

Gospel 5th December 2021. Year C

2nd Sunday ADVENT



A VOICE SHOUTS IN THE DESERT



PREPARE THE WAY TO THE LORD

SETTING

To pray and meet with you ... Walk and walk the roads, make these true encounters of life, fraternal encounters.

Walk in the wind of the Spirit that accompanies the hearts of all.

Walk, pondering everything, welcoming, thanking, empowering and sharing.

I am silent, I light the flame ... the answer, the path. Time to wait, time to take care of ourselves. Come Lord Jesus! Fill my life with light.

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<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=GwEa7Yk17Ww>

GOSPEL - Luke 3: 1-6

“It was the fifteenth year of the reign of the Emperor Tiberius. Pontius Pilate ruled in Judea; Herod, in Galilee; his brother Filippo, in Iturea and Traconítide, and Lisanio virey in Abilene. And Annas and Caiaphas were the high priests. It was then that God spoke in the desert to John, the son of Zacharias. John began to travel the riverside lands of the Jordan proclaiming a baptism as a sign of conversion to receive the forgiveness of sins. Thus it was written in the book of the prophet Isaiah: A voice is heard; someone cries out in the desert: “Prepare the way of the Lord; make straight paths for him! Let the ravines be levelled and the hills and hills levelled! May the winding roads be made straight and the rough roads levelled, so that the whole world can contemplate the salvation that God sends! ”.

We deepen the text

Let's follow the order in which the text is written: Luke has his reasons for being extremely precise: date, places, characters that fill the space of the moment described. At the same way , we note that these are already the characters in the drama of the Passion of Jesus, which is a way of telling us, among other things, the reality that is looming on the horizon. As for the date, the text is between the year 27 or 28 after Jesus Christ.

Luke also presents the political characters in the first place, and the religious later, since the one and the other will find themselves around the drama of John, first, and that of Jesus later.

As for the places, Luke names two Jewish provinces, Galilea and Judea, and followed, three non-Jewish provinces located in the north of the country: Iturea, Traconitide and Abilene. Let us not be surprised that Luke, a convert from paganism, is particularly sensitive to the announcement of salvation in pagan lands. Finally, Luke names the religious authorities, the high priests, Ananias and Caiaphas. Both of them played their part in Jesus' trial (Jn 18:13).

Let's continue with the text: "The word of God was addressed to John" literally: "There was a Word of God about John"; Note that this is exactly the same formula that the Greek Bible uses for Jeremiah (Jr 11,1) and for Hosea (Hos 1,1). Obviously Luke does it expressly because he wants to present, at once, John as the authentic prophet. "John proclaimed a baptism of conversion for

the forgiveness of sins." It is time to realize that Jesus did not invent the baptism, as John and baptized before he came!

Let's be clear: this announcement by Isaiah was addressed first to his contemporaries. He is an oracle of circumstances and his first concern was of immediate order. Yes, the oracle was addressed to the exiles who ran the risk of feeling abandoned by God since, every year, the deported Jews were forced to open roads in the middle of the desert: Fill the banks, raze the hills, straighten the crooked roads . Hard work physically and even more so morally since it was in honour of pagan idols! Babylonian idols. But what did Isaiah say? Isaiah proclaimed: «From now on, the way of the Lord will be the one that crosses the desert, which can be translated by: God takes the lead of the procession at your triumphal entry into your country. John the Baptist, rereading the prophecy of his spiritual father, discovers in it the announcement of the existence of another path of liberation: thus it is, from now on, God's salvation will be offered to every human being and not only to the exiles of Babylon.

Clues for Prayer

1. "Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight paths for HIM"
How can we open these paths in our society today, in the environment in which you live?
2. How to show in your life that salvation is near?
3. Where is God's salvation made present, here and now?...

DO YOU HEAR THE VOICE THAT SCREAMS IN THE DESERT? __

AMBIENTAL MUSIC. Lullaby Set (Kammen & Swan)

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=R0eS2_zyE48

CALLED TO JOY

Life is a continuous path,
in which to prepare,
the continued coming of the Lord.

Prepare the way
pave the paths.

Welcome the calls
who ask for justice.

Enable the homes,

the spaces, the times,
put your heart in everything
and the look.
Focus, what is necessary,
the small, the simple, the good.
Walk the roads
that lead to the other.
Flatten the differences clashes,
soften the dislikes.
Understand the other,
in their vindication, in their belief,
Receive him as unique, as a brother.
Speak tenderly, from the heart,
With the simple, universal languages,
May your gestures reach all
Accompany the different ones,
They have their way, their part of the truth.
Hear the news, to the young man,
builder of uncertain futures.
Love the visionary and creative,
forger of dreams.
Heal the sick, the weak,
to the one who does not see, to the one who leaves.
Proclaim that the Word
wants to be born in each one.
Open your eyes to see and hear life
that breaks through, to sprout again.

SONG.

God is tenderness at Christmas - Solidarity Claretian Parishes

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=leDJ63dRvbA>



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