



II SUNDAY OF ADVENT 10th OF DECEMBER 2023 – CYCLE B



LEARN FROM THE MOMENT



SETTING

Prepare the way for the Lord; Advent has to be for us every day, at every moment and in every circumstance.

Who guides us, what or who tells us about Him? We remain silent and listen with hope to the promise of the Lord. He comes every day to bring us peace and justice, mercy and faithfulness, salvation and glory.

We have to prepare ourselves, look; listen to the life that is around us and that always has a call. Pay attention and listen, also respond to the extent we can, and yes we can, because there is always a possibility, if we want it, we can see it. Actively contemplate every moment, every person, because we have tons of possibilities to express and witness that good sense that inhabits us and bring sensitivity to who we are, in what we do. Let our life be our message.

Let us be messengers of truth, equity, kindness, service, closeness and tenderness, of that God who becomes one in each of us.

SONG. ALLELUIA, WE ARE GOING TO SEE THE KING

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=n3lVEpTotsw>

GOSPEL. Mark 1, 1-8

“Beginning of the Gospel of Jesus Christ, Son of God” As it is written in Isaiah the prophet: See, I am sending my messenger before you, who will prepare your way. Voice of one crying in the desert: Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight. John appeared baptizing in the desert, proclaiming a baptism of conversion for the forgiveness of sins. People came to him from all the region of Judea and all those from Jerusalem, and were baptized by him in the Jordan River, confessing their sins. John wore a camel skin dress; and he fed on locusts and wild honey. And he proclaimed: «Behind me comes he who is stronger than me; and I am not worthy to untie the strap of his sandals by bowing down. “I have baptized you with water, but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit.”

To deepen the Word of God (Marie-Noëlle THABUT)

Today's liturgy begins with one of the most beautiful passages from the Book of Isaiah, it is called the "Book of the Consolation of Israel" because its first words are: "Comfort, comfort my people, says your God." This phrase, in itself, is already extraordinary, almost unexpected Good News for those who hear it! "A voice proclaims: Prepare the way of the LORD in the desert." Behold who comes to restore the people of God their dignity... Behold he in whom the glory is revealed, that is, the presence of the Lord! The time of the prophets is over, from here on, God himself will be among us! Psalm 84 (85) was written after the return of the people of Israel from Exile: that long-awaited return. This should mean a wonderful start over: it was the return to the country, first, but also the beginning of a new life... God erased the past, and began again... "There is one thing you must not forget": If Peter's text speaks this way, it is precisely because there was a tendency to forget what, for him, was so important! It was: "To the Lord Jesus, one day is like a thousand years, and a thousand years are like his one day." Our lives are under the sign of the times, we know it too well; measured, counted, brief, witness to our maturation process and our aging; witness of our efforts and progress, too slow in our eyes, but sure of God's project. But God is outside of time: he is said to be "Eternal"; this is, certainly, one of the meanings of his name "I understood "I am the eternally present among you."

"Beginning of the Good News of Jesus Christ, the Son of God": in four words, Mark tells the entire mystery of Jesus of Nazareth: this man, humanly situated, is Christ, Son of God: that is, king and Messiah at the

same time. He is the one who fulfils the expectations of his people, but also the Son of God: that is, God himself... and there the expectations of the chosen people have been not only fulfilled but largely overflowed. From now on, the entire gospel of Mark will consist of developing this first verse. "Good News" It will be necessary to understand this expression in all its force! In the sense of "Great News", great News that will be excellent. This is exactly the meaning of the Word "GOSPEL".

Prayer Tips:

- What does the figure of John the Baptist mean in the History of Salvation?
- What are the paths to straighten in your life to prepare the way of the Lord?
- What can we do as a Church, as a community to convey to those around us that they are children of God?

MÚSICA AMBIENTAL.
ANDREA VANZO - INTIMACY

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[si=HSWhm23Y8Nr5r5iW](https://youtu.be/a7VvHiaavTk?si=HSWhm23Y8Nr5r5iW)

ARIADNE PHILINE - birds flying downward

<https://youtu.be/SZtAwarRlng?si=fzWBwglZRPQDXGmE>



IN THIS MOMENT

Prepare the way everyone, hand in hand,
Build bridges of hope and certain paths.
Clear the obstacles, move forward without pause,
opening the way to the future that is in the present.

Build the new dawn with love and dreams,
where peace and justice can be.
Cleanse the traces of the past and the mistakes,
so that a path of light opens in each heart.

Prepare the way with clasped hands,
cultivating solidarity and serene looks.
May kindness and respect be your message,
guiding the steps of those who long to walk.

Prepare the way with words that heal,
with gestures that embrace and make you reborn.
Sow seeds of hope and love,
so that the whole world can find
its best design and colour.

May your path be a source of inspiration,
awakening strength and conviction in others.
Prepare the way with courage and determination,
because together we can build that new civilization
the one we all dream of, the one we all need.

Always ready to walk the trails
of life, open to all, including, welcoming,
preparing the way, step by constant step.
In our hands is the power to change,
and open a path of peace and happiness.

Prepare the way, men, women, elders,
young people and children...simple people.
The future is not open, anxious and patient.
Let's build together a world without measure,
where everyone fits, where love and light shine today
and always.

Let's prepare life as a possibility for everyone.
Without distinction, the person as the center, starting point
and arrival, focus of our charisma, of our style.
Let our message be inclusion, openness
and commitment, for life, for the person, for justice
and for peace among all.

SONG. PREPARE YE THE WAY OF THE LORD

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