

**FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT**  
**28th November 2010**

**First Reading**

**Isa. 2:1-4**

**A reading from the prophet Isaiah**

*The Lord will gather all nations in eternal peace in the kingdom of God.*

The word that 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 of the mountains, and shall be raised above the hills; all the nations shall stream to it. Many peoples shall come and say, "Come, let us go up to the mountain of the Lord, to the house of the God of Jacob; that he may teach us his ways and that we may walk in his paths." For out of Zion shall go forth instruction, and the word of the Lord from Jerusalem. He shall judge between the nations, and shall arbitrate for many peoples; they shall beat their swords into plowshares, and their spears into pruning hooks; nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war any more.

Hear the word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**Responsorial Psalm**

**Ps. 122**

**Response: *Let us go rejoicing to the house of the Lord.***

I rejoiced when I heard them say:

"Let us go to God's house."

And now our feet are standing  
within your gates, O Jerusalem. **R.**

Jerusalem is built as a city  
strongly compact.

It is there that the tribes go up,  
the tribes of the Lord. **R.**

For love of my family and friends

I say 'Peace upon you!'

For love of the house of the Lord  
I will ask for your good. **R.**

**Second Reading**

**Rom. 13:8-14**

**A reading from the letter of Paul to the Romans**

*The time has come, our salvation is near.*

Owe no one anything, except to love one another; for the one who loves another has fulfilled the law. The commandments, "You shall not commit adultery; You shall not murder; You shall not steal; You shall not covet"; and any other commandment, are summed up in this word, "Love your neighbour as yourself." Love does no wrong to a neighbour; therefore, love is the fulfilling of the law. Besides this, you know what time it is, how it is now the moment for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we became believers; the night is far gone, the day is near. Let us then lay aside the works of darkness and put on the armour of light.

Hear the word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**Gospel Acclamation**

**Alleluia, alleluia!**

Lord, let us see your kindness,  
and grant us your salvation.

**Alleluia!**

**GOSPEL**

**Mtt. 24:37-44**

✠ A reading from the holy gospel according to Matthew

**R. Glory to you Lord Christ.**

*Stay awake, you must be ready.*

For as the days of Noah were, so will be the coming of the Son of Man. For as in those days before the flood they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day Noah entered the ark, and they knew nothing until the flood came and swept them all away, so too will be the coming of the Son of Man. Then two will be in the field; one will be taken and one will be left. Two women will be grinding meal together; one will be taken and one will be left. Keep awake therefore, for you do not know on what day your Lord is coming. But understand this: if the owner of the house had known in what part of the night the thief was coming, he would have stayed awake and would not have let his house be broken into. Therefore you also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an unexpected hour.

For the Gospel of the Lord

**Praise to you Lord Christ.**

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