

### 3C FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

#### FIRST READING

*Jeremiah 33:14-16 I will raise up for David a just shoot.*

A reading from the Book of the Prophet Jeremiah

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.  
In those days Judah shall be safe  
and Jerusalem shall dwell secure;  
this is what they shall call her:  
“The LORD our justice.”

The word of the Lord.

#### RESPONSORIAL PSALM

*Psalm 25:4-5, 8-9, 10, 14*

**R.** (1b) To you, O Lord, I lift my soul.

Your ways, O LORD, make known to me;  
teach me your paths,  
guide me in your truth and teach me,  
for you are God my savior,  
and for you I wait all the day.

**R.** To you, O Lord, I lift my soul.

Good and upright is the LORD;  
thus he shows sinners the way.  
He guides the humble to justice,  
and teaches the humble his way.

**R.** To you, O Lord, I lift my soul.

## 6 First Sunday of Advent

All the paths of the LORD are kindness and constancy  
toward those who keep his covenant and his decrees.  
The friendship of the LORD is with those who fear him,  
and his covenant, for their instruction.

**R.** To you, O Lord, I lift my soul.

### SECOND READING

**1 Thessalonians 3:12–4:2** May the Lord strengthen your hearts at  
the coming of our Lord Jesus.

A reading from the first Letter of Saint Paul to the Thessalonians

Brothers and sisters:

May the Lord make you increase and abound in love  
for one another and for all,  
just as we have for you,  
so as to strengthen your hearts,  
to be blameless in holiness before our God and Father  
at the coming of our Lord Jesus with all his holy ones. Amen.

Finally, brothers and sisters,  
we earnestly ask and exhort you in the Lord Jesus that,  
as you received from us  
how you should conduct yourselves to please God  
—and as you are conducting yourselves—  
you do so even more.

For you know what instructions we gave you through the Lord Jesus.

The word of the Lord.

### ALLELUIA

**Psalm 85:8**

**R.** Alleluia, alleluia.

Show us, Lord, your love;  
and grant us your salvation.

**R.** Alleluia, alleluia.

GOSPEL

Luke 21:25-28, 34-36 Your redemption is at hand.

✝ A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

Jesus said to his disciples:

“There will be signs in the sun, the moon, and the stars,  
and on earth nations will be in dismay,  
perplexed by the roaring of the sea and the waves.

People will die of fright  
in anticipation of what is coming upon the world,  
for the powers of the heavens will be shaken.

And then they will see the Son of Man  
coming in a cloud with power and great glory.

But when these signs begin to happen,  
stand erect and raise your heads  
because your redemption is at hand.

“Beware that your hearts do not become drowsy  
from carousing and drunkenness  
and the anxieties of daily life,  
and that day catch you by surprise like a trap.

For that day will assault everyone  
who lives on the face of the earth.

Be vigilant at all times  
and pray that you have the strength  
to escape the tribulations that are imminent  
and to stand before the Son of Man.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

## 123C TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

### FIRST READING

Isaiah 66:18-21 They shall bring all your brothers and sisters from all the nations.

A reading from the Book of the Prophet Isaiah

Thus says the LORD:

I know their works and their thoughts,  
and I come to gather nations of every language;  
they shall come and see my glory.

I will set a sign among them;

from them I will send fugitives to the nations:  
to Tarshish, Put and Lud, Mosoch, Tubal and Javan,  
to the distant coastlands

that have never heard of my fame, or seen my glory;  
and they shall proclaim my glory among the nations.

They shall bring all your brothers and sisters from all the nations  
as an offering to the LORD,

on horses and in chariots, in carts, upon mules and dromedaries,  
to Jerusalem, my holy mountain, says the LORD,

just as the Israelites bring their offering  
to the house of the LORD in clean vessels.

Some of these I will take as priests and Levites, says the LORD.

The word of the Lord.

320 Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Psalm 117:1, 2

**R.** (Mark 16:15) Go out to all the world and tell the good news.

or:

**R.** Alleluia.

Praise the LORD, all you nations;  
glorify him, all you peoples!

**R.** Go out to all the world and tell the good news.

or:

**R.** Alleluia.

For steadfast is his kindness toward us,  
and the fidelity of the LORD endures forever.

**R.** Go out to all the world and tell the good news.

or:

**R.** Alleluia.

SECOND READING

Hebrews 12:5-7, 11-13 Those whom the Lord loves, he disciplines.

A reading from the Letter to the Hebrews

Brothers and sisters,

You have forgotten the exhortation addressed to you as children:

“My son, do not disdain the discipline of the Lord

or lose heart when reproved by him;

for whom the Lord loves, he disciplines;

he scourges every son he acknowledges.”

Endure your trials as “discipline”;

God treats you as sons.

For what “son” is there whom his father does not discipline?

At the time,

all discipline seems a cause not for joy but for pain,

yet later it brings the peaceful fruit of righteousness

to those who are trained by it.

So strengthen your drooping hands and your weak knees.

Make straight paths for your feet,

that what is lame may not be disjointed but healed.

The word of the Lord.

ALLELUIA

John 14:6

R7. Alleluia, alleluia.

I am the way, the truth and the life, says the Lord;

no one comes to the Father, except through me.

R7. Alleluia, alleluia.

GOSPEL

Luke 13:22-30 They will come from east and west and recline at table in the kingdom of God.

✠ A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

Jesus passed through towns and villages,  
teaching as he went and making his way to Jerusalem.

Someone asked him,

“Lord, will only a few people be saved?”

He answered them,

“Strive to enter through the narrow gate,  
for many, I tell you, will attempt to enter  
but will not be strong enough.

After the master of the house has arisen and locked the door,  
then will you stand outside knocking and saying,

‘Lord, open the door for us.’

He will say to you in reply,

‘I do not know where you are from.’

And you will say,

‘We ate and drank in your company and you taught in our  
streets.’

Then he will say to you,

‘I do not know where you are from.

Depart from me, all you evildoers!’

And there will be wailing and grinding of teeth

when you see Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob  
and all the prophets in the kingdom of God  
and you yourselves cast out.

And people will come from the east and the west  
and from the north and the south

and will recline at table in the kingdom of God.

For behold, some are last who will be first,

and some are first who will be last.”

The Gospel of the Lord.