

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

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ENTRANCE HYMN

1. Come, Lord Jesus;
Come, Lord Jesus;
Come, Lord Jesus;
Come, and be born in our hearts.
2. Come, O Prince of Peace;
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Come, and be born in our hearts.
3. Come, Emmanuel;
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Come, and be born in our hearts.



FIRST READING

A reading from the prophet Jeremiah 33:14-16
I will make a virtuous Branch grow for David.

See, the days are coming - it is the Lord who speaks - when I am going to fulfil the promise I made to the House of Israel and the House of Judah:

“In those days and at that time,
I will make a virtuous Branch grow for David,
who shall practise honesty and integrity in the land.

In those days Judah shall be saved
and Israel shall dwell in confidence.
And this is the name the city will be called:
The Lord-our-integrity.”

The word of the Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 24:4-5. 8-9. 10. 14. R] v. 1

R. To you, O Lord, I lift up my soul.

1. Lord, make me know your ways.
Lord, teach me your paths.
Make me walk in your truth, and teach me:
for you are God my saviour. (R.)
2. The Lord is good and upright.
He shows the path to those who stray,
he guides the humble in the right path;
he teaches his way to the poor. (R.)
3. His ways are faithfulness and love
for those who keep his covenant and will.
The Lord's friendship is for those who
revere him;
to them he reveals his covenant. (R.)

SECOND READING

A reading from the first letter of St. Paul to the
Thessalonians 3:12 - 4:2

*May the Lord confirm your hearts in holiness
when Christ comes.*

May the Lord be generous in increasing your love and make you love one another and the whole human race as much as we love you. And may he so confirm your hearts in holiness that you may be blameless in the sight of our God and Father when our Lord Jesus Christ comes with all his saints.

Finally, brothers, we urge you and appeal to you in the Lord Jesus to make more and more progress in the kind of life that you are meant to live: the life that God wants, as you learnt from us, and as you are already living it. You have not forgotten the instructions we gave you on the authority of the Lord Jesus.

The word of the Lord.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Ps 84:8

Alleluia, alleluia!

Let us see, O Lord, your mercy
and give us your saving help.
Alleluia!

GOSPEL

A reading from the holy Gospel according to
Luke 21:25-28. 34-36

Your liberation is near at hand.

Jesus said to his disciples: “There will be signs in the sun and moon and stars; on earth nations in agony, bewildered by the clamour of the ocean and its waves; men dying of fear as they await what menaces the world, for the powers of heaven 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 near at hand.”

“Watch yourselves, or your hearts will be coarsened with debauchery and drunkenness and the cares of life, and that day will be sprung on you suddenly, like a trap. For it will come down on every living man on the face of the earth. Stay awake, praying at all times for the strength to survive all that is going to happen, and to stand with confidence before the Son of Man.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

APOSTLES' CREED

I believe in God, the Father almighty,
Creator of heaven and earth,
and in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,
(All bow)

who was conceived by the Holy Spirit
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died and was buried;
he descended into hell;
on the third day he rose again from the dead;
he ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of God the Father
almighty;
from there he will come to judge the living and the
dead,

I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and life everlasting.
Amen.

OFFERTORY HYMN

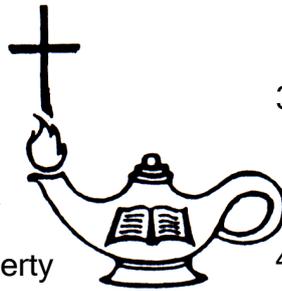
Take and receive O Lord my liberty
Take all my will, my mind, my memory
Do Thou direct, and govern all and sway
Do what Thou wilt, command and I obey.

*Only thy grace and love on me bestow } 2
Possessing these all riches I forego.*

1. All things I hold, and all I own are thine
Thine was the gift, to thee I all resign
Do Thou direct and govern all and sway
Do what Thou wilt, command and I obey.

COMMUNION HYMNS

1. This Advent we await God's reign
When greed and hate shall cease
And kindness dwells in human hearts
And all of us find peace
O God of holiness and grace,
Illuminate this hour
With hope that we shall see Christ's face
When he returns with pow'r.
2. Awake, my soul, and with the sun
Shake off your sloth and rise
Your daily work and duty done
Will be your sacrifice
Redeem your mis-spent time that's past
Improve yourself with care
And live this day as though your last
For Christ's return prepare.



3. Rise up, rise now for Jesus Christ:
The strife will not be long.
This day the noise of battle's heard
The next the Victor's song
If sin and self we conquer now
The crown will not be far
So wait with courage and new hope
For Christ's Parousia.

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1. O come, O come, Emmanuel,
and ransom captive Israel,
that mourns in lonely exile here
until the Son of God appear.
*Rejoice! Rejoice! O Israel,
to thee shall come Emmanuel!*
 2. O come, Thou Key of David, come,
and open wide our heav'nly home,
make safe the way that leads on high,
that we no more have cause to sigh.
 3. O come, Thou Dayspring from on high,
and cheer us by thy drawing nigh;
disperse the gloomy clouds of night
and death's dark shadow put to flight.
 4. O come, Desire of the nations, bind
in one the hearts of all mankind;
bid every strife and quarrel cease
and fill the world with heaven's peace.

RECESSIONAL HYMN

1. Hark! a herald voice is calling:
'Christ is nigh,' it seems to say;
'Cast away the dreams of darkness,
O ye children of the day!'
2. Startled at the solemn warning,
Let the earth-bound soul arise;
Christ, her Sun, all sloth dispelling,
Shines upon the morning skies.
3. Lo! the Lamb, so long expected,
Comes with pardon down from heaven;
Let us haste, with tears of sorrow,
One and all to be forgiven;
4. Honour, glory, virtue, merit,
To the Father and the Son,
With the co-eternal Spirit,
While unending ages run. Amen.

