



# Today's Readings

First Sunday of Advent

December 1, 2019

## Prayer of the Day

Stir up your power, Lord Christ, and come. By your merciful protection save us from the threatening dangers of our sins, and enlighten our walk in the way of your salvation, for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

## First Reading

Isaiah 2:1-5

The word that Isaiah son of Amoz saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem.

<sup>2</sup>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.

<sup>3</sup>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.

<sup>4</sup>He shall judge between the nations,  
and shall arbitrate for many  
peoples;  
they shall beat their swords into  
plowshares,  
and their spears into pruning  
hooks;  
nation shall not lift up sword  
against nation,  
neither shall they learn war  
any more.

<sup>5</sup>O house of Jacob,  
come, let us walk  
in the light of the LORD!

## Psalm

Psalm 122; tone 2



I was glad when they <sup>1</sup>said to me,  
"Let us go  
to the house <sup>1</sup>of the LORD."  
<sup>2</sup>Now our <sup>1</sup>feet are standing  
within your gates, <sup>1</sup>O Jerusalem.  
<sup>3</sup>Jerusalem is built <sup>1</sup>as a city  
that is at unity <sup>1</sup>with itself;  
<sup>4</sup>to which the tribes go up,  
the tribes <sup>1</sup>of the LORD,  
the assembly of Israel,  
to praise the name <sup>1</sup>of the LORD.

<sup>5</sup>For there are the <sup>1</sup>thrones of  
judgment,  
the thrones of the <sup>1</sup>house of  
David.  
<sup>6</sup>Pray for the peace <sup>1</sup>of Jerusalem:  
"May they prosper who love  
you."  
<sup>7</sup>Peace be with- <sup>1</sup>in your walls  
and quietness with- <sup>1</sup>in your  
towers.

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<sup>8</sup>For the sake  
of my kindred <sup>1</sup> and companions,  
I pray for <sup>1</sup> your prosperity.

<sup>9</sup>Because of the house  
of the <sup>1</sup> LORD our God,  
I will seek to <sup>1</sup> do you good.”

## Second Reading

Romans 13:11-14

Besides this, 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; <sup>12</sup>the night is far gone, the day is near. Let us then lay aside the works of darkness and put on

the armor of light; <sup>13</sup>let us live honorably as in the day, not in reveling and drunkenness, not in debauchery and licentiousness, not in quarreling and jealousy. <sup>14</sup>Instead, put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.

## Gospel

Matthew 24:36-44

[Jesus said to the disciples,] “About that day and hour no one knows, neither the angels of heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. <sup>37</sup>For as the days of Noah were, so will be the coming of the Son of Man. <sup>38</sup>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, <sup>39</sup>and they knew nothing until the flood came and swept them all away, so too will be the coming of the Son of Man. <sup>40</sup>Then two will be in the field;

one will be taken and one will be left. <sup>41</sup>Two women will be grinding meal together; one will be taken and one will be left. <sup>42</sup>Keep awake therefore, for you do not know on what day your Lord is coming. <sup>43</sup>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. <sup>44</sup>Therefore you also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an unexpected hour.”