

First Sunday of Advent

29th November 2020



OPENING HYMN

Awake, awake: fling off the night!
For God has sent His glorious light;
And we who live in Christ's new day
Must works of darkness put away.

Let in the light; all sin expose
To Christ, whose life no darkness knows.
Before His cross for guidance kneel;
His light will judge and, judging, heal.

Awake, and rise up from the dead,
And Christ His light on you will shed.
Its power will wrong desires destroy,
And your whole nature fill with joy.

Then sing for joy, and use each day;
Give thanks for everything alway.
Lift up your hearts; with one accord
Praise God through Jesus Christ our Lord.

FIRST READING: Isaiah 63:16-17, 64:1, 3-8

Oh, that You would tear the heavens open and come down.

PSALM RESPONSE:

God of hosts, bring us back; let Your face shine on us and we shall be saved.

SECOND READING: 1 Corinthians 1:3-9

We are waiting for our Lord Jesus Christ to be revealed.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Alleluia, alleluia. Let us see, O Lord, Your mercy and give us Your saving help. Alleluia!

GOSPEL: Mark 13:33-37

Stay awake, because you do not know when the master of the house is coming.

NICENE CREED

I believe in one God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all things visible and invisible. I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ, the Only Begotten Son of God, born of the Father before all ages. God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, consubstantial with the Father; through Him all things were made. For us men and for our salvation He came down from heaven, (*as we say the words in italics, we bow*) and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the Virgin Mary, and became man. For our sake He was crucified under Pontius Pilate, he suffered death and was buried, and rose again on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead and His kingdom will have no end. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is adored and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. I believe in one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church. I confess one baptism for the forgiveness of sins and I look forward to the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.

ACT OF SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

As we are currently unable to gather for Mass and to receive the sacraments, you are invited to pray a prayer of Spiritual Communion:

My Jesus, I believe that You are present in the Most Holy Sacrament. I love You above all things, and I desire to receive You into my soul. Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace You as if You were already there and unite myself wholly to You. Never permit me to be separated from You. Amen.

RECESSIONAL HYMN

O Jesus Christ, remember
When Thou shalt come again,
Upon the clouds of heaven,
With all Thy shining train;
When every eye shall see Thee
In deity revealed,
Who now upon this altar
In silence art concealed.

Remember then, O Saviour,
I supplicate of Thee,
That here I bowed before Thee
Upon my bended knee;
That here I owned Thy presence,
And did not Thee deny,
And glorified Thy greatness
Though hid from human eye.

Accept, divine Redeemer,
The homage of my praise;
Be Thou the light and honour
And glory of my days.
Be Thou my consolation
When death is drawing nigh:
Be Thou my only treasure
Through all eternity.