



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.

²In 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.

³Many 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.

⁴He 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.

⁵O house of Jacob,
come, let us walk
in the light of the LORD!

Psalm

Psalm 122; tone 2



I was glad when they ¹said to me,
"Let us go
to the house ¹of the LORD."

²Now our ¹feet are standing
within your gates, ¹O Jerusalem.

³Jerusalem is built ¹as a city
that is at unity ¹with itself;

⁴to which the tribes go up,
the tribes ¹of the LORD,
the assembly of Israel,
to praise the name ¹of the LORD.

⁵For there are the ¹thrones of
judgment,
the thrones of the ¹house of
David.

⁶Pray for the peace ¹of Jerusalem:
"May they pros- ¹per who love
you.

⁷Peace be with- ¹in your walls
and quietness with- ¹in your
towers.

continued

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

⁹Because of the house of the ¹ LORD our God, I will seek to ¹ 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; ¹²the night is far gone, the day is near. Let us then lay aside the works of darkness and put on

the armor of light; ¹³let us live honorably as in the day, not in reveling and drunkenness, not in debauchery and licentiousness, not in quarreling and jealousy. ¹⁴Instead, 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. ³⁷For as the days of Noah were, so will be the coming of the Son of Man. ³⁸For as in those days before the flood they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day Noah entered the ark, ³⁹and they knew nothing until the flood came and swept them all away, so too will be the coming of the Son of Man. ⁴⁰Then two will be in the field;

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