

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT, Year A

Season of Advent

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A reading from the prophet Isaiah

The Lord will gather all nations in eternal peace in the kingdom of God.

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.

Responsorial # Psalm 121:1-2.4-5.6-9

Let us go rejoicing to the house of the Lord.

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.

Let us go rejoicing to the house of the Lord.

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.

Let us go rejoicing to the house of the Lord.

For the peace of Jerusalem pray:
'Peace be to your homes!
May peace reign in your walls,
in your palaces, peace!'

Let us go rejoicing to the house of the Lord.

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.

Let us go rejoicing to the house of the Lord.

Second Reading # Romans 13:11-14

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans

The time has come, our salvation is near.

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.

Gospel Acclamation # Psalm 84:8

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!
Lord, show us your mercy and love,
and grant us your salvation.
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

Stay awake, you must be ready.

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.

Monday of the first week of Advent