



## First Sunday of Advent: PEACE

**Reading:** The days are coming, says the LORD, when I will fulfill the promise I made to the house of Israel and Judah. In those days, in that time, I will raise up for David a just shoot; he shall do what is right and just in the land.

**Prayer:** God of Love, Your son, Jesus, is your greatest gift to us. He is a sign of your love. Help us to walk with one another with compassion and kindness, during the weeks of Advent. May our love for one another bring hope to those who despair. We pray this through your Son, Jesus. Amen.

### Entrance Antiphon

Cf. Is 30: 19, 30

O people of Sion, behold,  
the Lord will come to save the nations,  
and the Lord will make the glory of his  
voice heard  
in the joy of your heart.

### First Reading

Isaiah 40:1-5,9-11

‘Console my people, console them’  
says your God.

‘Speak to the heart of Jerusalem  
and call to her that her time of service is  
ended, that her sin is atoned for, that she  
has received from the hand of the Lord  
double punishment for all her crimes.’

A voice cries, ‘Prepare in the  
wilderness a way for the Lord.

Make a straight highway for our God  
across the desert. Let every valley be  
filled in, every mountain and hill be laid  
low.

Let every cliff become a plain,  
and the ridges a valley; then the glory of  
the Lord shall be revealed and all  
mankind shall see it; for the mouth of  
the Lord has spoken.’ Go up on a high  
mountain, joyful messenger to Zion.

Shout with a loud voice, joyful  
messenger to Jerusalem. Shout without  
fear,

say to the towns of Judah,

‘Here is your God.’ Here is the Lord  
coming with power, his arm subduing  
all things to him.

The prize of his victory is with him, his  
trophies all go before him. He is like a  
shepherd feeding his flock, gathering  
lambs in his arms, holding them against  
his breast and leading to their rest the  
mother ewes.

### Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 84(85):9-14

*Lord, let us see your kindness, and  
grant us your salvation.*

I will hear what the Lord God has to  
say, a voice that speaks of peace,  
peace for his people. His help is near  
for those who fear him and his glory  
will dwell in our land. **R**

Mercy and faithfulness have met;  
justice and peace have embraced.  
Faithfulness shall spring from the earth  
and justice look down from heaven. **R**

The Lord will make us prosper  
and our earth shall yield its fruit.  
Justice shall march before him  
and peace shall follow his steps. **R**

### Second Reading

2 Peter 3:8-14

There is one thing, my friends, that you  
must never forget: that with the Lord, ‘a  
day’ can mean a thousand years, and a  
thousand years is like a day. The Lord  
is not being slow to carry out his  
promises, as anybody else might be  
called slow; but he is being patient with  
you all, wanting nobody to be lost and  
everybody to be brought to change his  
ways. The Day of the Lord will come  
like a thief, and then with a roar the sky  
will vanish, the elements will catch fire  
and fall apart, the earth and all that it  
contains will be burnt up.

Since everything is coming to an end  
like this, you should be living holy and  
saintly lives while you wait and long for  
the Day of God to come, when the sky  
will dissolve in flames and the elements  
melt in the heat. What we are waiting  
for is what he promised: the new  
heavens and new earth, the place where  
righteousness will be at home. So then,  
my friends, while you are waiting, do  
your best to live lives without spot or  
stain so that he will find you at peace.

### Gospel Acclamation

Luke 3:4,6

Alleluia, alleluia!

Prepare the way of the Lord, make  
straight his paths:

all people shall see the salvation of  
God.

Alleluia!

### Gospel

Mark 1:1-8

The beginning of the Good News about  
Jesus Christ, the Son of God. It is  
written in the book of the prophet  
Isaiah:

Look, I am going to send my messenger  
before you; he will prepare your way.

A voice cries in the wilderness:

Prepare a way for the Lord, make his  
paths straight. and so it was that John  
the Baptist appeared in the wilderness,  
proclaiming a baptism of repentance for  
the forgiveness of sins. All Judaea and  
all the people of Jerusalem made their  
way to him, and as they were baptised  
by him in the river Jordan they  
confessed their sins. John wore a  
garment of camel-skin, and he lived on  
locusts and wild honey. In the course of  
his preaching he said, ‘Someone is  
following me, someone who is more  
powerful than I am, and I am not fit to  
kneel down and undo the strap of his  
sandals. I have baptised you with water,  
but he will baptise you with the Holy  
Spirit.’

### Communion Antiphon

Bar 5: 5; 4: 36

Jerusalem, arise and stand upon the  
heights, and behold the joy which  
comes to you from God.

## **SECOND WEEK OF ADVENT - YEAR B**

### **Monday 11<sup>th</sup> of December**

Isaiah 35:1-10, Ps 84(85):9-14, Luke  
5:17-26

### **Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> of December**

Isaiah 40:1-11, Ps 95(96):1-3,10-13,  
Matthew 18:12-14

### **Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> of December**

#### **\*Saint Lucy**

Isaiah 40:25-31, Ps 102(103):1-4,8,10,  
Matthew 11:28-30

### **Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> of December**

#### **\*Saint John of the Cross**

Isaiah 41:13-20, Ps 144(145):1,9-13a,  
Matthew 11:11-15

### **Friday 15<sup>th</sup> of December**

Isaiah 48:17-19, Psalm 1:1-4,6, Matthew  
11:16-19

### **Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> of December**

Ecclesiasticus 48:1-4,9-12, Ps 79(80):2-  
3,15-16,18-19, Matthew 17:10-13

### **3rd Sunday of Advent**

Isaiah 61:1-2,10-11, Luke 1:46-50,53-54,  
1 Thessalonians 5:16-24, John 1:6-8,19-  
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