



St. John The Apostle Catholic Church

November 29, 2020 **First Sunday of Advent**

Opening **Sing Out Earth & Skies** **#554**

1. Come, O God of all the earth:
Come to us, O Righteous One;
Come, and bring our love to birth:
In the glory of your Son.

*Refrain: Sing out, earth and skies!
Sing of the God who loves you!
Raise your joyful cries!
Dance to the life around you!*

2. Come, O God of wind and flame:
Fill the earth with righteousness;
Teach us all to sing your name:
May our lives your love confess. *Refrain*

3. Come, O God of flashing light:
Twinkling star and burning sun;
God of day and God of night:
In your light we all are one. *Refrain*

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Reading 1 [IS 63:16B-17, 19B; 64:2-7](#)

You, LORD, are our father,
our redeemer you are named forever.
Why do you let us wander, O LORD, from your ways,
and harden our hearts so that we fear you not?
Return for the sake of your servants,
the tribes of your heritage.
Oh, that you would rend the heavens and come down,
with the mountains quaking before you,
while you wrought awesome deeds we could not hope for,
such as they had not heard of from of old.
No ear has ever heard, no eye ever seen, any God but you
doing such deeds for those who wait for him.
Would that you might meet us doing right,
that we were mindful of you in our ways!
Behold, you are angry, and we are sinful;
all of us have become like unclean people,
all our good deeds are like polluted rags;

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we have all withered like leaves,
and our guilt carries us away like the wind.
There is none who calls upon your name,
who rouses himself to cling to you;
for you have hidden your face from us
and have delivered us up to our guilt.
Yet, O LORD, you are our father;
we are the clay and you the potter:
we are all the work of your hands.

Responsorial Psalm [PS 80:2-3, 15-16, 18-19](#)

R. (4) Lord, make us turn to you; let us see your face and we shall be saved.

O shepherd of Israel, hearken,
from your throne upon the cherubim, shine forth.
Rouse your power,
and come to save us.

R. Lord, make us turn to you; let us see your face and we shall be saved.

Once again, O LORD of hosts,
look down from heaven, and see;
take care of this vine,
and protect what your right hand has planted
the son of man whom you yourself made strong.

R. Lord, make us turn to you; let us see your face and we shall be saved.

May your help be with the man of your right hand,
with the son of man whom you yourself made strong.
Then we will no more withdraw from you;
give us new life, and we will call upon your name.

R. Lord, make us turn to you; let us see your face and we shall be saved.

Reading II [1 COR 1:3-9](#)

Brothers and sisters:
Grace to you and peace from God our Father
and the Lord Jesus Christ.

I give thanks to my God always on your account
for the grace of God bestowed on you in Christ Jesus,
that in him you were enriched in every way,
with all discourse and all knowledge,
as the testimony to Christ was confirmed among you,
so that you are not lacking in any spiritual gift
as you wait for the revelation of our Lord Jesus Christ.
He will keep you firm to the end,
irreproachable on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ.



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God is faithful,
and by him you were called to fellowship with his Son,
Jesus Christ our Lord.

Alleluia [PS 85:8](#)

R. Alleluia, alleluia.
Show us Lord, your love;
and grant us your salvation.
R. Alleluia, alleluia.

Gospel [MK 13:33-37](#)

Jesus said to his disciples:
"Be watchful! Be alert!
You do not know when the time will come.
It is like a man traveling abroad.
He leaves home and places his servants in charge,
each with his own work,
and orders the gatekeeper to be on the watch.
Watch, therefore;
you do not know when the Lord of the house is coming,
whether in the evening, or at midnight,
or at cockcrow, or in the morning.
May he not come suddenly and find you sleeping.
What I say to you, I say to all: 'Watch!'"

Offertory Maranatha #48

Refrain:
Come, Lord, come Lord Jesus.
Give your people hope.
Come Lord, come Lord Jesus,
And lead your people home.

O Lord of Light, fill the night.
Many have lost their way.
O Rising Dawn, shine upon,
Darkness shall be no more.

O King of Kings, love you bring.
The world is made anew.
O Prince of Peace make us free,
Justice for human kind.



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Communion Turn to Me #650

Refrain

*Turn to me, O turn, and be saved,
says the Lord, for I am God;
there is no other, none beside me. I call your name.*

1. I am God, who comforts you;
who are you to be afraid of flesh that fades,
is made like the grass of the field,
soon to wither.

2. Listen to me, my people;
give ear to me, my nation:
a law will go forth from me,
and my justice for a light to the people.

3. Lift up your eyes to the heavens,
and look at the earth down below.
The heavens will vanish like smoke,
and the earth will wear out like a garment.

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Spiritual Communion Prayer

At Thy feet, O my Jesus, I prostrate myself and I offer Thee repentance of my contrite heart, which is humbled in its nothingness and in Thy holy presence. I adore Thee in the Sacrament of Thy love, the ineffable Eucharist. I desire to receive Thee into the poor dwelling that my heart offers Thee. While waiting for the happiness of sacramental communion, I wish to possess Thee in spirit. Come to me, O my Jesus, since I, for my part, am coming to Thee! May Thy love embrace my whole being in life and in death. I believe in Thee, I hope in Thee, I love Thee. Amen. (This prayer is attributed to Servant of God Rafael Merry del Val. This cardinal is known for having promoted the Litany of Humility.)

Closing The Advent of our King #39

1. The advent of our King
Our thoughts must now employ;
Then let us meet him on the road
With songs of holy joy.

2. The coeternal Son
A maiden's offspring see;
A servant's form Christ putteth on,
To set his people free.



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3. In glory from his throne
Again will Christ descend,
And summon all who are his own
To joys that never end.

4. Our joyful praises sing
To Christ, who set us free;
Like tribute to the Father bring,
And Holy Ghost, to thee.

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