

THE SUNDAY SUPPLEMENT



1ST DECEMBER – ADVENT SUNDAY

Advent Carol Service

Hymns

- 480** O Come, O come, Emmanuel
263 Hark! A herald voice is calling
527 On Jordan's bank the Baptist's cry
442 Mary, blessed teenage mother
128 Come, thou long expected Jesus

Collect

Almighty God,
give us grace to cast away the works of
darkness and to put on the armour of light,
now in the time of this mortal life,
in which your Son Jesus Christ came to us in
great humility; that on the last day, when he
shall come again in his glorious majesty
to judge the living and the dead,
we may rise to the life immortal;
through him who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

Amen

Psalm 25. 1 – 10

- ¹ The earth is the Lord's and all that is in it,
the world, and those who live in it;
² for he has founded it on the seas,
and established it on the rivers.
³ Who shall ascend the hill of the Lord?
And who shall stand in his holy place?
⁴ Those who have clean hands and pure hearts,
who do not lift up their souls to what is false,
and do not swear deceitfully.
⁵ They will receive blessing from the Lord,
and vindication from the God of their salvation.
⁶ Such is the company of those who seek him,
who seek the face of the God of Jacob. *Selah*
⁷ Lift up your heads, O gates!
and be lifted up, O ancient doors!
that the King of glory may come in.
⁸ Who is the King of glory?
The Lord, strong and mighty,

the Lord, mighty in battle.
⁹ Lift up your heads, O gates!
and be lifted up, O ancient doors!
that the King of glory may come in.
¹⁰ Who is this King of glory?
The Lord of hosts,
he is the King of glory.

New Testament reading - Sue

1 Thessalonians 3. 9 – end

How can we thank God enough for you in return for all the joy that we feel before our God because of you? Night and day we pray most earnestly that we may see you face to face and restore whatever 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, just as we abound in love for you. And may he so strengthen your hearts in holiness that you may be blameless before our God and Father at the coming of our Lord Jesus with all his saints.

This is the Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God



Divine Truth and the Gospel

From the book, "Religious Emblems" by Holmes and Barber.

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The Gospel reading- Chris

Luke 21. 25 - 36

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, according to John

Glory to you, O Lord.

'There will be signs in the sun, the moon, and the stars, and on the earth distress among nations confused by the roaring of the sea and the waves. People will faint from fear and foreboding of what is coming upon the world, for the powers of the heavens will be shaken. 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, stand up and raise your heads, because your redemption is drawing near.'

Then he told them a parable: 'Look at the fig tree and all the trees; as soon as they sprout leaves you can see for yourselves and know that summer is already near. So, also, when you see these things taking place, you know that the kingdom of God is near. Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away until all things have taken place. Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away.'

'Be on guard so that your hearts are not weighed down with dissipation and drunkenness and the worries of this life, and that day does not catch you unexpectedly, like a trap. For it will come upon all who live on the face of the whole earth. Be alert at all times, praying that you may have the strength to escape all these things that will take place, and to stand before the Son of Man.'

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.



Tempest

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