



FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT – YEAR A (P 132) – 1/12/2019

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

To you, I lift up my soul, O my God. In you, I have trusted; let me not be put to shame. Nor let my enemies exult over me; and let none who hope in you be put to shame.

FIRST READING 2:1-5 Page 133

A reading from the prophet Isaiah.

The Lord will gather all nations in eternal peace in the kingdom of God.

The vision of Isaiah son of Amoz, concerning Judah and Jerusalem. In the days to come the mountain of the "Temple of the Lord shall tower above the mountains and be lifted higher than the hills. All nations will stream to it, peoples without number will come to it; and they will say: "Come, let us go up to the mountain of the Lord, to the Temple of the God of Jacob that he may teach us his ways so that we may walk in his paths; since the Law will go out from Zion, and the oracle of the Lord from Jerusalem."

He will wield authority over the nations and adjudicate between many peoples; these will hammer their swords into ploughshares; their spears into sickles. Nation will not lift sword against nation, there will be no more training for war.

O House of Jacob, come, let us walk in the light of the Lord.

✠ **The word of the Lord.** ✠

Responsorial Psalm

Let us go rejoicing to the house of the Lord.



SECOND READING

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans. 13:11-14 page 134

The time has come, our salvation is near.

★ You know "the time" has come: you must wake up now; our salvation is even nearer than it was when we were converted.

The night is almost over, it will be daylight soon – let us give up all the things we prefer to do under cover of the dark; let us arm ourselves and appear in the light. Let us live decently as people do in the daytime: no drunken orgies, no promiscuity or licentiousness, and no wrangling or jealousy.

Let your armour be the Lord Jesus Christ. ★

✠ **The word of the Lord.** ✠



Gospel Acclamation

Ps 84:8

Alleluia, alleluia!

Lord, show us your mercy and love, and grant us your salvation.

Alleluia!

GOSPEL

Page 135 24:37-44

The reading from the Holy Gospel according to Matthew.

Stay awake, you must be ready.

★ Jesus said to his disciples: "As it was in Noah's day, so will it be when the Son of Man comes. For in those days before the Flood people were eating, drinking, taking wives, taking husbands, right up to the day Noah went into the ark, and they suspected nothing till the Flood came and swept all away. It will be like this when the Son of Man comes. Then of two men in the fields one is taken, one left; of two women at the millstone grinding, one is taken, one left.

"So stay awake, because you do not know the day when your master is coming. You may be quite sure of this that if the householder had known at what time of night the burglar would come; he would have stayed awake and would not have allowed anyone to break through the wall of his house.

Therefore, you too must stand ready because the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect."

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◆ **The Gospel of the Lord.** ◆



COMMUNION ANTIPHON

The Lord will bestow his bounty, and our earth shall yield its increase.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

May these mysteries, O Lord, in which we have participated, profit us, we pray, for even now, as we walk amid passing things, you teach us by them to love the things of heaven and hold fast to what endures.

◆ **Through Christ our Lord.** ◆

