

## Readings, Hymns and Propers for 28<sup>th</sup> November 2021, Advent Sunday

### 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 ...

### 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

### Reading: A Reading from Jeremiah

The days are surely coming, says 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 live in safety. And this is the name by which it will be called: 'The LORD is our righteousness'.  
*Jeremiah 33. 14-16*

### Gospel:

Jesus said to his disciples: '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 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.' *Lk. 21. 2*

### Hymns

How lovely on the mountains are the feet of Him  
Who brings good news, good news  
Proclaiming peace, announcing news of happiness  
Our God reigns, our God reigns  
*Our God reigns, our God reigns*  
*Our God reigns, our God reigns*

You watchmen lift your voices joyfully as one  
Shout for your King, your King  
See eye to eye the Lord restoring Zion  
Your God reigns, your God reigns!

Waste places of Jerusalem break forth with joy  
We are redeemed, redeemed  
The Lord has saved and comforted His people  
Your God reigns, your God reigns!

Ends of the earth, see the salvation of your God  
Jesus is Lord, is Lord  
Before the nations He has bared His holy arm  
Your God reigns, your God reigns!

*Leonard E Smith Jr.*

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Hills of the North, rejoice,  
river and mountain-spring,  
hark to the advent voice;  
valley and lowland, sing.  
Christ comes in righteousness and love,  
he brings salvation from above.

Isles of the Southern seas,  
sing to the listening earth,  
carry on every breeze  
hope of a world's new birth:  
In Christ shall all be made anew,  
his word is sure, his promise true.

Lands of the East, arise,  
he is your brightest morn,  
greet him with joyous eyes,  
praise shall his path adorn:  
your seers have longed to know their Lord;  
to you he comes, the final word.

Shores of the utmost West,  
lands of the setting sun,  
welcome the heavenly guest  
in whom the dawn has come:  
he brings a never-ending light  
who triumphed o'er our darkest night.

Shout, as you journey home,  
songs be in every mouth,  
lo, from the North they come,  
from East and West and South:  
in Jesus all shall find their rest,  
in him the universe be blest.

*Based on Charles E Oakley, 1832-1865*

Hark! A thrilling voice is sounding!  
"Christ is near," we hear it say.  
"Cast away the works of darkness,  
all you children of the day!"

Wakened by the solemn warning,  
Let the earth-bound soul arise;  
Christ, her sun, all ills dispelling,  
Shines upon the morning skies.

Lo the Lamb, so long expected,  
comes with pardon down from heav'n.  
Let us haste, with tears of sorrow,  
one and all, to be forgiv'n;

That when next he comes in glory  
and the world is wrapped in fear,  
he will shield us with his mercy  
and with words of love draw near.

Honour, glory, might, and blessing  
to the Father and the Son  
with the everlasting Spirit  
while eternal ages run!

*Edward Caswall, 1814-1878*