

Our Lady of Loretto & St Michael, Musselburgh

SECOND SUNDAY IN ADVENT

Year C



FIRST READING A reading from the prophet Baruch (5:1-9)

Jerusalem, take off your dress of sorrow and distress,
put on the beauty of the glory of God for ever,
wrap the cloak of the integrity of God around you,
put the diadem of the glory of the Eternal on your head:
since God means to show your splendour to every nation
under heaven,
since the name of God gives you for ever will be,
'Peace through integrity, and honour through devotedness.'
Arise, Jerusalem, stand on the heights
and turn your eyes to the east:
see your sons reassembled from west and east
at the command of the Holy One, jubilant that God has
remembered them.

Though they left you on foot,
with enemies for an escort,
now God brings them back to you
like royal princes carried back in glory.
For God has decreed the flattening
of each high mountain, of the everlasting hills,
the filling of the valleys to make the ground level
so that Israel can walk in safety under the glory of God.
And the forests and every fragrant tree will provide shade
for Israel at the command of God;
for God will guide Israel in joy by the light of his glory
with his mercy and integrity for escort.

The word of the Lord.

**R What marvels the Lord worked for us!
Indeed we were glad.**

When the Lord delivered Zion from bondage
it seemed like a dream.
Then was our mouth filled with laughter,
on our lips there were sons. **R.**

The heathens themselves said: 'What marvels the Lord
worked for them!'
What marvels the Lord worked for us!
Indeed we were glad. **R.**

Deliver us, O Lord, from our bondage
as streams in dry land.
Those who are sowing in tears
will sing when they reap. **R.**

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They go out, they go out, full of tears
carrying seed for the sowing:
they come back, they come back, full of song,
carrying their sheaves. **R.**

SECOND READING A reading from the letter of St Paul to the
Philippians (1:4-6.8-11)

Every time I pray for all of you, I pray with joy,
remembering how you have helped to spread the Good
News from the day you first heard it right up to the present.
I am quite certain that the One who began this good work
in you will see that it is finished when the Day of Christ
Jesus comes. God knows how much I miss you all, loving
you as Christ Jesus loves you. My prayer is that your love
for each other may increase more and more and never stop
improving your knowledge and deepening your perception
so that you can always recognise what is best. This will help
you to become pure and blameless, and prepare you for
the Day of Christ, when you will reach the perfect goodness
which Jesus Christ produces in us for the glory and praise of
God. **The word of the Lord.**



**Alleluia, alleluia! Prepare a way for the Lord,
make his paths straight, and all mankind shall see
the salvation of God. Alleluia!**

THE HOLY GOSPEL A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke (3:1-6)

In the fifteenth year of Tiberius Caesar's reign, when
Pontius Pilate was governor of Judaea, Herod tetrarch of
Galilee, his brother Philip tetrarch of the lands of Ituraea
and Trachonitis, Lysanias tetrarch of Abilene, during the
pontificate of Annas and Caiaphas, the word of God came
to John son of Zechariah, in the wilderness. He went
through the whole Jordan district proclaiming a baptism of
repentance for the forgiveness of sins, as it is written in the
book of sayings of the prophet Isaiah:

A voice cries in the wilderness:
Prepare a way for the Lord,
make his paths straight.
Every valley will be filled in,
every mountain and hill be laid low,
winding ways will be straightened
and rough roads made smooth.
And all mankind shall see the salvation of God.

The Gospel of the Lord.

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Sacramental enrolment

All Children come forward with a parent or carer.
The priest addresses the adults.

Dear parents and carers: You have come here to present your child for the Sacraments of Reconciliation and the Eucharist. If your faith makes you ready to accept this responsibility, renew now the vows of your own baptism. Reject sin; profess your faith in Christ Jesus. This is the faith of the Church. This is the faith in which your child was baptised.

Celebrant: Do you reject Satan?

Parents and Godparents: I do

Celebrant: And all his works?

Parents and Godparents: I do

Celebrant: And all his empty show?

Parents and Godparents: I do

C. Do you believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth?

Parents and Godparents: I do

Celebrant: Do you believe in Jesus Christ, his only son, our Lord, who was born of the Virgin Mary, was crucified, died, and was buried, rose from the dead, and is now seated at the right hand of the Father?

Parents and Godparents: I do

C. Do you 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?

Parents and Godparents: I do

Celebrant: This is our faith. This is the faith of the Church. We are proud to confess it, in Christ our Lord. **All: Amen.**

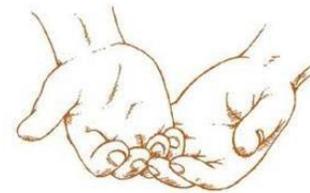
After the Bidding Prayers we say together

Lord Jesus Christ, I come to You as Saviour and King, asking You to forgive me for all

the wrong things I have thought, said and done in my life. I choose to turn away from everything that I know is wrong.



I believe that You died on the cross for me, so that I can be forgiven and set free. Thank you that You offer me the gift of eternal life. I now receive that gift.



Please come and fill me with Your Holy Spirit and make it possible for me to walk by faith with You, my Lord and my God. Amen



A Prayer for Advent

God of the day and of the night,
in me there is darkness,
but with you there is light.
I am alone, but you will not leave me.
I am weak, but you will come to my help.
I am restless, but you are my peace.
I am in haste, but you are the God of infinite
patience.
I am confused and lost, but you are eternal
wisdom and you direct my path; now and for
ever. Amen

Dietrich Bonhoeffer, 1906-1945