

PREPARE A WAY!

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

GATHERING SONG

On Jordan's bank the Baptist's cry announces that the Lord is nigh;
come then and hearken, for he brings glad tidings from the King of kings.

Then cleansed be every Christian breast, and furnished for so great a guest!
Yea, let us each our heart prepare, for Christ to come and enter there.

For thou art our salvation, Lord our refuge and our great reward;
without thy grace our souls must fade, and wither like a flower decayed.

All praise, eternal Son, to thee whose advent sets thy people free,
whom, with the Father, we adore, and Holy Ghost, for evermore.

C. Coffin (1676-1749), tr. J. Chandler (1808-76)

LIGHTING OF THE SECOND ADVENT CANDLE

PENITENTIAL ACT

Priest Lord Jesus,
you came to give us a spirit of wisdom and understanding:
ALL SING **Kyrie...** (as below)



Priest Lord Jesus,
you offer us counsel and empower us to bring justice to the poor:
ALL SING **Kyrie....** (as above)

Priest Lord Jesus,
You look for true reverence and expect us to show that we know you.
ALL SING **Kyrie....** (as above)

RESPONSORIAL PSALM



What mar-vels the Lord worked for us! In-deed we were glad.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

All **Alleluia...**

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

All **Alleluia...**

PREPARATION OF THE GIFTS

Come, thou long-expected Jesus, born to set thy people free,
from our fears and sins release us, let us find our rest in thee.

Israel's strength and consolation, hope of all the earth thou art;
dear desire of every nation, joy of every longing heart.

Born thy people to deliver, born a child and yet a king,
born to reign in us for ever, now thy gracious kingdom bring.

By thine own eternal Spirit rule in all our hearts alone;
by thine all-sufficient merit raise us to thy glorious throne.

Charles Wesley (1707-88)

ACCLAMATIONS DURING THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

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Ho-ly, Ho-ly, Ho - ly Lord God of hosts.



Hea - ven and earth are full ___ of your glo - ry. Ho-



san - na in ___ the ___ high - est.



Bless-ed is he who comes in the name of the



Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

Memorial Acclamation



When we eat this Bread and drink this Cup, we pro -



claim your Death, O— Lord un - til you come a-gain.

Amen - during Advent, following the doxology at the end of the Eucharistic Prayer, we will sing the traditional (plainchant) 'Amen', unaccompanied.



A - men.

Lamb of God



Lamb of God, you take a - way the sins of the world, have



mer - cy on us, have mer - cy on us. Lamb of...



Lamb of God, you take a - way the sins of the world,



grant us peace, grant us peace.

Wait for the Lord, whose day is near, wait for the Lord, keep watch, take heart.

1. Hark! A herald voice is calling:
 'Christ is nigh' it seems to say;
 'cast away the dreams of darkness,
 O ye children of the day!'
2. Startled at the solemn warning,
 let the earth-bound soul arise;
 Christ, her sun, all sloth dispelling,
 shines upon the morning skies.
3. Lo! the Lamb, so long expected,
 comes with pardon down from heaven;
 let us haste, with tears of sorrow,
 one and all to be forgiven.
4. So when next he comes with glory,
 wrapping all the earth in fear,
 may he then as our defender
 on the clouds of heaven appear.
5. Honour, glory, virtue, merit, to the Father and the Son,
 with the co-eternal Spirit, while unending ages run.

6th century, tr. Edward Caswall (1814-78)

FINAL HYMN

The voice of God goes out to all the world: his glory speaks across the universe.
 The Great King's herald cries from star to star;
with power, with justice, he will walk his way.

The Lord has said: Receive my messenger, my promise to the world,
 my pledge made flesh, a lamp to every nation, light from light:
with power, with justice, he will walk his way.

The broken reed he will not trample down, nor set his heel upon the dying flame.
 He binds the wounds, and health is in his hand:
with power, with justice, he will walk his way.

Anointed with the Spirit and with power,
 he comes to crown with comfort all the weak,
 to show the face of justice to the poor:
with power, with justice, he will walk his way.

Luke Connaughton (1919-79)