

**December 3, 2017**  
**First Sunday of**  
**Advent (B)**



**FIRST READING**

1 Corinthians 1:3-9

**A reading from the first letter of Paul to the Corinthians**

**B**rothers and sisters:

My prayer is that God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ will be kind to you and will bless you with peace!

I never stop thanking my God  
for being kind enough to give you Christ Jesus,  
who helps you speak and understand so well.  
Now you are certain that everything we told you  
about our Lord Christ Jesus is true.

You are not missing out on any blessings,  
as you wait for him to return.  
And until the day Christ does return,  
he will keep you completely innocent.

God can be trusted,  
and he chose you to be partners with his Son,  
our Lord Jesus Christ.

**The word of the Lord.**

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**RESPONSORIAL PSALM**

*Psalm 85:8, 9, 10*

**All:** *Give peace, O Lord,  
to those who wait for you.*

*I will listen to you, LORD God,  
because you promise peace  
to those who are faithful  
and no longer foolish.*

**All:** *Give peace, O Lord,  
to those who wait for you.*

*You are ready to rescue  
everyone who worships you,  
so that you will live with us  
in all of your glory.*

**All:** *Give peace, O Lord,  
to those who wait for you.*

*Love and loyalty  
will come together;  
goodness and peace  
will unite.*

**All:** *Give peace, O Lord,  
to those who wait for you.*

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**GOSPEL**  
Mark 13:33-37

**A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark**

Jesus said to his disciples:  
"Watch out and be ready!  
You don't know when the time will come.  
It is like what happens when a man goes away for a while  
and places his servants in charge of everything.  
He tells each of them what to do,  
and he orders the watchmen to be on their guard.

"So be on your guard!  
You don't know when the master of the house  
will come back.  
It could be in the evening or at midnight  
or before dawn or in the morning.  
But if he comes suddenly, don't let him find you asleep.  
I tell everyone just what I have told you.  
Be on your guard!"

**The Gospel of the Lord.**

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