Sunday, 29th November 2026

FIRST SUNDAY
OF ADVENT

Readings at Mass

Entrance Antiphon Cf. Ps 24(25), 1-3

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,
God, for ever and ever.

First Reading Isaiah 63,16-17; 64,1. 3-8

'O that you would rend the heavens and come down.'

You, O LORD, are our Father,
our Redeemer from of old is
your name. O LORD, why do you
make us wander from your ways
and harden our heart, so that we
fear you not? Return for the sake
of your servants, the tribes of
your heritage. ¶ O that you
would rend the heavens and
come down, that the mountains
might quake at your presence.
You came down, the mountains
quaked at your presence. From
of old no one has heard or

perceived by the ear, no eye has seen a God besides you, who acts for those who wait for him. You meet him who joyfully works righteousness, those who remember you in your ways. Behold, you were angry, and we sinned; in our sins we have been a long time, and shall we be saved? We have all become like one who is unclean, and all our righteous deeds are like a polluted garment. We all fade like a leaf, and our iniquities, like the wind, take us away. There is no one who calls upon your name, who rouses himself to take hold of you; for you have hidden your face from us, and have made us melt in the hand of our iniquities. ¶ But now, O LORD, you are our Father; we are the clay, and you are our potter; we are all the work of your hand. ❧

Responsorial Psalm Psalm 80,2-3.15-16.18-19. R. 4

R. Bring us back, O God;
let your face shine forth, and we shall be saved.

O shepherd of Israel, hear us,
enthroned on the cherubim, shine forth.
Rouse up your might and come to save us. **R.**

God of hosts, turn again, we implore;
look down from heaven and see.
Visit this vine and protect it,
the stock your right hand has planted,
the son you have claimed for yourself. **R.**

May your hand be on the man at your right hand,
the son of man you have confirmed as your own.
And we shall never forsake you again;
give us life that we may call upon your name. **R.**

Second Reading 1 Corinthians 1,3-9

We are waiting for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Brothers and sisters: Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. I give thanks to my God always for you because of the grace of God that was given you in Christ Jesus, that in every way you were enriched in him in all speech and all knowledge – even as the testimony about Christ was confirmed among you – so that you are not lacking in any gift, as you wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ, who will sustain you to the end, guiltless in the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. God is faithful, by whom you were called into the fellowship of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

Gospel Acclamation Ps 85,8

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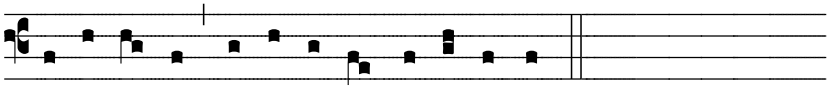

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All repeat: **Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

Show us, O LORD, your mercy,
and grant us your salvation. **R.**

Gospel Mark 13,33-37

'Stay awake – for you do not know when the master of the house will come.'

At that time: Jesus said to his disciples: 'Be on guard, keep awake. For you do not know when the time will come. It is like a man going on a journey, when he leaves home and puts his servants in charge, each with his work, and commands the doorkeeper to stay awake. Therefore stay awake — for you do not know when the master of the house will come, in the evening, or at midnight, or when the cock crows, or in the morning — lest he come suddenly and find you

asleep. And what I say to you I
say to all: Stay awake.’ ❧

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 Ps 84(85), 13

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.

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