

## FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT –A

God's people must be ready when the time of salvation, which is near at hand, comes.  
Wait for the Lord and prepare your heart and life for his coming.

### Collect:

Most holy Lord, we pray for your salvation to come into the world. Empower us by your Spirit, that we may be ready for your coming, this day and every day; through your precious and glorious name.

### Scripture Lessons and Related Music

**PSALM: Ps. 122** We pray for the peace of Jerusalem as we pray for the peace of all the world.  
Enter joyfully the house of the Lord. Pray for peace.

### Hymns:

266	<i>People in Darkness are Looking for Light</i>
433	<i>We Come to You, Our Father</i>
553	<i>To Your Temple, Lord, I Come</i>
562	<i>Christ is the World's Light</i>
687	<i>God, Teach Us Peacemaking</i>
693	<i>Lord, Make Us Servants of Your Peace</i>
821	<i>This Day is Holy to the Lord</i>

### Anthems:

<u>Title</u>	<u>Comp./Arr.</u>	<u>Details</u>	<u>Diff.</u>
<i>I Was Glad</i>	D. Busarow	SATB; Augsburg Fortress Press 11-04645	
<i>I Was Glad</i>	H. Willan	SSA; Concordia 97-7160; 1962	
<i>I Was Glad When They Said Unto Me</i>	J. Engel	SATB; Augsburg Fortress Press 11-04677	
<i>Laetatus sum</i>	M. Haydn	SATB; Lawson-Gould LG52555;1992	
<i>Let Us Go Rejoicing</i>	M. Joncas	GIA G-3437; GIA G-3437INST	
<i>O, Pray For The Peace Of Jerusalem</i>	H. Howells	SATB; Oxford 42.064	
<i>Oh Pray For The Peace</i>	T. Tomkins/T. Crawford	SATB; Augsburg Fortress Press 11-04675	
<i>Pray For Peace</i>	A. Parker	SATB; Augsburg Fortress Press 11-4633; 1985	

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Diff.: E - Easy, M - Medium, D - Difficult

**Organ Repertoire:**

<u>Title</u>	<u>Comp./Arr.</u>	<u>Hymn Ref.</u>

**FIRST LESSON: Isaiah 2:1-5** The coming kingdom will bring reconciliation and peace to both the human world and all creation.

**Hymns:**

405	<i>Crown Him with Many Crowns, vs. 1</i>
535	<i>Joining Our Voices</i>
552	<i>When Morning Gilds the Skies</i>
562	<i>Christ is the World's Light</i>
652	<i>O God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending</i>
682	<i>Isaiah the Prophet Has Written of Old</i>
683	<i>O God of Ev'ry Nation</i>
691	<i>Behold a Broken World</i>
NCH 571	<i>O God of Love, O God of Peace</i>
WOV 762	<i>O Day of Peace</i>

**Anthems:**

<u>Title</u>	<u>Comp./Arr.</u>	<u>Details</u>	<u>Diff.</u>
<i>And It Shall Come to Pass</i>	J. Berger	SATB; Fred Bbock BG-2060; 1987	
<i>Behold! The mountain of the Lord!</i>	H. Hopson	SATB; Sacred Music Press S-376; 1986	
<i>'Neath Vine and Fig Tree</i>	H. Hopson, arr.	1,2, mix; Morning Star 50-0300; 1992	
<i>O Thou That Tellest Good Tidings To Zion</i>	G. Handel	( <i>Messiah</i> ); SATB; Schirmer; 1912	
<i>Prepare, O Children Of The Lord</i>	Buxtehude/Arr. J. Harmon	( <i>Alles was ihr tut</i> , cantata); Unison; Augsburg Fortress Press 11-0359	

**Solo:**

<i>O Thou That Tellest Good Tidings To Zion</i>	G. Handel; ( <i>Messiah</i> ); Alto; Schirmer; 1912
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**SECOND LESSON: Romans 13:11-14 As our salvation grows closer, we are to live lives of holiness by clothing ourselves with Christ.**

**Hymns:**

258	<i>Wake, Awake, For Night Is Flying</i>
LBW 37	<i>Hark! A Thrilling Voice is Sounding</i>

**Anthems:**

<u>Title</u>	<u>Comp./Arr.</u>	<u>Details</u>	<u>Diff.</u>
<i>The Night Is Far Spent</i>	K. Nystedt	SATB; Augsburg Fortress Press 1463; 1966	
<i>Rejoice, O Jerusalem, Behold, Thy Kingdom Cometh</i>	H. Willan	SATB; Concordia 98-1506	

**Organ Repertoire:**

<u>Title</u>	<u>Comp./Arr.</u>	<u>Hymn Ref.</u>
<i>Wachet Auf</i>	J.S. Bach; ( <i>Six Organ Chorales</i> , Schubler); Ditson/Presser; 1942	258
	H. Distler; ( <i>Orgelpartita, Op. 8, No. 2</i> ); Barenreiter 883; 1971	
	P. Manz; ( <i>Ten Chorale Improvisations, Op. 5</i> ); Concordia 97-4554; 1962	
	M. Reger; ( <i>30 Kleine Choralvorspiele, Op. 135a</i> ); Peters 3980; 1949	
	M. Sandresky; ( <i>Organ Music, vol. 2</i> , Haisten, ed.); Wayne Leupold 600032; 1994	

**GOSPEL LESSON: Matthew 24:36-44 Because no one, not even the Son of Man, knows when his coming will be, God’s people must be ready and at work at all times.**

**Hymns:**

185	<i>The Advent of our God</i>
257	<i>The King Shall Come</i>
258	<i>Wake, Awake For Night Is Flying</i>
262	<i>Come, O Long-Expected Jesus</i>
270	<i>Once He Came In Blessing</i>
273	<i>Once He Came In Blessing</i>
344	<i>Prepare The Royal Highway, vs. 1,3,4</i>
LBW 23	<i>O Lord How Shall I Meet You</i>
LBW 24	<i>Come, O Precious Ransom</i>
LBW 321	<i>The Day is Surely Drawing Near</i>

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WOV 627	<i>My Lord, What a Morning</i>
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**Anthems:**

<b>Title</b>	<b>Comp./Arr.</b>	<b>Details</b>	<b>Diff.</b>
<i>Therefore Watch That Ye Be Ready</i>	A. Hammerschmidt	SSATB; Concordia 97-6316; 2 violins; 1980	
<i>Verse/26th Sunday after Pentecost</i>	D. Busarow	Unison; Augsburg Fortress Press 11-9540; 1979	

**Organ Repertoire:**

<b>Title</b>	<b>Comp./Arr.</b>	<b>Hymn Ref.</b>
<i>Es Ist Gewisslich</i>	J.C. Bach; ( <i>44 Organ Chorales</i> ); Kalmus 3095	
	J. Krebs; ( <i>Eight Chorale Preludes for Organ with Trumpet</i> ); Biggs, ed.; Mercury/Presser MPI 517; 1947	
	J. Pachelbel; ( <i>Selected Organ Works, vol. 2</i> ); Kalmus 3761	
<i>Nun Freut Euch Lieben Christen G'Mein</i>		
<i>Nun Komm Der Heiden Heiland</i>	J.S. Bach; ( <i>Orgelwerke, vol. 7</i> ); Peters 246; 1928	265
	H. Distler; ( <i>Orgelpartita, Op. 8, No. 1</i> ); Barenreiter 637; 1969	265
	M. Dupre; ( <i>Seventy-Nine Chorales, Op. 28</i> ); H.W. Gray; 1960	265
<i>Veni Redemptor Gentium</i>		

***Other Music Suitable for the Day***

**Hymns:**

272	<i>Fling Wide The Door</i>
259	<i>Jesus Comes With Clouds Descending</i>
265	<i>Savior Of The Nations, Come</i>
WOV 630	<i>Light One Candle to Watch for Messiah</i>

**Anthems:**

<b>Title</b>	<b>Comp./Arr.</b>	<b>Details</b>	<b>Diff.</b>

**Organ Repertoire:**

<u>Title</u>	<u>Comp./Arr.</u>	<u>Hymn Ref.</u>

***Creative Ideas***

**OTHER ENRICHMENT FOR WORSHIP:**