

## Gathering Song

### Like a Shepherd

Refrain

Like a shep - herd he feeds his flock and gath - ers the  
lambs in his arms, hold - ing them care - ful - ly  
close to his heart, lead - ing them home.

Verses 1, 2

1. Say to the cit - ies of Ju - dah: Pre - pare the  
2. I my - self will shep - herd them, for oth - ers have  
way of the Lord. Go to the moun - tain top,  
led them a - stray. The lost I will res - cue and  
lift your voice; Je - ru - sa - lem, here is your God.  
heal their wounds and pas - ture them, giv - ing them rest.

Verse 3

3. Come un - to me if you are  
heav - i - ly bur - dened, and take my yoke up -  
on your shoul - ders, I will give you rest.



2<sup>nd</sup> SUNDAY  
OF ADVENT

"Prepare the way  
of the Lord."  
- Mk 1:3

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### First Reading - Isaiah 40:1-5, 9-11

Comfort, give comfort to my people, says your God. Speak tenderly to Jerusalem, and proclaim to her that her service is at an end, her guilt is expiated; indeed, she has received from the hand of the LORD double for all her sins.

A voice cries out: In the desert prepare the way of the LORD! Make straight in the wasteland a highway for our God! Every valley shall be filled in, every mountain and hill shall be made low; the rugged land shall be made a plain, the rough country, a broad valley. Then the glory of the LORD shall be revealed, and all people shall see it together; for the mouth of the LORD has spoken.

Go up on to a high mountain, Zion, herald of glad tidings; cry out at the top of your voice, Jerusalem, herald of good news! Fear not to cry out and say to the cities of Judah: Here is your God! Here comes with power the Lord GOD, who rules by his strong arm; here is his reward with him, his recompense before him. Like a shepherd he feeds his flock; in his arms he gathers the lambs, carrying them in his bosom, and leading the ewes with care.

### Psalm 62

Refrain

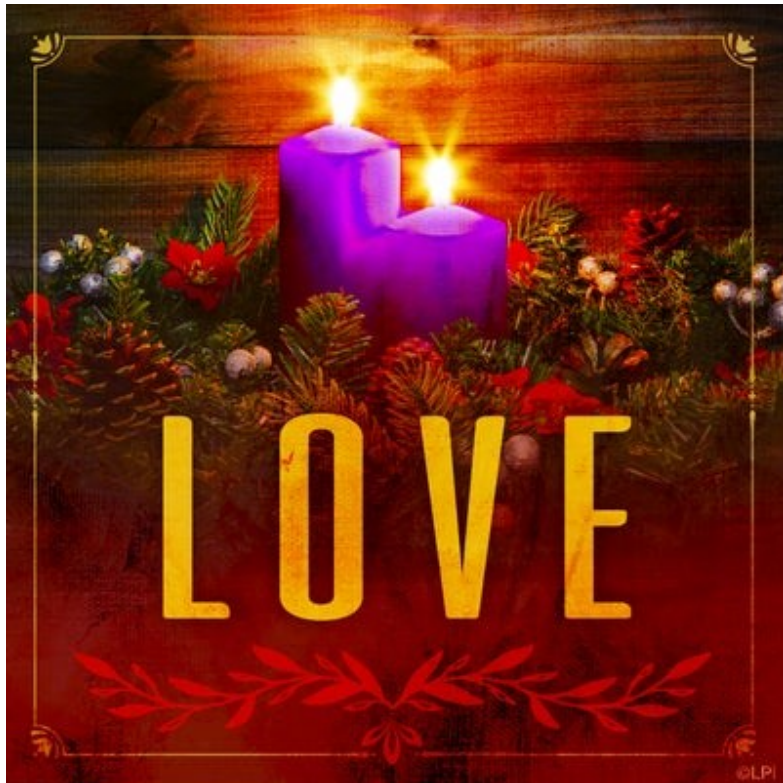
Lord, let us see your kind - ness;  
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## Second Reading - 2 Peter 3:8-14

Do not ignore this one fact, beloved, that with the Lord one day is like a thousand years and a thousand years like one day. The Lord does not delay his promise, as some regard "delay," but he is patient with you, not wishing that any should perish but that all should come to repentance.

But the day of the Lord will come like a thief, and then the heavens will pass away with a mighty roar and the elements will be dissolved by fire, and the earth and everything done on it will be found out.

Since everything is to be dissolved in this way, what sort of persons ought you to be, conducting yourselves in holiness and devotion, waiting for and hastening the coming of the day of God, because of which the heavens will be dissolved in flames and the elements melted by fire. But according to his promise we await new heavens and a new earth in which righteousness dwells. Therefore, beloved, since you await these things, be eager to be found without spot or blemish before him, at peace.



## Gospel - Mark 1:1-8

The beginning of the gospel of Jesus Christ the Son of God.

As it is written in Isaiah the prophet: *Behold, I am sending my messenger ahead of you; he will prepare your way. A voice of one crying out in the desert: "Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight his paths."* John the Baptist appeared in the desert proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. People of the whole Judean countryside and all the inhabitants of Jerusalem were going out to him and were being baptized by him in the Jordan River as they acknowledged their sins. John was clothed in camel's hair, with a leather belt around his waist. He fed on locusts and wild honey. And this is what he proclaimed: "One mightier than I is coming after me. I am not worthy to stoop and loosen the thongs of his sandals. I have baptized you with water; he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit."

## **Preparation of Gifts and Altar**

### **Instrumental**

### **Communion**

#### An Act of Spiritual Communion

My Jesus,

I believe that You are present  
in the Most Holy Sacrament.

I love You above all things,  
and I desire to receive You into my soul.

Since I cannot at this moment  
receive You sacramentally,

come at least spiritually into my heart.

I embrace You as if You were already there  
and unite myself wholly to You.

Never permit me to be separated from You. Amen



## Communion Song

### A Voice Cries Out

Verse 1



1. Con-sole my peo-ple, the ones dear to me: speak to the



heart of Je - ru-sa-lem: the time of your mourn-ing is



end-ed now, the Lord of life will come.

 Refrain



A voice cries out in the wil - der - ness: Pre - pare a



way for the Lord! A voice cries out in the wil - der -



ness: Make straight a high-way for God!

Verse 2



2. Ev - 'ry val - ley is made a plain, ev - 'ry



moun-tain is lev - eled the glo - ry of God shall



then be re - vealed, and the na-tions will sing in praise.

## St. Michael the Archangel Prayer

St. Michael the Archangel, defend us in battle.  
Be our defense against the wickedness and snares of the Devil.

May God rebuke him, we humbly pray,  
and do thou, O Prince of the Heavenly hosts,  
by the power of God, cast into hell Satan,  
and all the evil spirits who prowl about the world  
seeking the ruin of souls. Amen

## Sending Forth

### Prepare the Way of the Lord

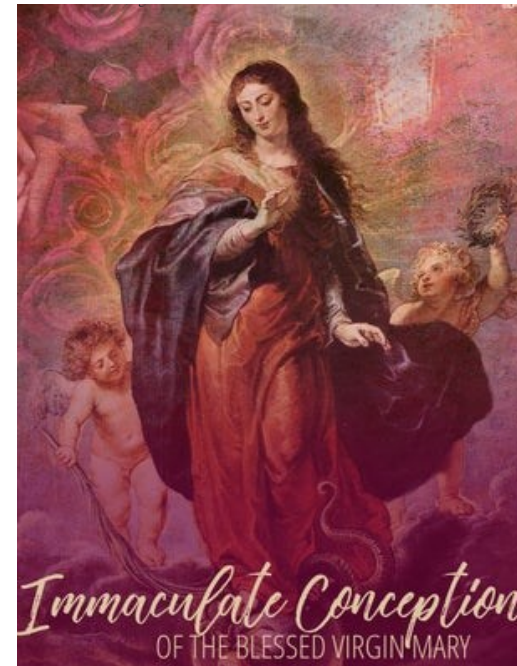
Canon



Pre - pare the way of the Lord. Pre-prepare the way of the Lord, and



all peo-ple will see the sal - va - tion of our God. Pre -



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