

# First Sunday of Advent (Violet or Blue)

**Sunday, November 28<sup>th</sup>, 2021**

## Readings

JEREMIAH 33:14-16; PSALM 25:1-9; 1 THESSALONIANS 3:9-13;  
LUKE 21:25-36

## Collect

Almighty God,  
give us grace to cast away the works of darkness  
and 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 both the living and the dead,  
we may rise to the life immortal;  
through him who lives and reigns  
with you and the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.

## First Reading

A READING FROM THE BOOK OF JEREMIAH  
The days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will fulfil the  
promise I made to the house of Israel and the house of Judah. In  
those days and at that time I will cause a righteous Branch to  
spring up for David; and he shall execute justice and  
righteousness in the land. In those days Judah will be saved and  
Jerusalem will live in safety. And this is the name by which it will  
be called: "The Lord is our righteousness."  
JEREMIAH 33:14-16

## Psalm

**REFRAIN To you, O Lord, I lift up my soul.**

To you, O Lord, I lift up my soul; my God, I put my trust in you; let  
me not be humiliated, nor let my enemies triumph over me.  
Let none who look to you be put to shame; let the treacherous be  
disappointed in their schemes. **R**

Show me your ways, O Lord, and teach me your paths.

Lead me in your truth and teach me, for you are the God of my  
salvation; in you have I trusted all the day long. **R**

Remember, O Lord, your compassion and love, for they are from  
everlasting. Remember not the sins of my youth and my  
transgressions; remember me according to your love and for the  
sake of your goodness, O Lord. **R**

Gracious and upright is the Lord; therefore he teaches sinners in  
his way.

He guides the humble in doing right and teaches his way to the  
lowly.

All the paths of the Lord are love and faithfulness to those who  
keep his covenant and his testimonies. **R**  
PSALM 25:1-9

## Second Reading

A READING FROM THE FIRST LETTER OF PAUL TO THE  
THESSALONIANS

How can we thank God enough for you in return for all the joy that  
we feel before our God because of you? Night and day we pray  
most earnestly that we may see you face to face and restore  
whatever is lacking in your faith. Now may our God and Father  
himself and our Lord Jesus direct our way to you. And may the  
Lord make you increase and abound in love for one another and  
for all, just as we abound in love for you. And may he so  
strengthen your hearts in holiness that you may be blameless  
before our God and Father at the coming of our Lord Jesus with all  
his saints.

1 THESSALONIANS 3:9-13

## Gospel

THE HOLY GOSPEL OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST  
ACCORDING TO LUKE

Jesus said, "There will be signs in the sun, the moon, and the  
stars, and on the earth distress among nations confused by the  
roaring of the sea and the waves. People will faint from fear and

foreboding of what is coming upon the world, for the powers of the heavens will be shaken. Then they will see 'the Son of Man coming in a cloud' with power and great glory. Now when these things begin to take place, stand up and raise your heads, because your redemption is drawing near." Then he told them a parable: "Look at the fig tree and all the trees; as soon as they sprout leaves you can see for yourselves and know that summer is already near. So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that the kingdom of God is near. Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away until all things have taken place. Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away. Be on guard so that your hearts are not weighed down with dissipation and drunkenness and the worries of this life, and that day catch you unexpectedly, like a trap. For it will come upon all who live on the face of the whole earth. Be alert at all times, praying that you may have the strength to escape all these things that will take place, and to stand before the Son of Man."

LUKE 21:25-36

#### **Prayer over the Gifts**

God of love and power,  
your word stirs within us  
the expectation of the coming of your Son.  
Accept all we offer you this day,  
and sustain us with your promise of eternal life.  
We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord.

#### **Prayer After Communion**

God for whom we wait,  
you have fed us with the bread of eternal life.  
Keep us ever watchful,  
that we may be ready to stand before the Son of man.  
We ask this in the name of Christ the Lord.