

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT, Year B



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First Reading † Isaiah 63:16-17; 64:1,3-8

Oh that you would tear the heavens apart and come down.

A reading from the prophet Isaiah

For you are our Father.
If Abraham does not know us,
if Israel will not acknowledge us,
you, Lord, are our Father,
'Our Redeemer' is your name from of old.

Why, Lord, do you let us stray from your paths
and harden our hearts so that we do not fear you?
Come back, for the sake of your servants,
the tribes of your heritage.

Oh, that you would tear the heavens open
and come down!
In your presence the mountains would quake.
no ear has heard,
no eye has seen any god but you,
so act like this for those who await him.

You come to meet those who act justly;
by their ways they remember you.
See, you have been angry and we have sinned;
now we persist in your ways and we shall be saved.

We have all been like a thing unclean,
all our righteous deeds like filthy rags.
Like a leaf we, all of us, wither,
and our misdeeds bear us off like the wind.

No one calls on your name,
or attempts to hold fast to you,
for you have hidden your face from us
and given us up to the power of our misdeeds.

And yet, Lord, you are our Father;
we are the clay and you shape us,
all of us are the work of your hands.

The word of the Lord.

Responsorial # Psalm 79:2-3,15-16,18-19

***Lord, make us turn to you,
let us see your face and we shall be saved.***

O shepherd of Israel, hear us,
you who lead Joseph like a flock:
enthroned on the cherubim, shine out
Rouse up your might and come to save us.

***Lord, make us turn to you,
let us see your face and we shall be saved.***

God of hosts, turn again, we implore;
look down from heaven and see.
Visit this vine and protect it,
the vine your right hand has planted.

***Lord, make us turn to you,
let us see your face and we shall be saved.***

May your hand be on the man at your right hand,
the son of man you have made strong for yourself.
And we shall never forsake you again;
give us life that we may call upon your name.

***Lord, make us turn to you,
let us see your face and we shall be saved.***

Second Reading # 1 Corinthians 1:3-9

The revelation we looked for, Christ Jesus our Lord.

A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the Corinthians

Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

I am continually thanking God about you, for the grace of God given to you in Christ Jesus; for in every way you have been richly endowed in him, in every kind of speech and knowledge, just as the testimony of Christ has been strengthened in you, so that you are not lacking in any gift as you wait for our Lord Jesus Christ to be revealed; he will continue to give you strength till the end, to be irrefragable on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ.

God is trustworthy; through him you were called into fellowship with his Son Jesus Christ our Lord.

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 † Mark 13:33-37

Stay awake! You never know when the Lord will come.

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark

Jesus said to his disciples:

‘Take care, stay awake, because you never know when the time will come. It is like a man travelling abroad, leaving his home, and putting his servants in charge, each with his own work to do; and he has told the doorkeeper to stay awake.

‘So stay awake, because you do not know when the master of the house is coming, evening, midnight, cockcrow or dawn; when he comes unexpectedly, he must not find you asleep.

‘And what I say to you I say to all: Stay awake!’

The Gospel of the Lord.

Monday of the first week of Advent