

# *Order of Service, Readings, and Prayer*

## **FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT**

**December 01, 2024**

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**Cong.- God of light, shine in our hearts and renew our hope.**

P. - Advent is a time of self-examination.

**C. God of light, shine in our hearts and strengthen our resolve.**

P. Advent is a time of joyful expectation.

**C. God of light, shine in our hearts and renew our faith.**

P. Advent is a time of service and searching.

**C. God of light, shine in our hearts and ignite our compassion.**

***Lighting of the first Advent Candle***

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# Today's Readings

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## Prayer of the Day

Stir up your power, Lord Christ, and come. By your merciful protection alert us to the threatening dangers of our sins, and redeem us for your life of justice, for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

## First Reading

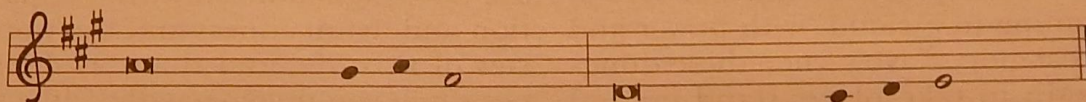
Jeremiah 33:14-16

The days are surely coming, says the LORD, when I will fulfill the promise I made to the house of Israel and the house of Judah. <sup>15</sup>In those days and at that time I will cause a righteous Branch to spring up for David; and

he shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. <sup>16</sup>In those days Judah will be saved and Jerusalem will live in safety. And this is the name by which it will be called: "The LORD is our righteousness."

## Psalm

Psalm 25:1-10; tone 3



To <sup>1</sup>you, O LORD,  
I lift <sup>1</sup>up my soul.

<sup>2</sup>My God, I put my trust in you;  
let me not be <sup>1</sup>put to shame,  
nor let my enemies  
triumph <sup>1</sup>over me.

<sup>3</sup>Let none who look to you  
be <sup>1</sup>put to shame;  
rather let those be put to shame  
<sup>1</sup>who are treacherous.

<sup>4</sup>Show me your <sup>1</sup>ways, O LORD,  
and teach <sup>1</sup>me your paths.

<sup>5</sup>Lead me in your <sup>1</sup>truth  
and teach me,  
for you are the God  
of my salvation;  
in you have I trusted  
all <sup>1</sup>the day long.

<sup>6</sup>Remember, O LORD,  
your compas- <sup>1</sup>sion and love,  
for they are from <sup>1</sup>everlasting.

<sup>7</sup>Remember not the sins of my youth  
and <sup>1</sup>my transgressions;  
remember me  
according to your steadfast love  
and for the sake  
of your good- <sup>1</sup>ness, O LORD.

<sup>8</sup>You are gracious and up- <sup>1</sup>right,  
O LORD;  
therefore you teach sinners  
<sup>1</sup>in your way.

<sup>9</sup>You lead the low- <sup>1</sup>ly in justice  
and teach the low- <sup>1</sup>ly your way.

<sup>10</sup>All your paths, O LORD,  
are steadfast <sup>1</sup>love and faithfulness  
to those who keep your covenant  
and your <sup>1</sup>testimonies.



## Second Reading

## 1 Thessalonians 3:9-13

How can we thank God enough for you in return for all the joy that we feel before our God because of you? <sup>10</sup>Night and day we pray most earnestly that we may see you face to face and restore whatever is lacking in your faith.

<sup>11</sup>Now may our God and Father himself and our Lord Jesus direct our

way to you. <sup>12</sup>And may the Lord make you increase and abound in love for one another and for all, just as we abound in love for you. <sup>13</sup>And may he so strengthen your hearts in holiness that you may be blameless before our God and Father at the coming of our Lord Jesus with all his saints.

## Gospel

## Luke 21:25-36

[Jesus said:] "There will be signs in the sun, the moon, and the stars, and on the earth distress among nations confused by the roaring of the sea and the waves. <sup>26</sup>People will faint from fear and foreboding of what is coming upon the world, for the powers of the heavens will be shaken. <sup>27</sup>Then they will see 'the Son of Man coming in a cloud' with power and great glory. <sup>28</sup>Now when these things begin to take place, stand up and raise your heads, because your redemption is drawing near."

<sup>29</sup>Then he told them a parable: "Look at the fig tree and all the trees; <sup>30</sup>as soon as they sprout leaves you can see for yourselves and know that summer is already near. <sup>31</sup>So

also, when you see these things taking place, you know that the kingdom of God is near. <sup>32</sup>Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away until all things have taken place. <sup>33</sup>Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away.

<sup>34</sup>"Be on guard so that your hearts are not weighed down with dissipation and drunkenness and the worries of this life, and that day does not catch you unexpectedly, <sup>35</sup>like a trap. For it will come upon all who live on the face of the whole earth. <sup>36</sup>Be alert at all times, praying that you may have the strength to escape all these things that will take place, and to stand before the Son of Man."

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**Next Sunday's Readings:** Malachi 3:1-4 or Baruch 5:1-9; Luke 1:68-79; Philippians 1:3-11; Luke 3:1-6.

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