

November 28, 2010
First Sunday of Advent (A)

FIRST READING

Isaiah 2:1-5

A reading from the book of the prophet Isaiah

This is the vision that Isaiah son of Amoz had about Judah and Jerusalem:

In the future the mountain with the LORD's temple will be the highest of all.

It will reach above the hills, and every nation will rush to it.

Many people will come and say, "Let's go to the mountain of the LORD God of Jacob and worship in his temple."

The LORD will teach us his Law from Jerusalem.

He will settle the arguments of nations and of people.

They will pound their swords and their spears into garden tools.

And they will never make war or attack other nations.

People of Israel, let's live by the light of the LORD.

The word of the Lord.

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Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 122:1-2, 8-9

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

*It made me glad to hear them say,
"Let's go to the house of the LORD!"
Jerusalem, we are standing
inside your gates.*

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

*Because of my friends
and my relatives,
I will pray for peace.
And because of the house
of the LORD our God,
I will work for your good.*

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

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A reading from the letter of Paul to the Romans

SECOND READING

Romans 13:11-13a

Brothers and sisters:

You know what sort of times we live in,
and so you should live properly.

It is time to wake up.

You know that the day when we will be saved

is nearer now than when we first put our faith in the Lord.

Night is almost over, and day will soon appear.

We must stop behaving as people do in the dark
and be ready to live in the light.

So behave properly, as people do in the day.

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A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

GOSPEL

Matthew 24:37-44

Jesus said to his disciples:
“When the Son of Man appears,
things will be just as they were when Noah lived.
People were eating, drinking, and getting married
right up to the day that the flood came
and Noah went into the big boat.
They didn’t know anything was happening
until the flood came and swept them all away.
That is how it will be when the Son of Man appears.

“Two men will be in the same field,
but only one will be taken.
The other will be left.
Two women will be together grinding grain,
but only one will be taken.
The other will be left.

“So be on your guard!
You don’t know when your Lord will come.
Homeowners never know when a thief is coming,
and they are always on guard to keep one from breaking in.
Always be ready!
You don’t know when the Son of Man will come.”

The Gospel of the Lord.