

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

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ENTRANCE HYMN

1. When is he coming,
when, oh when is he coming, the Redeemer?
When will we see him,
when, oh when will we see him, the Redeemer?

*Come, oh come, from your kingdom up there,
from your kingdom up there above!
Come, oh come, to your people on earth
to your people on earth bring love!
Emmanuel! Emmanuel! Emmanuel!*

2. Long years a-waiting,
many years here a-waiting the Redeemer!
Ready to greet him,
always ready to meet him, the Redeemer!



FIRST READING

A reading from the prophet Isaiah 2:1-5
*The Lord gathers all nations together into the eternal
peace of God's kingdom.*

The vision of Isaiah son of Amoz, concerning Judah
and Jerusalem:

In the days to come
the mountain of the Temple of the Lord
shall tower above the mountains
and be lifted higher than the hills.
All the nations will stream to it,
peoples without number will come to it; and they will
say:

'Come, let us go up to the mountain of the Lord,
to the Temple of the God of Jacob
that he may teach us his ways
so that we may walk in his paths;
since the Law will go out from Zion,
and the oracle of the Lord from Jerusalem.'

He will wield authority over the nations
and adjudicate between many peoples;
these will hammer their swords into ploughshares,
their spears into sickles.
Nation will not lift sword against nation,
there will be no more training for war.
O House of Jacob, come,
let us walk in the light of the Lord.

The word of the Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 121: 1-2.4-5.6-9 R). cf.v.1

**R. I rejoiced when I heard them say:
'Let us go to God's house.'**

1. I rejoiced when I heard them say:
'Let us go to God's house.'
And now our feet are standing
within your gates, O Jerusalem. (R.)
2. It is there that the tribes go up,
the tribes of the Lord.
For Israel's law it is,
there to praise the Lord's name.

There were set the thrones of judgement
of the house of David. (R.)

3. For the peace of Jerusalem pray:
'Peace be to your homes!
May peace reign in your walls,
in your palaces, peace!' (R.)
4. For love of my brethren and friends
I say: 'Peace upon you!'
For love of the house of the Lord
I will ask for your good (R.)

SECOND READING

A reading from the letter of St. Paul to the Romans
13:11-14

Our salvation is near.

You know 'the time' has come: you must wake up
now: our salvation is even nearer than it was when
we were converted. The night is almost over, it will
be daylight soon - let us give up all the things we
prefer to do under cover of the dark; let us arm
ourselves and appear in the light. Let us live
decently as people do in the daytime: no drunken
orgies, no promiscuity or licentiousness, and no
wrangling or jealousy. Let your armour be the Lord
Jesus Christ.

The word of the Lord.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Ps 84:8

Alleluia, alleluia!

GOSPEL

A reading from the holy Gospel according to
Mathew 24:37- 44
Stay awake so that you may be ready.

Jesus said to his disciples: 'As it was in Noah's day,
so will it be when the Son of Man comes. For in
those days before the Flood people were eating,
drinking, taking wives, taking husbands, right up to
the day Noah went into the ark, and they suspected
nothing till the Flood came and swept all away. It
will be like this when the Son of Man comes. Then
of two men in the fields one is taken, one left; of two
women at the millstone grinding, one is taken, one
left.

'So stay awake, because you do not know the
day when your master is coming. You may be quite
sure of this that if the householder had known at
what time of the night the burglar would come, he
would have stayed awake and would not have
allowed anyone to break through the wall of his
house. Therefore, you too must stand ready
because the Son of Man is coming at an hour you
do not expect.'

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 my hands and make them as your own
And use them for your kingdom here on earth
Consecrate them to your care
Anoint them for your service where
You may need your gospel to be sown.

Take my hands they speak now for my heart
And by their actions they will show their love
Guard them on their daily course
Be their strength and guiding force
To ever serve the Trinity above.

COMMUNION HYMNS

1. O come, O come, Emmanuel,
and ransom captive Israel,
that mourns in lonely exile here
until the Son of God appear:
*Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel
Shall come to thee, O Israel.*
2. O come, thou Rod of Jesse, free
thine own from Satan's tyranny
From depths of hell thy people save,
and give them victory o'er the grave:
3. O come, thou dayspring, come and cheer
our spirits by thine advent here;
disperse the gloomy clouds of night,
and death's dark shadows put to flight:

4. O come, thou key of David, come
and open wide our heavenly home;
make safe the way that leads on high,
and close the path to misery:
5. O come, O come, thou Lord of might,
who to thy tribes on Sinai's height
in ancient times didst give the Law
in cloud and majesty and awe:

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1. Come, Lord Jesus (3) come and be born in our
hearts!
2. Come, O Prince of Peace (3)..come and...
3. Our hearts are open (3)...come and...
4. Come, Emmanuel (3) ...come and...
5. Maranatha (3) ...come and...

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RECESSIONAL HYMN

1. Come, O divine Messiah!
The world in silence waits the day
when hope shall sing its triumph,
and sadness flee away.
*Sweet Saviour, haste come, come to earth:
dispel the night, and show thy face,
and bid us hail the dawn of grace.
Come, O divine Messiah!
The world in silence waits the day
when hope shall sing its triumph,
and sadness flee away.*
2. O Thou, whom nations sighed for,
whom priests and prophets long foretold,
wilt break the captive fetters,
redeem the long-last fold.

