

**ADVENT 2****KJV****COLLECT**

O Lord, raise up we pray thee thy power  
and come among us,  
and with great might succour us;  
that whereas, through our sins and wickedness  
we are sore let and hindered  
in running the race that is set before us,  
thy bountiful grace and mercy  
may speedily help and deliver us;  
through the satisfaction of thy Son our Lord,  
to whom with thee and the Holy Spirit  
be honour and glory,  
now and for ever.

**FIRST READING****Baruch 5.1–9**

*A reading from the book of the prophet Baruch*

Put off, O Jerusalem, the garment of thy mourning, and affliction: and put on the beauty, and honour of that everlasting glory which thou hast from God. God will clothe thee with the double garment of justice, and will set a crown on thy head of everlasting honour. For God will shew his brightness in thee, to every one under heaven. For thy name shall be named to thee by God for ever: the peace of justice, and honour of piety. Arise, O Jerusalem, and stand on high: and look about towards the east, and behold thy children gathered together from the rising to the setting sun, by the word of the Holy One rejoicing in the remembrance of God. For they went out from thee on foot, led by the enemies: but the Lord will bring them to thee exalted with honour as children of the kingdom. For God hath appointed to bring down every high mountain, and the everlasting rocks, and to fill up the valleys to make them even with the ground: that Israel may walk diligently to the honour of God. Moreover the woods, and every sweet-smelling tree have overshadowed Israel by the commandment of God. For God will bring Israel with joy in the light of his majesty, with mercy, and justice, that cometh from him.

**Reader:** This is the Word of the Lord

**Thanks be to God****SECOND READING****Philippians 1.3–11**

*A reading from the letter of Paul to the Philippians*

I thank my God upon every remembrance of you, Always in every prayer of mine for you all making request with joy, For your fellowship in the gospel from the first day until now; Being confident of this very thing, that he which hath begun a good work in you will perform it until the day of Jesus Christ: Even as it is meet for me to think this of you all, because I have you in my heart; inasmuch as both in my bonds, and in the defence and confirmation of the gospel, ye all are partakers of my grace. For God is my record, how greatly I long after you all in the bowels of Jesus Christ. And this I pray, that your love may abound yet more and more in knowledge and in all judgment; That ye may approve things that are excellent; that ye may be sincere and without offence till the day of Christ. Being filled with the fruits of righteousness, which are by Jesus Christ, unto the glory and praise of God.

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**Thanks be to God**

## **GOSPEL**

**Luke 3.1–6**

*Hear the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke*

***Glory be to thee, O Lord***

Now in the fifteenth year of the reign of Tiberius Caesar, Pontius Pilate being governor of Judaea, and Herod being tetrarch of Galilee, and his brother Philip tetrarch of Ituraea and of the region of Trachonitis, and Lysanias the tetrarch of Abilene, Annas and Caiaphas being the high priests, the word of God came unto John the son of Zacharias in the wilderness. And he came into all the country about Jordan, preaching the baptism of repentance for the remission of sins; As it is written in the book of the words of Esaias the prophet, saying, The voice of one crying in the wilderness, Prepare ye the way of the Lord, make his paths straight. Every valley shall be filled, and every mountain and hill shall be brought low; and the crooked shall be made straight, and the rough ways shall be made smooth; And all flesh shall see the salvation of God.

*This is the Gospel of the Lord*

**Praise be to thee, O Christ**

## **POST COMMUNION**

Father in heaven,  
who sent thy Son to redeem the world  
and will send him again to be our judge:  
give us grace so to imitate him in the humility and purity of his first coming  
that, when he comes again, we may be ready to greet him  
with joyful love and firm faith;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

