



**Sunday Essentials**  
**28 November 2021**  
*Advent Sunday*

**Hymns**

39 Hills of the North, rejoice  
45 O come, O come, Emmanuel  
452 Let all mortal flesh keep silence  
38 Hark, a thrilling voice is sounding

**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.

**Epistle**

**1 Thessalonians 3: 9 - end**

*A reading from Paul's Letter to  
the Thessalonians*

How can we thank God enough  
for you in return for all the joy  
that we feel before our God be-  
cause 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  
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## **Gospel** **Luke 21: 25—36**

*A reading from St Luke's Gospel*

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.

## **Post Communion**

O Lord our God,  
make us watchful  
and keep us faithful  
as we await the coming  
of your Son our Lord;  
that, when he shall appear,  
he may not find us sleeping in sin  
but active in his service  
and joyful in his praise;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

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