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## FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

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### FIRST READING

The Lord will gather all nations in eternal peace in the kingdom of God.

A reading from the book of the prophet Isaiah

2:1-5

**T**his is the vision that Isaiah son of Amoz had about Judah and Jerusalem:

In the future the mountain with the Lord's temple  
will be the highest of all.

It will reach above the hills,  
and every nation will rush to it.

Many people will come and say,  
"Let's go to the mountain of the LORD God of Jacob  
and worship in his temple."

The LORD will teach us his Law from Jerusalem.  
He will settle the arguments of nations and of people.  
They will pound their swords and their spears into garden tools.  
And they will never make war or attack other nations.

People of Israel, let's live by the light of the LORD.

The word of the Lord.

### RESPONSORIAL PSALM

122:1-2, 8-9

R/. (see 1) Let us go rejoicing to the house of the Lord.

It made me glad to hear them say,  
"Let's go to the house of the LORD!"  
Jerusalem, we are standing  
inside your gates.

R/. Let us go rejoicing to the house of the Lord.

Because of my friends  
and my relatives,  
I will pray for peace.  
And because of the house  
of the LORD our God,  
I will work for your good.

R/. Let us go rejoicing to the house of the Lord.

**SECOND READING**

The time has come, our salvation is near.

**A reading from the letter of Paul to the Romans**

13:11-13a

**B**rothers and sisters:

You know what sort of times we live in,  
and so you should live properly.

It is time to wake up.

You know that the day when we will be saved

is nearer now than when we first put our faith in the Lord.

Night is almost over, and day will soon appear.

We must stop behaving as people do in the dark  
and be ready to live in the light.

So behave properly, as people do in the day.

**The word of the Lord.**

**ALLELUIA**

Psalm 85:8

*R.* Alleluia, alleluia.

**Lord, show us your mercy and love,  
and grant us your salvation.**

*R.* Alleluia, alleluia.

**GOSPEL**

Stay awake, you must be ready.

**✠ A reading from the holy gospel according to Matthew**

24:37-44

**J**esus said to his disciples:

“When the Son of Man appears,  
things will be just as they were when Noah lived.

People were eating, drinking, and getting married  
right up to the day that the flood came  
and Noah went into the big boat.

They didn't know anything was happening  
until the flood came and swept them all away.

That is how it will be when the Son of Man appears.

**“Two men will be in the same field,  
but only one will be taken.**

**The other will be left.**

**Two women will be together grinding grain,  
but only one will be taken.**

**The other will be left.**

**“So be on your guard!**

**You don't know when your Lord will come.**

**Homeowners never know when a thief is coming,  
and they are always on guard to keep one from breaking in.**

**Always be ready!**

**You don't know when the Son of Man will come.”**

**The gospel of the Lord.**