of the Virgin Mary,*  
suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died and was buried;  
he descended into hell;  
on the third day he rose again from the dead;  
he ascended into heaven,  
and is seated at the right hand of God  
the Father almighty;  
from there he will come to judge the  
living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic Church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and life everlasting. Amen.

**Prayer of the Faithful**

*Response example:* Lord, in your mercy.  
**Hear our prayer.**

*After the concluding prayer all say: Amen. Sit*

## THE LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

*The offerings are brought to the altar.  
A hymn may be sung. If the Priest says the two  
prayers of offering aloud, the response both  
times is:*

**Blessed be God for ever.**

*The people rise as the Priest says:*  
Pray, brethren (brothers and sisters),  
that my sacrifice and yours  
may be acceptable to God,  
the almighty Father.

*The people reply:*

**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.**

**Prayer over the Offerings**

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**

The Lord be with you.  
**And with your spirit.**  
Lift up your hearts.  
**We lift them up to the Lord.**  
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.  
**It is right and just.**

*The Priest continues with the Preface and  
concludes with the people, singing or saying aloud:*

**Holy, Holy, Holy Lord God of hosts.  
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.  
Hosanna in the highest.  
Blessed is he who comes in the name of  
the Lord.  
Hosanna in the highest.** *Kneel*

*The Eucharistic Prayer continues until the  
Priest says:*

The mystery of faith.  
*And the people continue, acclaiming one of the  
following:*

**We proclaim your Death, O Lord,  
and profess your Resurrection  
until you come again.**

*Or:*

**When we eat this Bread and drink this Cup,  
we proclaim your Death, O Lord,  
until you come again.**

*Or:*

**Save us, Saviour of the world,  
for by your Cross and Resurrection  
you have set us free.**

*The Priest concludes the Eucharistic Prayer  
saying alone:*

Through him, and with him, and in him,  
O God, almighty Father,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
all glory and honour is yours,  
for ever and ever.

*The people acclaim: Amen.*



## The Communion Rite

*Stand*

*The Priest invites all to join in the Lord's Prayer:*

**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.**

*The Priest continues alone:*

Deliver us, Lord, we pray, from every evil,  
graciously grant 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 Saviour, Jesus Christ.  
**For the kingdom,  
the power and the glory are yours  
now and for ever.**

*The Priest says:*

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 for ever and ever. **Amen.**  
The peace of the Lord be with you always.  
**And with your spirit.**

*The Deacon, or the Priest, adds:*

Let us offer each other the sign of peace.

*The Priest takes the host and breaks it.*

*Meanwhile the people say or sing:*

**Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world,  
have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world,  
have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world,  
grant us peace.**

*Kneel*

*The Priest shows the host to the people and says:*

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.

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

*The Priest or other minister says to each communicant:*

The Body [Blood] of Christ.

*Each communicant answers: Amen.*

**Communion Antiphon** Bar 5:5;4:36  
**Jerusalem, arise and stand upon the  
heights,  
and behold the joy which comes to you  
from God.**

## Prayer after Communion

*Stand*

Replenished by the food of spiritual  
nourishment,  
we humbly beseech you, O Lord,  
that, through 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.**

## THE CONCLUDING RITES

*Announcements may be made.*

*Then:*

*Priest:* The Lord be with you.

*All:* And with your spirit.

May almighty God bless you,  
the Father, and the Son, ✠ and the Holy Spirit.  
**Amen.**

*Then the Deacon, or the Priest, says:*

Go forth, the Mass is ended.

*Or:*

Go and announce the Gospel of the Lord. *Or:*

Go in peace, glorifying the Lord by your life. *Or:*

Go in peace.

**Thanks be to God.**



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