

Sunday, November 27, 2022

First Sunday of Advent

Prayer for the Morning

To you, O Lord, we lift up our souls!

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen. Alleluia!

Hymn

Meter: CMD

Arise, arise to meet thy God,
Arise, O Israel,
Arise, arise to meet thy King
Whose beauty none can tell.
More fair is he than light of dawn
That breaks o'er hill and dell,
Or than the gold of ripening corn
In the vale of Jezrahel.
More beautiful, more beautiful
Than sheen of early morn,
O Israel, he is thy King,
Yet crowned with piercing thorn.
Then rouse thyself, awake from sleep,
Arise, O Israel:
Acclaim this King who is thy God,
Whose beauty none can tell.

Psalm

57:8-12

It is the hour now for you to awake from sleep. For our salvation is nearer now than when we first believed. (Rom 13:11)

As Advent dawns, Saint Paul calls to us to awake and prepare to greet the Lord at his coming. Let us always live our lives in such a way that we may not dread this coming but await it in joy.

My heart is ready, O God,
my heart is ready.
I will sing, I will sing your praise.
Awake, my soul,
awake, lyre and harp,
I will awake the dawn.
I will thank you, Lord, among the peoples,
among the nations I will praise you
for your love reaches to the heavens
and your truth to the skies.
O God, arise above the heavens;
may your glory shine on earth!
Glory to the Father...

Word of God **Ephesians 5:8-11, 14-16**

You were once darkness, but now you are light in the Lord. Live as children of light, for light produces every kind of goodness and

righteousness and truth. Try to learn what is pleasing to the Lord. Take no part in the fruitless works of darkness; rather expose them [...] for everything that becomes visible is light. Therefore, it says: "Awake, O sleeper, / and arise from the dead, / and Christ will give you light." Watch carefully then how you live, not as foolish persons but as wise, making the most of the opportunity, because the days are evil.

We are not of the night or of darkness.

(1 Thes 5:5)

Canticle of Zechariah

Seek first the kingdom [of God] and his righteousness, and all these things will be given you besides.

(Mt 6:33)

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

Out of the world's darkness, Christ arises like the dawn. Let us pray:

R/Sun of justice, light our way!

From unconscious habits of sin: – awaken us, O Lord! **R/**

From a lethargic faith: – rouse us, O Lord! **R/**

From complacency and self-satisfaction: – stir us to life, O Lord! **R/**

Personal intentions

Our Father...

O Lord of light, our world awaits you in the darkness of disbelief, ignorance, indifference, and sin. Waken us to sing your praise as we prepare in this season to greet your return with ready joy, who live and reign with the Father in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever. Amen.

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Reading 1 **Isaiah 2:1-5**

This is what Isaiah, son of Amoz, saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem.

In days to come,/ the mountain of the Lord's house/ shall be established as the highest mountain/ and raised above the hills./ All nations shall stream toward it;/ many peoples shall come and say:/ "Come, let us climb the Lord's mountain,/ to the house of the God of Jacob,/ that he may instruct us in his ways,/ and we may walk in his paths."/ For from Zion shall go forth instruction,/ and the word of the Lord from Jerusalem./ He shall judge between the nations,/ and impose terms on many peoples./ They shall beat their swords into plowshares/ and their spears into pruning hooks;/ one nation shall not raise the sword against another,/ nor shall they train for war again./ O house of Jacob, come,/ let us walk in the light of the Lord!

Reading 2 **Romans 13:11-14**

Brothers and sisters: You know the time; it is the hour now for you to awake from sleep. For our salvation is nearer now than when we first believed; the night is advanced, the day is at hand. Let us then throw off the works of darkness and put on the armor of light; let us conduct ourselves properly as in the day, not in orgies and drunkenness, not in promiscuity and lust, not in rivalry and jealousy. But put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the desires of the flesh.

Gospel **Matthew 24:37-44**

Jesus said to his disciples: "As it was in the days of Noah, so it will be at the coming of the Son of Man. In those days before the flood, they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, up to the day that Noah entered the ark. They did not know until the flood came and carried them all away. So will it be also at the coming of the Son of Man. Two men will be out in the field; one will be taken, and one will be left. Two women will be grinding at the mill; one will be taken, and one will be left. Therefore, stay awake! For you do not know on which day your Lord will come. Be sure of this: if the master of the house had known the hour of night when the thief was coming, he would have stayed awake and not let his house be broken into. So too, you also must be prepared, for at an hour you do not expect, the Son of Man will come."

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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