

Homily

Advent 2

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*I have baptised you with water; but he will baptise you with the Holy Spirit.*

The Lord is coming – not just in a physical way but in a spiritual way, not Justas a baby but as a Spirit, a presence deep inside you, a presence that is going to completely overwhelm you, completely love you, a presence that is going to completely change you for ever.

We are never going to be the same again.

We are going to be like Jesus.

We are going to **be** Jesus in our world today.

But this coming of the Lord is not going to be smooth or easy. What does it say here in our readings? *Every valley shall be filled in, and every mountain and hill be laid low....The sky will dissolve in flames and the earth and all it contains will be burned up.* Everything about us has got to be changed, our hearts have got to be opened up, our ways made straight.

Prepare the way of the Lord.

But the end of the journey is not just Christmas, not just Jesus dying on the cross, not just Jesus rising from the dead. The end of the journey for all of us is to be gathered into the arms of the shepherd, for all of us to be carried in his bosom, and to see the glory of the Lord.

Say your prayers, read your Bibles, especially the Gospels. Prepare the way of the Lord and be baptised with the Holy Spirit. Even so, come, Lord Jesus.

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