



### ADVENT REFLECTION.

You keep us waiting. You, the God of all time, want us to wait for the right time in which to discover who we are, where we must go, who will be with us and what we must do. So thank you... for the waiting time.

You keep us looking. You, the God of all space, want us to look in the right and wrong places for signs of hope for people who are hopeless, for visions of a better world which will appear among the disappointments of the world we know. So thank you..... for the looking time.

You keep us loving. You, the God whose name is love, want us to be like you—to love without jealousy or design or threat; and, most difficult of all, to love ourselves.

So thank you.. For the loving time.

And in all this, you keep us through hard questions with no easy answers; through failing where we hope to succeed and make an impact when we felt we were useless; through the patience and the dreams and the love of others; and through Jesus Christ and his Spirit, you keep us.

So thank you....for the keeping time, for now and forever. Amen. *Dorothy McRae-McMahon.*

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## Gospel Acclamation

Lk 3:4. 6

Alleluia, alleluia!

Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight his paths: all people shall see the salvation of God. Alleluia!

## Gospel

Lk 3:1-6

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

*All people shall see the salvation of God.*

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 the 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.

## Communion Antiphon

Bar 5:5; 4:36

Jerusalem, arise and stand upon the heights,  
and behold the joy which comes to you from God.

**GOOD NEWS—COVID UPDATE—  
NO BOOKINGS REQUIRED.**



**Please do come early as we still need to sign  
in. We Join the wider Diocese in obedience to  
Government requirements to continue to**

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*What does the LORD require of you  
but to act justly, to love tenderly, and  
to walk humbly with your God.*  
MICAH 6:8



## OUR LADY OF WAY PARISH—EMU PLAINS

### SUNDAY 5TH DECEMBER

## Second Sunday of Advent Year C

### Entrance Antiphon

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.

### First Reading

Bar 5:1-9

A reading from the prophet Baruch

*Jerusalem – God will show you splendour.*

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 God gives you for ever will be,  
'Peace through integrity, and honour through devoted-  
ness'.

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.

### Responsorial Psalm

Ps 125. R. v.3

**(R.)** The Lord has done great things for us; we are filled  
with joy.

1. When the Lord delivered Zion from bondage,  
it seemed like a dream.  
Then was our mouth filled with laughter,  
on our lips there were songs. **(R.)**
2. The heathens themselves said: 'What marvels  
the Lord worked for them!'  
What marvels the Lord worked for us!  
Indeed we were glad. **(R.)**
3. Deliver us, O Lord, from our bondage  
as streams in dry land.  
Those who are sowing in tears  
will sing when they reap. **(R.)**
4. 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

Phil 1:3-6. 8-11

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Philippians

*Show yourselves sinless and without blame in the day of  
Christ.*

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.