

## 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Advent (A)

*Liturgical Colour: Violet.*

### Readings at Mass

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#### Entrance Antiphon

**Cf. Ps 24: 1-3**

To you, I lift up my soul, O my God.  
In you, I have trusted; let me not be put to shame.  
Nor let my enemies exult over me;  
and let none who hope in you be put to shame.

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#### Collect

Grant your faithful, we pray, almighty God,  
the resolve to run forth to meet your Christ  
with righteous deeds at his coming,  
so that, gathered at his right hand,  
they may be worthy to possess the heavenly  
kingdom.

Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,  
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the  
Holy Spirit,  
one God, for ever and ever.

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#### First reading

**Isaiah 2:1-5**

#### A reading from the prophet Isaiah

The vision of Isaiah son of Amoz, concerning Judah  
and Jerusalem.

In the days to come  
the mountain of the Temple of the Lord  
shall tower above the mountains  
and be lifted higher than the hills.  
All the nations will stream to it,  
peoples without number will come to it; and they  
will say:

‘Come, let us go up to the mountain of the  
Lord,  
to the Temple of the God of Jacob  
that he may teach us his ways  
so that we may walk in his paths;  
since the Law will go out from Zion,  
and the oracle of the Lord from Jerusalem.’

He will wield authority over the nations  
and adjudicate between many peoples;

these will hammer their swords into ploughshares,  
their spears into sickles.

Nation will not lift sword against nation,  
there will be no more training for war.

O House of Jacob, come,  
let us walk in the light of the Lord.

#### The word of the Lord

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#### Responsorial Psalm

**Psalm 121(122):1-2,4-5,6-9**

*R/ I rejoiced when I heard them say: ‘Let us go to  
God’s house.’*

1. I rejoiced when I heard them say:  
‘Let us go to God’s house.’  
And now our feet are standing  
within your gates, O Jerusalem. *R/*
  2. It is there that the tribes go up,  
the tribes of the Lord.  
For Israel’s law it is,  
there to praise the Lord’s name.  
There were set the thrones of judgement  
of the house of David. *R/*
  3. For the peace of Jerusalem pray:  
‘Peace be to your homes!  
May peace reign in your walls,  
in your palaces, peace!’ *R/*
  4. For love of my brethren and friends  
I say: ‘Peace upon you!’  
For love of the house of the Lord  
I will ask for your good. *R/*
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#### Second reading

**Romans 13:11-14**

#### A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans

You know ‘the time’ has come: you must wake up  
now: our salvation is even nearer than it was when  
we were converted. The night is almost over, it will  
be daylight soon – let us give up all the things we  
prefer to do under cover of the dark; let us arm  
ourselves and appear in the light. Let us live decently  
as people do in the daytime: no drunken orgies, no  
promiscuity or licentiousness, and no wrangling or  
jealousy. Let your armour be the Lord Jesus Christ.

#### The word of the Lord

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## Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!  
Let us see, O Lord, your mercy  
and give us your saving help.  
Alleluia!

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**Ps84:8**

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## Prayer after Communion

May these mysteries, O Lord,  
in which we have participated,  
profit us, we pray,  
for even now, as we walk amid passing things,  
you teach us by them to love the things of heaven  
and hold fast to what endures.  
Through Christ our Lord.

## Gospel

**Matthew 24:37-44**

### A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

Jesus said to his disciples: 'As it was in Noah's day, so will it be when the Son of Man comes. For in those days before the Flood people were eating, drinking, taking wives, taking husbands, right up to the day Noah went into the ark, and they suspected nothing till the Flood came and swept all away. It will be like this when the Son of Man comes. Then of two men in the fields one is taken, one left; of two women at the millstone grinding, one is taken, one left.

'So stay awake, because you do not know the day when your master is coming. You may be quite sure of this, that if the householder had known at what time of the night the burglar would come, he would have stayed awake and would not have allowed anyone to break through the wall of his house. Therefore, you too must stand ready because the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect.'

## The Gospel of the Lord

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## Prayer over the Offerings

Accept, we pray, O Lord, these offerings we make,  
gathered from among your gifts to us,  
and may what you grant us to celebrate devoutly  
here below  
gain for us the prize of eternal redemption.  
Through Christ our Lord.

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## Communion Antiphon

**Ps 84: 13**

The Lord will bestow his bounty, and our earth shall  
yield its increase.

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