

## FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT, Year A



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### *First Reading † Isaiah 2:1-5*

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

#### **A reading from the prophet Isaiah**

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

It will happen in the last days  
that the mountain of the house of the Lord  
will be established as the head of the mountains  
and will be lifted above the heights.  
Then all the nations will stream to it,  
many peoples will come to it and say,

‘Come, let us go up to the mountain of the Lord,  
to the house of the God of Jacob,  
that he may teach us his ways and we may walk in his paths.’

For the Law will come from Zion  
the Word of the Lord from Jerusalem.

Then he will judge between the nations  
and arbitrate between many peoples.  
They will hammer their swords into ploughshares  
and their spears into sickles.  
Nation will not lift sword against nation;  
no longer will they learn to make war.  
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 they said to me,  
'Let us go to the house of the Lord.'  
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 witness it is  
to praise the name of the Lord.  
There were set the thrones for judgement,  
the thrones of the House of David.

***Let us go rejoicing to the house of the Lord.***

For the peace of Jerusalem pray,  
'May they prosper, those who love you.'  
May peace abide in your walls,  
and security be in your towers.

***Let us go rejoicing to the house of the Lord.***

For the sake of my family and friends,  
let me say, 'Peace upon you.'  
For the sake of the house of the Lord, our God,  
I will seek your good.

***Let us go rejoicing to the house of the Lord.***

*Second Reading # Romans 13:11-14*

*The time has come, our salvation is near.*

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

Besides, you know the time has come; now is the moment for you to stop sleeping and wake up, for now our salvation is nearer than when we first began to believe. The night is far gone, day is near; so let us throw off the works of darkness and put on the armour of light.

Let us live decently, as in the light of day, not with orgies or drunkenness, promiscuity or licentiousness, not with quarrelling and jealousy. Rather, put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh to fulfil its desires.

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!

***Gospel † Matthew 24:37-44***

*Stay awake, you must be ready.*

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

Jesus said to his disciples:

‘As it was in Noah’s day, so will be the coming of the Son of man. For in those days before the Flood people were eating, drinking, taking wives, taking husbands, until the day Noah went into the ark, and they suspected nothing till the Flood came and swept them all away. So will be the coming of the Son of man. Then of two men in the fields, one is taken, one left; of two women grinding at the mill, one is taken, one left. So stay awake, because you do not know the day when your master is coming.

‘You may be 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*