

**Readings, Collect and Year's Mind
for Sunday 29th November & Thursday 3rd December 2020
Advent Sunday**

In our Year's Mind this week, we pray for: Annie Andrews, Robert Brown, Margaret Prenter, Ian Brock

The Collect for Advent Sunday is:

Stir up your power, Lord, and come:
that, with you as our protector, we may be rescued from our sins;
and with you as our deliverer, we may be set free;
for you live and reign with God the Father,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, world without end.

Amen

A First Reading is from Hebrews 11: 13 – 16 (Read by Dominic Arthur)

All of these died in faith without having received the promises, but from a distance they saw and greeted them. They confessed that they were strangers and foreigners on the earth, for people who speak in this way make it clear that they are seeking a homeland. If they had been thinking of the land that they had left behind, they would have had opportunity to return. But as it is, they desire a better country, that is, a heavenly one. Therefore God is not ashamed to be called their God; indeed, he has prepared a city for them.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 80: 1-7, 16-18

1. Hear, O Shepherd of Israel, leading Joseph like a flock;
shine forth, you that are enthroned upon the cherubim.
2. In the presence of Ephraim, Benjamin and Manasseh,
stir up your strength and come to help us.
3. Restore us, O God of hosts; show the light of your countenance and we shall be saved.
4. O Lord God of hosts, how long will you be angered despite the prayers of your people? R
5. You have fed them with the bread of tears; you have given them bowls of tears to drink.
6. You have made us the derision of our neighbours, and our enemies laugh us to scorn.
7. Restore us, O God of hosts; show the light of your countenance and we shall be saved.
16. Let your hand be upon the man of your right hand,
the son of man you have made so strong for yourself.
17. And so will we never turn away from you; give us life, that we may call upon your name.
18. Restore us, O Lord God of hosts;
show the light of your countenance and we shall be saved

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The Second Reading is from 1 Corinthians 1: 3-9

Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. I give thanks to my God always for you because of the grace of God that has been given you in Christ Jesus, for in every way you have been enriched in him, in speech and knowledge of every kind – just as

the testimony of Christ has been strengthened among you – so that you are not lacking in any spiritual gift as you wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ. He will also strengthen you to the end, so that you may be blameless on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. God is faithful; by him you were called into the fellowship of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

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Thanks be to God.

The Gospel Reading is from Mark 13: 24-37

Glory to Christ our Saviour.

Jesus said to his disciples: 'In those days, after that suffering, the sun will be darkened, and the moon will not give its light, and the stars will be falling from heaven, and the powers in the heavens will be shaken.

Then they will see "the Son of Man coming in clouds" with great power and glory. Then he will send out the angels, and gather his elect from the four winds, from the ends of the earth to the ends of heaven.

From the fig tree learn its lesson: as soon as its branch becomes tender and puts forth its leaves, you know that summer is near. So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that he is near, at the very gates. Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away until all these things have taken place. Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away.

But about that day or hour no one knows, neither the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. Beware, keep alert; for you do not know when the time will come. It is like a man going on a journey, when he leaves home and puts his slaves in charge, each with his work and commands the doorkeeper to be on the watch. Therefore, keep awake, for you do not know when the master of the house will come, in the evening, or at midnight, or at cockcrow, or at dawn, or else he may find you asleep when he comes suddenly. And what I say to you I say to all: Keep awake.'

Give thanks to the Lord for his glorious Gospel.

Praise to Christ our Lord.

Post Communion Prayer

God our deliverer,
awaken our hearts to prepare the way for the advent of your Son;
that, with minds purified by the grace of his coming,
we may serve you faithfully all our days;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**