

27 November 2022 - First Sunday of Advent

The 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.
All Amen Amen.

First 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!

Second 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

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

O 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. Amen.