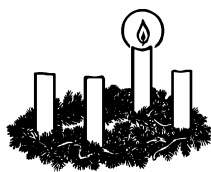


SUNDAY 30th NOVEMBER 2025

1st of Advent

Collect

Almighty God,
Give us grace to cast away
the works of darkness
and to put on the armour of light,
now in the time of this mortal life,
in which your Son Jesus Christ
came to us in great humility; that on the last day,
when he shall come again in his glorious majesty
to judge the living and the dead,
we may rise to the life immortal;
through Him who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.



1st Reading - Isaiah 2.1-5

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 ploughshares, and their spears into
pruning-hooks; nation shall not lift up sword against
nation, neither shall they learn war any more.
O house of Jacob, come, let us walk in the light of
the Lord!

Psalm - from Psalm 122

I was glad when they said to me,
'Let us go to the house of the Lord.'
And now our feet are standing
within your gates, O Jerusalem; *R.*

Jerusalem, built as a city that is at unity in itself.
Thither the tribes go up, the tribes of the Lord,
as is decreed for Israel,
to give thanks to the name of the Lord.
For there are set the thrones of judgement,
the thrones of the house of David. *R.*

O pray for the peace of Jerusalem:
'May they prosper who love you.
'Peace be within your walls
and tranquillity within your palaces.' *R.*



I was glad when they said, 'Let us go to the house of the Lord.' _____

2nd Reading - Romans 13.11-14

Brothers and sisters, 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; let us
live honourably as in the day, not in revelling and
drunkenness, not in debauchery and
licentiousness, not in quarrelling and jealousy.
Instead, put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make
no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.

Gospel Reading - Matthew 24.36-44

Jesus spoke to his disciples: 'About that day and
hour no one knows, neither the angels of
heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. 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.'



Post Communion Prayer

Lord our God,
make us watchful and keep us faithful
as we await the coming of your Son our Lord;
that, when he shall appear,
he may not find us sleeping in sin
but active in his service and joyful in his praise;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.