

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Cycle B

ENTRANCE HYMN

(tune: Alleluia sing to Jesus)

1. Come, thou long expected Jesus,
born to set thy people free;
from our fears and sins release us,
let us find our rest in thee.
Israel's strength and consolation,
hope of all the earth thou art;
dear desire of every nation,
joy of every longing heart.
2. Born thy people to deliver,
born a child and yet a King,
born to reign in us forever,
now thy gracious kingdom bring.
By thine own eternal spirit
rule in all our hearts alone;
by thine all sufficient merit,
raise us to thy glorious throne.



RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 79:2-3. 15-16. 18-19. R] v. 4

- R. God of hosts, bring us back;
let your face shine on us and we shall be saved.
1. O shepherd of Israel, hear us,
shine forth from your cherubim throne.
O Lord, rouse up your might,
O Lord, come to our help. (R.)
 2. God of hosts, turn again, we implore,
look down from heaven and see.
Visit this vine and protect it,
the vine your right hand has planted. (R.)
 3. May your hand be on the man you have
chosen,
the man you have given your strength.
And we shall never forsake you again:
give us life that we may call upon your name. (R.)

FIRST READING

A reading from the prophet Isaiah

63:16-17; 64:1. 3-8

*Oh, that you would tear the heavens open and
come down.*

You, Lord, yourself are our Father,
Our Redeemer is your ancient name.
Why, Lord, leave us to stray from your ways
and harden our hearts against fearing you?
Return, for the sake of your servants,
the tribes of your inheritance.
Oh, that you would tear the heavens open and
come down
- at your Presence the mountains would melt.
No ear has heard,
no eye has seen
any god but you act like this
for those who trust him.
You guide those who act with integrity
and keep your ways in mind.
You were angry when we were sinners;
we had long been rebels against you.
We were all like men unclean,
all that integrity of ours like filthy clothing.
We have all withered like leaves
and our sins blew us away like the wind.
No one invoked your name
or roused himself to catch hold of you.
For you hid your face from us
and gave us up to the power of our sins.
And yet, Lord, you are our Father;
we the clay, you the potter,
we are all the work of your hand.

The word of the Lord.

SECOND READING

A reading from the first letter of St. Paul to the
Corinthians 1:3-9

*We are waiting for our Lord Jesus Christ to be
revealed.*

May God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ
send you grace and peace.

I never stop thanking God for all the graces
you have received through Jesus Christ. I thank
him that you have been enriched in so many
ways, especially in your teachers and preachers;
the witness to Christ has indeed been strong
among you so that you will not be without any of
the gifts of the Spirit while you are waiting for our
Lord Jesus Christ to be revealed; and he will keep
you steady and without blame until the last day,
the day of our Lord Jesus Christ, because God by
calling you has joined you to his Son, Jesus
Christ; and God is faithful.

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 Mark
13:33-37

Stay awake, because you do not know when the master of the house is coming.

Jesus said to his disciples: 'Be on your guard, stay awake, because you never know when the time will come. It is like a man travelling abroad: he has gone from home, and left his servants in charge, each with his own task; and he has told the doorkeeper to stay awake. So stay awake, because you do not know when the master of the house is coming, evening, midnight, cockcrow, dawn; if he comes unexpectedly, he must not find you asleep. And what I say to you I say to all: Stay awake!'

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

*Come to the Lord, come join us in this offering
Come to the Lord, come with us as we go.
Come to the Lord, this bread and wine we'll offer Him
Bread for His body, wine to be His blood.*

1. He is our maker, He is our God
He is our Father, He is our Saviour and our Lord.
2. New life He'll give us, our strength renew
And by His presence, His Spirit in our lives
will grow.

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

## RECESSIONAL HYMN

1. O come, 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.  
O come, divine Messiah!  
The world in silence waits the day  
when hope shall sing its triumph,  
and sadness flee away.*
2. O come, Desired of nations,  
Whom priest and prophet long foretold.  
Come break the captive's fetters,  
Redeem the long-lost fold.