

2 FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

FIRST READING

Isaiah 63.16b-17; 64.1, 3-8

O that you would tear open the heavens and come down.

A reading from the book of the prophet Isaiah.

- 16 You, O Lord, are our father;
“Our Redeemer from of old” is your name.
- 17 Why, O Lord, do you make us stray from your ways
and harden our heart, so that we do not fear you?
Turn back for the sake of your servants,
for the sake of the tribes that are your heritage.
- 1 O that you would tear open the heavens and come down,
so that the mountains would quake at your presence.
- 3 When you did awesome deeds that we did not expect,
you came down, the mountains quaked at your presence.
- 4 From ages past no one has heard,
no ear has perceived,
no eye has seen any God besides you,
who works for those who wait for him.
- 5 You meet those who gladly do right,
those who remember you in your ways.
But you were angry, and we sinned;
because you hid yourself we transgressed.
- 6 We have all become like one who is unclean,
and all our righteous deeds are like a filthy cloth.
We all fade like a leaf,
and our iniquities, like the wind, take us away.
- 7 There is no one who calls on your name,
or attempts to take hold of you;
for you have hidden your face from us,
and have delivered us into the hand of our iniquity.
- 8 Yet, O Lord, you are our Father;
we are the clay, and you are our potter;
we are all the work of your hand.

The word of the Lord.

A period of silence is observed after the reading.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Psalm 80.1ab+2, 14-15, 17-18 (R.3)

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

- 1 Give ear, O Shepherd of Israel,
you who are enthroned upon the cherubim, shine forth.
- 2 Stir up your might,
and come to save us. **R.**
- 14 Turn again, O God of hosts,
look down from heaven and see;
have regard for this vine,
15 the stock that your right hand has planted. **R.**
- 17 Let your hand be upon the one at your right,
the one whom you have made strong for yourself.
- 18 Then we will never turn back from you;
give us life, and we will call on your name. **R.**

SECOND READING

1 Corinthians 1.3-9

Christ Jesus our Lord is the revelation we long for.

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

My brothers and sisters:

- 3 Grace to you and peace from God our Father
and the Lord Jesus Christ.
- 4 I give thanks to my God always for you
because of the grace of God that has been given you in Christ Jesus,
5 for in every way you have been enriched in him,
in speech and knowledge of every kind —
6 just as the testimony of Christ has been strengthened among you —
7 so that you are not lacking in any spiritual gift
as you wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ.
- 8 He will also strengthen you to the end,
so that you may be blameless on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ.
- 9 God is faithful;
by him you were called
into fellowship with his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

The word of the Lord.

A period of silence is observed after the reading.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Psalm 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.

GOSPEL

Mark 13.31-37++

Keep alert, for you do not know when the Lord will come.

✠ A reading from the holy gospel according to Mark.

Jesus said to his disciples:

31 “Heaven and earth will pass away,
but my words will not pass away.

32 But about that day or hour no one knows,
neither the angels in heaven, nor the Son,
but only the Father.

33 Beware, keep alert;
for you do not know when the time will come.

34 “It is like a man going on a journey,
when he leaves home and puts his slaves in charge,
each with a particular task,
and commands the doorkeeper to be on the watch.

35 Therefore, keep awake —
in the evening, or at midnight,
or at cockcrow, or at dawn,

36 or else he may find you asleep when he comes suddenly.

37 “And what I say to you I say to all:
Keep awake.”

The gospel of the Lord.