

ADVENT 1

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

To you, I lift up my soul, O my God. In you, I have trusted; let me not be put to shame. Nor let my enemies exult over me; and let none who hope in you be put to shame.

COLLECT

Grant your faithful, we pray, almighty God, the resolve to run forth to meet your Christ with righteous deeds at his coming, so that, gathered at his right hand, they may be worthy to possess the heavenly kingdom. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, One God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

FIRST READING

Isaiah 2:1-5

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

It shall come to pass in the latter days
that the mountain of the Lord
shall be established as the highest of the mountains,
and shall be lifted up above the hills;

and all the nations shall flow to it,
and 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 Sion shall go forth the law,
and the word of the Lord from Jerusalem.
He shall judge between the nations,
and shall decide disputes for many peoples;
and 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.

O house of Jacob,
come, let us walk
in the light of the Lord.

PSALM

Ps 122(121):1-2. 3-4a. 8-9.
℟ *cf. 1*

℟ Let us go rejoicing to the house of the Lord.

I rejoiced when they said to me, ‘Let us go to the house of the Lord.’ And now our

feet are standing within your gates, O Jerusalem. ℟

Jerusalem is built as a city bonded as one together. It is there that the tribes go up, the tribes of the Lord, as it is decreed for Israel, to give thanks to the name of the Lord. There were set the thrones for judgement, the thrones of the house of David. ℟

For the peace of Jerusalem pray, ‘May they prosper, those who love you.’ May peace abide in your walls, and security be in your towers. ℟

For the sake of my family and friends, let me say, ‘Peace upon you.’ For the sake of the house of the Lord, our God, I will seek good things for you. ℟

SECOND READING

Romans 13:11-14a

Brothers and sisters: You know the time, that the hour has come for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we first believed. The night is far gone; the day is at hand. So then let us cast off the works of darkness and put on the armour of light.

PTO

Let us walk properly as in the daytime, not in orgies and drunkenness, not in sexual immorality and sensuality, not in quarrelling and jealousy. But put on the Lord Jesus Christ.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia...

Show us, O Lord, your mercy, and grant us your salvation. **Alleluia...**

GOSPEL

Matthew 24:37-44

At that time: Jesus said to his disciples: 'For as were the days of Noah, so will be the coming of the Son of Man. For as in those days before the flood they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day when Noah entered the ark, and they were unaware until the flood came and swept them all away, so will be the coming of the Son of Man. Then two men will be in the field; one will be taken and one left. Two women will be grinding at the mill; one will be taken and one left. Therefore, stay awake, for you do not know on what day your Lord is coming. But know this, that if the master 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. Therefore you also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect.'

Amen

PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS

Accept, we pray, O Lord, these offerings we make, gathered from among your gifts to us, and may what you grant us to celebrate devoutly here below gain for us the prize of eternal redemption. Through Christ our Lord

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

The Lord will bestow his bounty, and our earth shall yield its increase.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

May these mysteries, O Lord, in which we have participated profit us, we pray, for even now, as we walk amid passing things, you teach us by them to love the things of heaven and hold fast to what endures. Through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

ADVENT LITANY

Advent God, meet us as we face the darkness of our world that we may embrace you in the shadows

and move out to greet your light.

**Dispel our fears
Increase our hope**

Enlighten us as we search for truth amongst the clamour of war that we may have courage to proclaim peace and determination to seek justice.

**Dispel our fears
Increase our hope**

Embolden us to cry out in the wilderness that we may find a voice to disarm power and a way to challenge prejudice.

**Dispel our fears
Increase our hope**

Guide us to make straight your paths that we may guard against self-righteousness and look to you for help.

**Dispel our fears
Increase our hope**

Move us as we reach out to those in need that we may respond with urgency and wait with patience.

**Dispel our fears
Increase our hope**

Challenge us with your promise of salvation that we may put aside all fear and proclaim the hope of liberation.

**Dispel our fears
Increase our hope
And grant us peace.
Amen.**

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