

1 FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

FIRST READING

Isaiah 2.1-5

The Lord gathers all the nations into the everlasting peace
of the kingdom of God.

A reading from the book of the prophet Isaiah.

- 1 The word that Isaiah son of Amoz saw
concerning Judah and Jerusalem.
- 2 In days to come
the mountain of the Lord's house
shall be established as the highest of the mountains,
and shall be raised above the hills;
all the nations shall stream to it.
- 3 Many peoples shall come 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 that we may walk in his paths."
For out of Zion shall go forth instruction,
and the word of the Lord from Jerusalem.
- 4 He shall judge between the nations,
and shall arbitrate for many peoples;
they shall beat their swords into ploughshares,
and their spears into pruning hooks;
nation shall not lift up sword against nation,
neither shall they learn war any more.
- 5 O house of Jacob, come,
let us walk in the light of the Lord!
- The word of the Lord.

A period of silence is observed after the reading.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Psalm 122.1-2, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9 (R. see 1)

- R. Let us go rejoicing to the house of the Lord.
- 1 I was glad when they said to me,
"Let us go to the house of the Lord!"
- 2 Our feet are standing
within your gates, O Jerusalem. R.

4 To it the tribes go up, the tribes of the Lord,
as was decreed for Israel, to give thanks to the name of the Lord.
5 For there the thrones for judgment were set up,
the thrones of the house of David. **R.**
6 Pray for the peace of Jerusalem:
“May they prosper who love you.
7 Peace be within your walls,
and security within your towers.” **R.**
8 For the sake of my relatives and friends
I will say, “Peace be within you.”
9 For the sake of the house of the Lord our God,
I will seek your good. **R.**

SECOND READING

Romans 13.11-14

Salvation is nearer to us now.

A reading from the letter of Paul to the Romans.

Brothers and sisters,
11 you know what time it is,
how it is now the moment for you to wake from sleep.
For salvation is nearer to us now
than when we became believers;
12 the night is far gone, the day is near.
Let us then lay aside the works of darkness
and put on the armour of light;
13 let us live honourably as in the day,
not in revelling and drunkenness,
not in debauchery and licentiousness,
not in quarrelling and jealousy.
14 Instead, put on the Lord Jesus Christ,
and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.

The word of the Lord.

A period of silence is observed after the reading.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Psalms 85.7

This verse may accompany the singing of the Alleluia.
If the Alleluia is not sung, the acclamation is omitted.

Lord, show us your mercy and love,
and grant us your salvation.

Keep awake, therefore, you also must be ready.

✠ A reading from the holy gospel according to Matthew.

Jesus spoke to his disciples:

37 “As the days of Noah were,
so will be the coming of the Son of Man.
38 For as in those days before the flood
they were eating and drinking,
marrying and giving in marriage,
until the day Noah entered the ark,
39 and they knew nothing
until the flood came and swept them all away,
so too will be the coming of the Son of Man.
40 Then two will be in the field;
one will be taken and one will be left.
41 Two women will be grinding meal together;
one will be taken and one will be left.
42 “Keep awake, therefore,
for you do not know on what day your Lord is coming.
43 But understand this:
if the owner of the house had known
in what part of the night the thief was coming,
he would have stayed awake
and would not have let his house be broken into.
44 Therefore you also must be ready,
for the Son of Man is coming at an unexpected hour.”

The gospel of the Lord.