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***THE FIRST SUNDAY IN ADVENT***



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## *The Collect*

Almighty God, give us grace to cast away the works of darkness, and put on the armor 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 living and the dead, we may rise to the life immortal; through him who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God now and for ever. Amen

## *The Lesson is written in the Fourteenth Chapter of the Book of the prophet Zechariah beginning at the (first) verse or the third verse*

(1 Behold, a day is coming for the LORD, when the spoil taken from you will be divided in your midst. For I will gather all the nations against Jerusalem to battle, and the city shall be taken and the houses plundered and the women raped. Half of the city shall go out into exile, but the rest of the people shall not be cut off from the city.)

3 Then the LORD will go out and fight against those nations as when he fights on a day of battle. On that day his feet shall stand on the Mount of Olives that lies before Jerusalem on the east, and the Mount of Olives shall be split in two from east to west by a very wide valley, so that one half of the Mount shall move northward, and the other half southward. And you shall flee to the valley of my mountains, for the valley of the mountains shall reach to Azal. And you shall flee as you fled from the earthquake in the days of Uzziah king of Judah. Then the LORD my God will come, and all the holy ones with him. On that day there shall be no light, cold, or frost. And there shall be a unique day, which is known to the LORD, neither day nor night, but at evening time there shall be light. On that day living waters shall flow out from Jerusalem, half of them to the eastern sea and half of them to the western sea. It shall continue in summer as in winter. And the LORD will be king over all the earth. On that day the LORD will be one and his name one.

Zechariah 14:(1-2)3-9

## *Psalm 50*

- 1 The Mighty One, God the LORD, speaks and summons the earth  
from the rising of the sun to its setting.
- 2 Out of Zion, the perfection of beauty, God shines forth.
- 3 Our God comes; he does not keep silence;  
before him is a devouring fire, around him a mighty tempest.
- 4 He calls to the heavens above and to the earth, that he may judge his people:
- 5 "Gather to me my faithful ones, who made a covenant with me by sacrifice!"
- 6 The heavens declare his righteousness, for God himself is judge! Selah
- 7 "Hear, O my people, and I will speak; O Israel, I will testify against you.  
I am God, your God.
- 8 Not for your sacrifices do I rebuke you;  
your burnt offerings are continually before me.
- 9 I will not accept a bull from your house or goats from your folds.
- 10 For every beast of the forest is mine, the cattle on a thousand hills.
- 11 I know all the birds of the hills, and all that moves in the field is mine.
- 12 "If I were hungry, I would not tell you, for the world and its fullness are mine.
- 13 Do I eat the flesh of bulls or drink the blood of goats?
- 14 Offer to God a sacrifice of thanksgiving,  
and perform your vows to the Most High,
- 15 and call upon me in the day of trouble;  
I will deliver you, and you shall glorify me."
- 16 But to the wicked God says: "What right have you to recite my statutes  
or take my covenant on your lips?
- 17 For you hate discipline, and you cast my words behind you.
- 18 If you see a thief, you are pleased with him,  
and you keep company with adulterers.
- 19 "You give your mouth free rein for evil, and your tongue frames deceit.
- 20 You sit and speak against your brother; you slander your own mother's son.
- 21 These things you have done, and I have been silent;  
you thought that I was one like yourself.  
But now I rebuke you and lay the charge before you.
- 22 "Mark this, then, you who forget God, lest I tear you apart,  
and there be none to deliver!
- 23 The one who offers thanksgiving as his sacrifice glorifies me;  
to one who orders his way rightly I will show the salvation of God!"

***The Lesson is written in the Third Chapter of the First Letter of Saint Paul the Apostle to the Thessalonians beginning at the sixth verse***

But now that Timothy has come to us from you, and has brought us the good news of your faith and love and reported that you always remember us kindly and long to see us, as we long to see you-- for this reason, brothers, in all our distress and affliction we have been comforted about you through your faith. For now we live, if you are standing fast in the Lord. For what thanksgiving can we return to God for you, for all the joy that we feel for your sake before our God, as we pray most earnestly night and day that we may see you face to face and supply what is lacking in your faith? Now may our God and Father himself, and our Lord Jesus, direct our way to you, and may the Lord make you increase and abound in love for one another and for all, as we do for you, so that he may establish your hearts blameless in holiness before our God and Father, at the coming of our Lord Jesus with all his saints.

Thessalonians 3:6-13

***The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Saint Luke***

† "And there will be signs in sun and moon and stars, and on the earth distress of nations in perplexity because of the roaring of the sea and the waves, people fainting with fear and with foreboding of what is coming on 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. Now when these things begin to take place, straighten up and raise your heads, because your redemption is drawing near." And he told them a parable: "Look at the fig tree, and all the trees. As soon as they come out in leaf, you see for yourselves and know that the summer is already near. So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that the kingdom of God is near. Truly, I say to you, this generation will not pass away until all has taken place. Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away.

Luke 21:25-33