

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT (A)

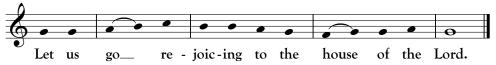
Introit (Ordinary Form) • Ps. 24:1-4

Unto you have I lifted up my soul. O my God, I trust in you, let me not be put to shame; do not allow my enemies to laugh at me; for none of those who are awaiting you will be disappointed. Vs. Make your ways known unto me, O Lord, and teach me your paths.

Reading I • Is 2:1-5

This is what 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 mountain and raised above the hills. All nations shall stream toward it; many peoples shall come and say: "Come, let us climb the LORD's mountain, to the house of the God of Jacob, that he may instruct us in his ways, and we may walk in his paths." For from Zion shall go forth instruction, and the word of the LORD from Jerusalem. He shall judge between the nations, and impose terms on many peoples. They shall beat their swords into plowshares and their spears into pruning hooks; one nation shall not raise the sword against another, nor shall they train for war again. O house of Jacob, come, let us walk in the light of the LORD!

Responsorial Psalm • Ps 122:1-2, 3-4, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9



I rejoiced because they said to me, / "We will go up to the house of the LORD." And now we have set foot / within your gates, O Jerusalem.

> Jerusalem, built as a city / with compact unity. To it the tribes go up, / the tribes of the LORD.

According to the decree for Israel, / to give thanks to the name of the LORD. In it are set up judgment seats, / seats for the house of David.

> Pray for the peace of Jerusalem! / May those who love you prosper! May peace be within your walls, / prosperity in your buildings.

Because of my brothers and friends / I will say, "Peace be within you!" Because of the house of the LORD, our God, / I will pray for your good.

Gradual (can be sung in place of Responsorial Psalm) • Ps. 24:3-4

They will not be disappointed, O Lord, all those who are awaiting you. Make your ways known unto me, O Lord, and teach me your paths.

Reading II • Rom 13:11-14

Brothers and sisters: You know the time; it is the hour now for you to awake from sleep. For our salvation is nearer now than when we first believed; the night is advanced, the day is at hand. Let us then throw off the works of darkness and put on the armor of light; let us conduct ourselves properly as in the day, not in orgies and drunkenness, not in promiscuity and lust, not in rivalry and jealousy. But put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the desires of the flesh.

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"Show us, Lord, your love; and grant us your salvation." (Cf. Ps 85: 8)