

## FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT, Year C

# Season of Advent

*First Reading † Jeremiah 33:14-16*

*I will cause a good seed to spring forth from David.*

### **A reading from the prophet Jeremiah**

“Look, the days are coming – declares the Lord –  
when I shall fulfil the promise of happiness I made  
to the House of Israel and the House of Judah:

In those days and at that time,  
I shall make an righteous Branch grow for David  
who will do what is just and righteous in the land.

In those days Judah will triumph  
and Israel live in safety.  
And this is the name the city will be called:  
The-Lord-is-our-Saving-Justice.”

The word of the Lord.

*Responsorial † Psalm 24:4-5,8-9,10,14*

### ***To you, O Lord, I lift my soul.***

O Lord, make me know your ways.  
Teach me your paths.  
Guide me in your truth, and teach me;  
for you are the God of my salvation.

### ***To you, O Lord, I lift my soul.***

Good and upright is the Lord;  
he shows the way to sinners.  
He guides the humble in right judgement;  
to the humble he teaches his way.

### ***To you, O Lord, I lift my soul.***

All the Lord's paths are mercy and faithfulness,  
for those who keep his covenant and commands.  
The Lord's secret is for those who fear him;  
to them he reveals his covenant.

### ***To you, O Lord, I lift my soul.***

**Second Reading † 1 Thessalonians 3:12-4:2**

*When Christ comes may he strengthen your hearts in holiness.*

**A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the Thessalonians**

May the Lord fill you to overflowing with love for each other and for all, just as our love for you overflows. And may he so confirm your hearts in holiness that you may be blameless in the sight of our God and Father at the coming of our Lord Jesus *with all his saints*.

Finally, brothers and sisters, we urge you and appeal to you in the Lord Jesus that, as we instructed you how to live in the way that pleases God, so you should also live so as to make more progress still. You know what instructions we gave you on the authority of the Lord Jesus.

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 † Luke 21:25-28,34-36**

*Your redemption is near at hand.*

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

Jesus said to his disciples:

‘There will be signs in the sun and moon and stars; on earth distress among nations in confusion at the roaring of the sea and waves, as people faint from fear and expectation of what is coming upon the world, for the powers of the heavens will be shaken.

‘And then they will see the *Son of man coming in a cloud* with power and great glory. When these things begin to take place, stand erect, hold your heads high, because your liberation is drawing near.’

‘Watch yourselves, so that your hearts are not weighed down by debauchery and drunkenness and the cares of life, and that day comes upon you unexpectedly, like a trap. For it will come upon all those living on the face of the whole earth.

‘Stay awake, praying at all times that you may have the strength to escape all these things that are going to happen, and to take your stand before the Son of man.’

The Gospel of the Lord.