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2nd Sunday of AdventCatholic Centre  
Broadcast

Good morning once again from the chapel at the Catholic Centre where in a few moments the Mass for today, the 2nd Sunday of Advent will be beginning. We welcome you to join in spirit with us here in the offering of the same Mass with which on Friday last we join our Holy Father during his short visit to Hong Kong. Today's broadcast of the Mass won't have the same occasion and solemnity, of course; but if you have seen or heard the celebration on Friday, then perhaps listening again to the same liturgy now as it's celebrated in this small chapel on an ordinary Sunday morning, you may be reminded of the message of Pope Paul and our link with him and the whole Church in this and every offering of the Mass. And as he, on all the public occasions like Friday's Mass, likes particularly to see and meet people who are disabled or sick, people who don't normally have a chance of taking part in ordinary life, those of you who are ill and otherwise unable to take part yourself in the celebration of the Eucharist today are particularly welcome to participate with us in our worship and prayer.

Today is the second Sunday of the Advent season preparing for Christmas, and so the scripture readings you'll hear are directed towards the coming of Christ. Today is also being observed as Bible Sunday, and as a day of special awareness and concern and prayer about the problems of drug addiction in HK. Mass begins now, with an antiphon and entry song as the celebrant and his assistants approach the altar.

**Confit.: Kyrie: ORATIO**

After the Assembly Prayer, the first of the 3 scripture readings, which is followed by a recitation from Ps

**Creed:** After the scripture and homily by Fr Sean Coghlan, celebrant of this Mass, the congregation stand now to recite the profession of faith, the Creed

**Offert.:** The Prayer of the Faithful, intercessory prayers for the Church and community, conclude the first part of the Mass, the liturgy of the Word. The liturgy of the Eucharist begins now, with the Offertory rite in which the bread and wine needed for the sacrifice and sacrament of the Eucharist are brought to the altar and prepared by the celebrant. The Offertory ends with the formal Prayer over the Gifts.

**CHOIR**

**Preface:** The Eucharistic Prayer, the central prayer and action of the Mass begins with an invitation and then the special Preface for these weeks of Advent: today it's the 2<sup>nd</sup> of the 4 Eucharistic Prayers that you'll hear.

**Per Ipsum:** That doxology, during which the celebrant holds <sup>up</sup> the chalice and paten on which <sup>lies</sup> the sacred host, in a gesture of offering, concludes the Prayer of the Eucharist; the Communion rite begins with the recitation of the Our Father.

**Communion:** The verse for the Communion Song, which today is from that passage of the prophet Baruch you heard read earlier in the Mass

The priest has now received in Holy Communion the Body and Blood of Christ, and after pausing for a moment's reflection and prayer, he will go to the altar-rail to give the sacrament of the Eucharist to those of the congregation here who wish to receive Holy Communion. They are now filing up to the altar; and during this time, you might like to make your own spiritual communion with Christ our Lord, with your own prayers & thoughts

**CHOIR**



While the Communion continues, we still have a few minutes for reflection and prayer. Although attention to the Word of God recorded in the Bible, and concern for the difficulties and problems of the use of drugs and narcotics in HK claim special attention today, I would like to share with you some reflection on this sacrament of God's love we receive in this Advent season -- and the object neither of Bible Sunday nor this anti-narcotics Day is really so far removed from this. For Advent, the coming of Christ, is one season most closely connected with an understanding of holy Scripture, and with Hope & confidence, virtues whose absence makes recourse to and dependence on drugs seem an understandable solution of life's difficulties. There is an obvious link to meditate on between the coming of Christ which is the Sacrament of the Eucharist.....

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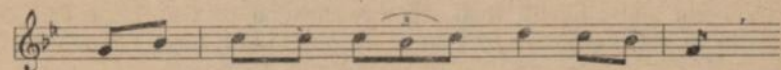


## Communion Song

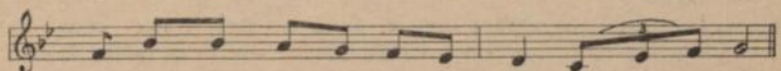
LEADER : Arise, O Jerusalem, and stand on high, and behold the joy that comes to you from your God.



1. Joy to heav-en, let earth sing its praise! The moun-tains
2. Joy to heav-en, let earth sing its praise! Show forth your
3. Joy to heav-en, let earth sing its praise! Your love shall
4. Joy to heav-en, let earth sing its praise! His prom-is-



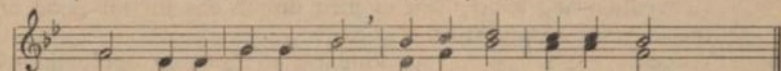
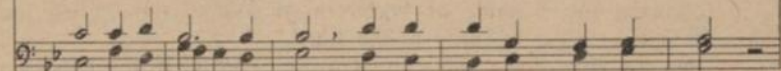
1. and the hills are sing-ing their joy to the Lord;
2. sov-'reign pow-er, res-cue your peo-ple from sin.
3. be our light, Em-man-u-el, Lord of our race,
4. es he keeps, the Sav-iour re- turns to the earth,



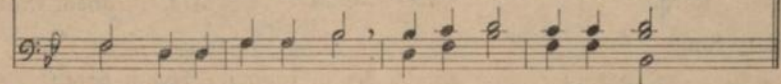
1. And all the trees and flow-ers shout praise to his name!
2. The Lord will come to feed his sheep with lov-ing care!
3. The earth buds forth the Sav-iour-King, sent from on high!
4. On clouds of maj-es-ty and might, al-le-lu-ia!



As we a-wait the Lord, let our lips pro-claim his praise:



"Bless-ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!"



## Prayer after Communion

P. Let us pray.

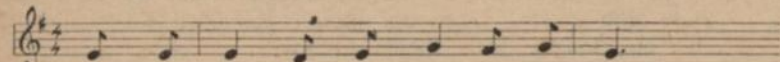
We have just been nourished with your body and blood, O Lord. Teach us through this sacramental rite to despise the things of earth and to yearn for the things of heaven. Through Christ our Lord. ALL : Amen.

## SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

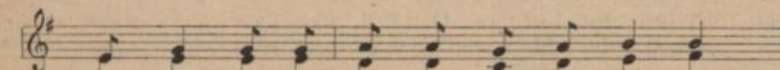
### Entry Song

LEADER : People of Sion, behold, the Lord shall come to save the nations; and the Lord shall make heard the glory of his voice in the joy of your heart. Take heed, you who rule Israel, you who are shepherd over Joseph.

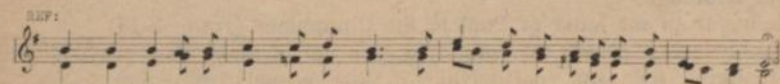
ALL SING :



1. Let us come to the Lord giv-ing thanks;
2. He is king high a - bove o - ther gods;
3. Let us kneel, let us bow and bend low,
4. Praise your God, Pa - ther, Son, Spi-rit blest,



1. with songs let us hail the rock who saves us. REP.
2. the rock of sal-va-tion for the na-tions. "
3. for he is our God, and we his peo-ple. "
4. both now and for a - ges un - end - ing. "



REP: Shout with joy to the Lord, all the earth, for splendour and majesty be-long to Him.

### Prayer of the Assembly

P. Let us pray.

O Lord, stir up our hearts to accept the message of your only begotten Son, so that, through his coming on earth, we may serve him always with a pure intention; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

ALL : Amen (Sit)

### First Reading (Old Covenant):

#### 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 for ever the beauty of the glory from God. Put on the robe of the righteousness from God; put on your head the diadem of the glory of the Everlasting. For God will show your splendour everywhere under heaven. For your name will for ever be called by God, "Peace of righteousness and glory of godliness."

Arise, O Jerusalem, stand upon the height and look towards 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 forth 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.

ALL : Thanks be to God.

#### Responsorial Psalm (Psalm 126)

READER : When the Lord restored the fortunes of Zion, we were like those who dream. Then our mouth was filled with laughter, and our tongue with shouts of joy.

ALL : The Lord has done great things for us; we are filled with joy.\*

READER : 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.

ALL : (repeat the refrain\*)

READER : Restore our fortunes, O Lord, like the watercourses in the Negeb! May those who sow in tears reap with shouts of joy!

ALL : (repeat the refrain\*)

READER : He that goes forth weeping, bearing the seed for sowing, shall come home with shouts of joy, bringing his sheaves with him.

ALL : (repeat the refrain\*)

#### Second Reading:

##### A reading from the letter of Paul to the Philippians (1:4-6. 8-11)

Always in every prayer of mine for you all I make my prayer with joy, thankful for your partnership in the gospel from the first day until now. And I am sure that he who began a good work in you will bring it to completion at the day of Jesus Christ. For God is my witness, how I yearn for you all with the affection of Christ Jesus. And it is my prayer that your love may abound more and more, with knowledge and all discernment, so that you may approve what is excellent, and may be pure and blameless for the day of Christ, filled with the fruits of righteousness which come through Jesus Christ, to the glory and praise of God. — This is the word of the Lord.

ALL : Thanks be to God.

#### Alleluia (All stand)

READER SINGS : (Alleluia, Alleluia)

ALL : (repeat)

READER : Prepare the way for the Lord, make straight his paths: all mankind shall see the salvation of God.

ALL : (repeat the refrain)

#### Third Reading:

##### A reading from the holy gospel according to Luke (3:1-6)

ALL : Glory to you, Lord.

In the fifteenth year of the reign of Tiberius Caesar, Pontius Pilate being governor of Judea, and Herod being tetrarch of Galilee, and his brother Philip tetrarch of the region of Ituraea and Trachonitis, and Lysanias tetrarch of Abilene, in the high priesthood of Annas and Caiaphas, the word of God came to John the son of Zechariah in the wilderness; and he went into all the region about the Jordan, preaching a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. As it is written in the book of the words of Isaiah the prophet, "The voice of one crying 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 brought low, and the crooked shall be made straight, and the rough ways shall be made smooth; and all flesh shall see the salvation of God." — This is the gospel of the Lord. ALL : Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ. (Sit)

#### Prayer of the Faithful

PRIEST : The world was prepared for Christ's coming, as the prophets foretold, by the penitential life and preaching of St. John the Baptist. Let us ask God to make us ever prepared to greet our Saviour.

LEADER : That God may grant that all Christian people may know and find the unity for which Christ prayed, we pray to the Lord.  
(ALL : Hear your people, have mercy, O Lord.)

LEADER : That God may bless all those who work for peace, that they may achieve this holy purpose, we pray to the Lord.  
That God may comfort the suffering, console the lonely, protect the homeless, restore peace to those troubled in mind and body, we pray to the Lord.

That Christians in our disturbed times may more fervently seek help from God in prayer, we pray to the Lord.

That God may bless especially the families of this parish, that, following the example of Nazareth, they may show forth the Christian virtue, we pray to the Lord.

That the Holy Spirit may enlighten the delegates to the Diocesan Convention and assist them in their discussions for the good of the diocese, we pray to the Lord.

PRIEST : We ask you, Lord, in your kindness to listen to our petitions and generously heed our humble prayers: through Christ our Lord.  
ALL : Amen. (Sit)

#### Offertory Song

ALL SING : (See page 1 or any suitable hymn from the Hymn book)

#### Prayer over the Gifts

O Lord, let our humble offering of these prayers and sacrifices appease you for our sins. We have no merits of our own to depend on; so assist us with your aid. Through Christ our Lord.

#### After Consecration (First acclamation)