

**COMMON PSALM 2** *Psalm 85(84):9ab, 10. 11-12. 13-14. R.8a***R. Show us, O LORD, your mercy.**

- 1 I will hear what the LORD God speaks;  
he speaks of peace for his people and his faithful.  
His salvation is near for those who fear him,  
and his glory will dwell in our land. R.
- 2 Mercy and faithfulness have met;  
justice and peace have kissed.  
Faithfulness shall spring from the earth,  
and justice look down from heaven. R.
- 3 The LORD will bestow his bounty,  
and our earth shall yield its increase.  
Righteousness will march before him,  
and guide his steps on the way. R.

**FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT****ENTRANCE ANTIPHON** *cf Psalm 24:1-3*

To you, I lift up my soul, O my God.  
In you, I have trusted; let me not be put to shame.  
Nor let my enemies exult over me;  
and let none who hope in you be put to shame.

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*The Gloria is omitted.*

**COLLECT**

Grant your faithful, we pray, almighty God,  
the resolve to run forth to meet your Christ  
with righteous deeds at his coming,  
so that, gathered at his right hand,  
they may be worthy to possess the heavenly Kingdom.  
Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,  
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

**FIRST READING** *Jeremiah 33:14-16*

*'I will cause a righteous Branch to spring up for David.'*

A reading from the Prophet Jeremiah.  
Behold, the days are coming, declares  
the Lord, when I will fulfil the promise  
I made to the house of Israel and the  
house of Judah.

In those days and at that time I will  
cause a righteous Branch to spring

up for David, and he shall execute  
justice and righteousness in the land.  
In those days Judah will be saved, and  
Jerusalem will dwell securely. And this  
is the name by which it will be called:  
'The LORD is our righteousness.'

The word of the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God.**

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM** *Psalm 25(24):4-5b, 8-9, 10, 14. R.1b*

**R. To you, O LORD, I lift up my soul.**

1. O LORD make me know your ways.  
Teach me your paths.  
Guide me in your truth, and teach me;  
for you are the God of my salvation. R.
2. Good and upright is the LORD;  
therefore he shows the way to sinners.  
He guides the humble in right judgement;  
to the humble he teaches his way. R.
3. All the LORD'S paths are mercy and faithfulness,  
for those who keep his covenant and commands.  
The LORD'S secret is for those who fear him;  
to them he reveals his covenant. R.

**SECOND READING** *1 Thessalonians 3:12-4:2*

*'May the Lord establish your hearts for the coming of Christ.'*

A reading from the first letter of Saint Paul to the Thessalonians.

Brothers and sisters: 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.

Finally, then, brothers and sisters, we ask and urge you in the Lord Jesus, that as you received from us how you ought to walk and to please God, just as you are doing, that you do so more and more. For you know what instructions we gave you through the Lord Jesus.

The word of the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God.**

**ACCLAMATION BEFORE THE GOSPEL** *Psalm 85 (84):8*

**Alleluia, alleluia.  
Show us, O LORD, your mercy,  
and grant us your salvation.  
Alleluia.**

**GOSPEL** *Luke 21:25-28, 34-36*

*'Your redemption is drawing near.'*

The Lord be with you.  
**And with your spirit.**

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

At that time: Jesus said to his disciples: '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.

'But watch yourselves lest your hearts be weighed down with dissipation and drunkenness and cares of this life, and that day come upon you suddenly like a

trap. For it will come upon all who dwell on the face of the whole earth. But stay awake at all times, praying that you may have strength to escape all these things that are going to take place, and to stand before the Son of Man.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

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### PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS

Accept, we pray, O Lord, these offerings we make, gathered from among your gifts to us, and may what you grant us to celebrate devoutly here below gain for us the prize of eternal redemption. Through Christ our Lord. **Amen**

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*Preface I of Advent, p 65.*

### COMMUNION ANTIPHON Psalm 84:13

The Lord will bestow his bounty, and our earth shall yield its increase.

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### PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

May these mysteries, O Lord, in which we have participated, profit us, we pray, for even now, as we walk amid passing things, you teach us by them to love the things of heaven and hold fast to what endures. Through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

*A solemn blessing or prayer over the people may be used.*

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## SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

### ENTRANCE ANTIPHON cf Isaiah 30:19, 30

O people of Sion, behold, the Lord will come to save the nations, and the Lord will make the glory of his voice heard in the joy of your heart.

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