

Sunday, December 1, 2024
First Sunday of Advent

Prayer for the Morning

Let us shout with joy at the presence of the Lord, for he comes!

Glory to the Father...Amen. Alleluia!

Hymn

Meter: SM

When you shall come, O Lord,
Wrapped in your glory bright,
Then shall the earth in terror quake,
The sun withhold his light.
When you shall come, O Lord,
Then to your judgment-bar,
E'en as a mighty stream, shall flow
The sons of men from far.
When you shall come, O Lord,
Then shall the books be spread,
And from their secrets you shall judge
The living and the dead.
When you shall come, O Lord,
Then save me by your pow'r,
Let not the flames of wrath o'ertake
Your servant in that hour.
When you shall come, O Lord,
In mercy let me stand—
No guilt upon my conscience laid—
Approved, at your right hand.

Psalm

29:1-6, 10-13

And then they will see the Son of Man coming in a cloud with power and great glory. (Lk 21:27)

In the apocalyptic tradition, the signs of Christ's coming at the end of time are terrifying spectacles of nature. In the sacramental vision, the signs of Christ's coming in daily life are the kind of acts of love described in the Word of God for this morning's prayer. Let us be vigilant to see Christ in whatever good is done for us and to make him manifest in the good we do for others.

**O give the Lord, you sons of God,
give the Lord glory and power;
give the Lord the glory of his name.
Adore the Lord in his holy court.
The Lord's voice resounding on the waters,
the Lord on the immensity of waters;**

the voice of the Lord, full of power,
the voice of the Lord, full of splendor.
The Lord's voice shattering the cedars,
the Lord shatters the cedars of Lebanon;
he makes Lebanon leap like a calf
and Sirion like a young wild-ox.

The Lord's voice flashes flames of fire.

The Lord's voice shaking the wilderness
the Lord shakes the wilderness of Kadesh;
the Lord's voice rending the oak tree
and stripping the forest bare.

The God of glory thunders.

In his temple they all cry: "Glory!"

The Lord sat enthroned over the flood;
the Lord sits as king for ever.

The Lord will give strength to his people,
the Lord will bless his people with peace.

Glory to the Father...

Word of God

Thessalonians 5:14-17

We urge you, brothers, admonish the idle, cheer the fainthearted, support the weak, be patient with all. See that no one returns evil for evil; rather, always seek what is good [both] for each other and for all. Rejoice always. Pray without ceasing.

Be vigilant at all times.

(Lk 21:36)

Canticle of Zechariah

When these signs begin to happen, stand erect and raise your heads because your redemption is at hand.

(Lk 21:28)

Blessed be the Lord, the God of Israel; he has come to his people and set them free. He has raised up for us a mighty savior, born of the house of his servant David.

Through his holy prophets he promised of old that he would save us from our enemies, from the hands of all who hate us. He promised to show mercy to our fathers and to remember his holy covenant.

This was the oath he swore to our father Abraham: to set us free from the hands of our enemies, free to worship him without fear, holy and righteous in his sight all the days of our life.

You, my child, shall be called the prophet of the Most High; for you will go before the Lord to

prepare his way, to give his people knowledge of salvation by the forgiveness of their sins. In the tender compassion of our God the dawn from on high shall break upon us, to shine on those who dwell in darkness and the shadow of death, and to guide our feet into the way of peace.

Glory to the Father...

Intercessions

With joyful hope, we pray:

R/Come and rule the world with justice!

Where sin and evil rule: **R/**

Where hatred and division prevail: **R/**

Where peace is broken: **R/**

Personal intentions

Our Father....

O Lord of justice, your coming overthrows all that is not ruled by you. Fill us with expectation and transform our hearts and lives, so that we may welcome you when you come. You live and reign with God the Father in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever. Amen.

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Reading 1 Jeremiah 33:14-16

The days are coming, says the Lord, when I will fulfill the promise I made to the house of Israel and Judah. In those days, in that time, I will raise up for David a just shoot; he shall do what is right and just in the land. In those days Judah shall be safe and Jerusalem shall dwell secure; this is what they shall call her: "The Lord our -justice."

Reading 2 1 Thessalonians 3:12-4:2

Brothers and sisters: May the Lord make you increase and abound in love for one another and for all, just as we have for you, so as to strengthen your hearts, to be blameless in holiness before our God and Father at the coming of our Lord Jesus with all his holy ones. Amen.

Finally, brothers and sisters, we earnestly ask and exhort you in the Lord Jesus that, as you received from us how you should conduct yourselves to please God—and as you are conducting yourselves—you do so even more. For you know what instructions we gave you through the Lord Jesus.

Gospel Luke 21:25-28, 34-36

Jesus said to his disciples: "There will be signs in the sun, the moon, and the stars, and on earth nations will be in dismay, perplexed by the roaring of the sea and the waves. People will die of fright in anticipation of what is coming upon the world, for the powers of the heavens will be shaken. And then they will see the Son of Man coming in a cloud with power and great glory. But when these signs begin to happen, stand erect and raise your heads because your redemption is at hand.

"Beware that your hearts do not become drowsy from carousing and drunkenness and the anxieties of daily life, and that day catch you by surprise like a trap. For that day will assault everyone who lives on the face of the earth. Be vigilant at all times and pray that you have the strength to escape the tribulations that are imminent and to stand before the Son of Man."

Men of St. Joseph Prayer

St. Joseph, help me to be like you. Help me to be obedient to the teachings of the Church and faithful to God's commands. Help me to patiently endure my cross each day. Let me be a model of holiness and a pillar of virtue. I solemnly promise to embrace God's will and I accept the challenge to work tirelessly for my family's salvation. Be my guide and companion on this journey. St. Joseph, terror of demons, pray for us!

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