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The Second Sunday of Advent

Sunday 8th December 2024

Gathering Sentence

Luke 3.4, 6

The voice of one crying out in the wilderness: 'Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight and all flesh shall see the salvation of God.'

The Collect

O Lord, raise up, we pray, your power and come among us, and with great might succour us; that whereas, through our sins and wickedness we are grievously hindered in running the race that is set before us, your bountiful grace and mercy may speedily help and deliver us; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, to whom with you and the Holy Spirit, be honour and glory, now and for ever. **Amen.**

(or)

Almighty God, purify our hearts and minds, that when your Son Jesus Christ comes again as judge and saviour we may be ready to receive him, who is our Lord and our God. **Amen.**

Old Testament Reading

Malachi 3.1-4

A reading from the Prophecy of Malachi.

Thus says the LORD God: See, I am sending my messenger to prepare the way before me, and the Lord whom you seek will suddenly come to his temple. The messenger of the covenant in whom you delight—indeed, he is coming, says the LORD of hosts. But who can endure the day of his coming, and who can stand when he appears?

For he is like a refiner's fire and like fullers' soap; he will sit as a refiner and purifier of silver, and he will purify the descendants of Levi and refine them like gold and silver, until they present offerings to the LORD in righteousness. Then the offering of Judah and Jerusalem will be pleasing to the LORD as in the days of old and as in former years.

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.

Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Cantic

Luke 1.68-79

Refrain: He has raised up for us a mighty Saviour.

Blessed be the Lord the God of Israel, who has come to his people and set them free. He has raised up for us a mighty Saviour, born of the house of his servant David. **R**

Through his holy prophets God promised of old to save us from our enemies, from the hands of all that hate us, to show mercy to our ancestors, and to remember his holy covenant. **R**

This was the oath God swore to our father Abraham: to set us free from the hands of our enemies, free to worship him without fear, holy and righteous in his sight all the days of our life. **R**

And you, child, shall be called the prophet of the Most High, for you will go before the Lord to prepare his way, to give his people knowledge of salvation by the forgiveness of all their sins. **R**

In the tender compassion of our God the dawn from on high shall break upon us, to shine on those who dwell in darkness and the shadow of death, and to guide our feet into the way of peace. **R**

Epistle Reading

Philippians 1.3-11

A reading from the Letter to the Philippians.

My brothers and sisters, I thank my God every time I remember you, constantly praying with joy in every one of my prayers for all of you, because of your sharing in the gospel from the first day until now. I am confident of this, that the one who began a good work among you will bring it to completion by the day of Jesus Christ. It is right for me to think this way about all of you, because you hold me in your heart, for all of you share in God's grace with me, both in my imprisonment and in the defence and confirmation of the gospel. For God is my witness, how I long for all of you with the compassion 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 is best, so that on 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.

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Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia.

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

Alleluia.

Gospel Reading

Luke 3.1-6

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.

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.

Praise to you, O Christ.



Communion Sentence

Baruch 4.36

Look towards the east, O Jerusalem, and see the joy that is coming to you from God.

Prayer after Communion

Father in heaven, who sent your Son to redeem the world and will send him again to be our judge: give us grace so to imitate him in the humility and purity of his first coming that, when he comes again, we may be ready to greet him with joyful love and firm faith; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

(or)

Faithful God, we thank you for feeding us with this heavenly banquet: help us always to hear the prophet's call to turn our hearts to you; in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord. **Amen.**

THANK YOU

A big thank you to everyone who is covering for me this weekend while I rest and recover. I hope that by taking time now I will be better for the rest of the Advent season, and especially for Christmas.

NIGHT PRAYER

Tuesdays | 9:00 pm | Zoom

These quiet and contemplative services focus on the Gospel of the day, and feature silence and music—all to help settle our minds and hearts at the end of the day. If you would like to join, please email for details.

ADVENT CYCLE OF PRAYER

- ¶ *The Church, that she may be ready for the coming of Christ;*
- ¶ *The leaders of the Church;*
- ¶ *The nations, that they may be subject to the rule of God;*
- ¶ *Those who are working for justice in the world; and*
- ¶ *The broken, that they may find God's healing.*

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THE CHURCH
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Diocese of
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UPCOMING SERVICES

Sunday 8th December 2024

The Second Sunday of Advent

9:00 am Holy Communion | Croxton Kerrial

9:00 am Morning Prayer | Sewstern

11:00 am Morning Prayer | Wymondham

6:00 pm Carol Service | Wyfordby

Tuesday 10th December 2024

9:00 pm Night Prayer | Zoom

Sunday 15th December 2024

The Third Sunday of Advent

9:00 am Holy Communion | Saltby

11:00 am Holy Communion | Wymondham

6:00 pm Carol Service | Edmondthorpe

Tuesday 17th December 2024

9:00 pm Night Prayer | Zoom

Thursday 19th December 2024

7:00 pm Carol Service | Branston

Sunday 22nd December 2024

The Fourth Sunday of Advent

9:00 am Holy Communion | Wymondham

10:00 am Carol Service | Sewstern

6:00 pm Carol Service | Harston

Monday 23rd December 2024

6:00 pm Carol Service | Coston

Tuesday 24th December 2024

Christmas Eve

3:00 pm Carol Service | Sproxton

6:00 pm Carol Service | Wymondham

Wednesday 25th December 2024

Christmas Day

8:00 am Christmas Communion | Wyfordby

10:00 am Christmas Communion | Buckminster

10:00 am Christmas Communion | Croxton
Kerrial

**Please note: no services
until the first Sunday in January.**

Sunday 5th January 2024

The Epiphany

9:00 am Holy Communion | Branston

11:00 am Holy Communion | Sewstern

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