

## Advent 1

### **The Collect**

ALMIGHTY God, give us grace that we may cast away the works of darkness, and put upon us the armour of light, now in the time of this mortal life, in which thy Son Jesus Christ came to visit us in great humility; that in the last day, when he shall come again in his glorious majesty to judge both the quick and the dead, we may rise to the life immortal, through him who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Ghost, now and ever. Amen.

### **First Lesson**

Isaiah 62:10-12

Go through, go through the gates, prepare the way for the people; build up, build up the highway, clear it of stones, lift up an ensign over the peoples. Behold, the LORD has proclaimed to the end of the earth: Say to the daughter of Zion, "Behold, your salvation comes; behold, his reward is with him, and his recompense before him." And they shall be called The holy people, The redeemed of the LORD; and you shall be called Sought out, a city not forsaken.

The Word of the Lord

*Thanks be to God*

## Psalm 97

*1:* The LORD reigns; let the earth rejoice; let the many coastlands be glad!

**2: Clouds and thick darkness are round about him; righteousness and justice are the foundation of his throne.**

*3:* Fire goes before him, and burns up his adversaries round about.

**4: His lightnings lighten the world; the earth sees and trembles.**

*5:* The mountains melt like wax before the LORD, before the Lord of all the earth.

**6: The heavens proclaim his righteousness; and all the peoples behold his glory.**

*7:* All worshipers of images are put to shame, who make their boast in worthless idols; all gods bow down before him.

**8: Zion hears and is glad, and the daughters of Judah rejoice, because of thy judgments, O God.**

*9:* For thou, O LORD, art most high over all the earth; thou art exalted far above all gods.

**10: The LORD loves those who hate evil; he preserves the lives of his saints; he delivers them from the hand of the wicked.**

*11:* Light dawns for the righteous, and joy for the upright in heart.

**12: Rejoice in the LORD, O you righteous, and give thanks to his holy name!**

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son,  
and to the Holy Ghost  
*As it was in the beginning, is now,  
and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.*

## **The Epistle**

Romans 13:8-14

Owe no one anything, except to love one another; for he who loves his neighbor has fulfilled the law. The commandments, "You shall not commit adultery, You shall not kill, You shall not steal, You shall not covet," and any other commandment, are summed up in this sentence, "You shall love your neighbor as yourself." Love does no wrong to a neighbor; therefore love is the fulfilling of the law. Besides this you know what hour it is, how it is full time now for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we first believed; the night is far gone, the day is at hand. Let us then cast off the works of darkness and put on the armor of light; let us conduct ourselves becomingly as in the day, not in reveling and drunkenness, not in debauchery and licentiousness, not in quarreling and jealousy. But put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.

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## **The Holy Gospel** *Glory be to thee, O Lord*

Matthew 21:1-13

And when they drew near to Jerusalem and came to Beth'phage, to the Mount of Olives, then Jesus sent two disciples, saying to them, "Go into the village opposite you, and immediately you will find an ass tied, and a colt with her; untie them and bring them to me. If any one says anything to you, you shall say, 'The Lord has need of them,' and he will send them immediately." This took place to fulfil what was spoken by the prophet, saying, "Tell the daughter of Zion, Behold, your king is coming to you, humble, and mounted on an ass, and on a colt, the foal of an ass." The disciples went and did as Jesus had directed them; they brought the ass and the colt, and put their garments on them, and he sat thereon. Most of the crowd spread their garments on the road, and others cut branches from the trees and spread them on the road. And the crowds that went before him and that followed him shouted, "Hosanna to the Son of David! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord! Hosanna in the highest!" And when he entered Jerusalem, all the city was stirred, saying, "Who is this?" And the crowds said, "This is the prophet Jesus from Nazareth of Galilee." And Jesus entered the temple of God and drove out all who sold and bought in the temple, and he overturned the tables of the money-changers and the seats of those who sold pigeons. He said to them, "It is written, 'My house shall be called a house of prayer'; but you make it a den of thieves."

The Gospel of the Lord  
*Praise be to thee, O Christ*