

**Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> November  
2020**

## **Advent Sunday**

### **Special Prayer for the day**

Almighty God,  
as your kingdom dawns,  
turn us from the darkness of sin  
to the light of holiness,  
that we may be ready to meet  
you in our Lord and Saviour,  
Jesus Christ.

**Amen**

### **First Reading**

**Psalms 25:1–10**

[1] To you, O LORD, I  
lift up my soul.

[2] O my God, in you I  
trust; let me not be put to shame;  
let not my enemies exult over  
me.

[3] Indeed, none who  
wait for you shall be put to  
shame; they shall be ashamed  
who are wantonly treacherous.

[4] Make me to know  
your ways, O LORD; teach me  
your paths.

[5] Lead me in your truth  
and teach me, for you are the  
God of my salvation; for you I  
wait all the day long.

[6] Remember your  
mercy, O LORD, and your  
steadfast love, for they have been  
from of old.

[7] Remember not the  
sins of my youth or my  
transgressions; according to your  
steadfast love remember me, for  
the sake of your goodness, O  
LORD!

[8] Good and upright is  
the LORD; therefore he instructs  
sinners in the way.

[9] He leads the humble  
in what is right, and teaches the  
humble his way.

[10] All the paths of the  
LORD are steadfast love and  
faithfulness, for those who keep

his covenant and his testimonies.  
(ESV)

### **Second Reading**

**1 Thessalonians 3:9–13**

[9] For what thanksgiving can  
we return to God for you, for all  
the joy that we feel for your sake  
before our God, [10] as we pray  
most earnestly night and day that  
we may see you face to face and  
supply what is lacking in your  
faith?

[11] Now may our God and  
Father himself, and our Lord  
Jesus, direct our way to you, [12]  
and may the Lord make you  
increase and abound in love for  
one another and for all, as we do  
for you, [13] so that he may  
establish your hearts blameless  
in holiness before our God and  
Father, at the coming of our Lord  
Jesus with all his saints. (ESV)

### **Gospel Reading**

**Luke 21:25–36**

[25] “And there will be signs in  
sun and moon and stars, and on  
the earth distress of nations in  
perplexity because of the roaring  
of the sea and the waves, [26]  
people fainting with fear and  
with foreboding of what is  
coming on the world. For the  
powers of the heavens will be  
shaken. [27] And then they will  
see the Son of Man coming in a  
cloud with power and great  
glory. [28] Now when these  
things begin to take place,  
straighten up and raise your  
heads, because your redemption  
is drawing near.”

[29] And he told them a parable:  
“Look at the fig tree, and all the  
trees. [30] As soon as they come  
out in leaf, you see for  
yourselves and know that the  
summer is already near. [31] So  
also, when you see these things

taking place, you know that the  
kingdom of God is near. [32]  
Truly, I say to you, this  
generation will not pass away  
until all has taken place. [33]  
Heaven and earth will pass away,  
but my words will not pass away.

[34] “But watch yourselves lest  
your hearts be weighed down  
with dissipation and drunkenness  
and cares of this life, and that  
day come upon you suddenly  
like a trap. [35] For it will come  
upon all who dwell on the face  
of the whole earth. [36] But stay  
awake at all times, praying that  
you may have strength to escape  
all these things that are going to  
take place, and to stand before  
the Son of Man.” (ESV)

### **Final 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.**

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