

**Sunday, November 27, 2022**  
**First Sunday of Advent**

*To you, O Lord, we lift up our souls!*

**All: Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen. Alleluia!**

**Hymn** **Meter: CMD**

Arise, arise to meet thy God,  
Arise, O Israel,  
Arise, arise to meet thy King  
Whose beauty none can tell.  
More fair is he than light of dawn  
That breaks o'er hill and dell,  
Or than the gold of ripening corn  
In the vale of Jezrahel.  
More beautiful, more beautiful  
Than sheen of early morn,  
O Israel, he is thy King,  
Yet crowned with piercing thorn.  
Then rouse thyself, awake from sleep,  
Arise, O Israel:  
Acclaim this King who is thy God,  
Whose beauty none can tell.

**Psalm** **57:8-12**

*It is the hour now for you to awake from sleep. For our salvation is nearer now than when we first believed.* (Rom 13:11)

*As Advent dawns, Saint Paul calls to us to awake and prepare to greet the Lord at his coming. Let us always live our lives in such a way that we may not dread this coming but await it in joy.*

My heart is ready, O God,  
my heart is ready.  
I will sing, I will sing your praise.  
Awake, my soul,  
awake, lyre and harp,  
I will awake the dawn.  
I will thank you, Lord, among the peoples,  
among the nations I will praise you  
for your love reaches to the heavens  
and your truth to the skies.  
O God, arise above the heavens;  
may your glory shine on earth!

**All: Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.**

**Word of God** **Ephesians 5:8-11, 14-16**

You were once darkness, but now you are light in the Lord. Live as children of light, for light produces every kind of goodness and righteousness and truth. Try to learn what is pleasing to the Lord. Take no part in the fruitless works of darkness; rather expose them [...] for everything that becomes visible is light. Therefore, it says: "Awake, O sleeper, and arise from the dead, and Christ will give you light." Watch carefully then how you live, not as foolish persons but as wise, making the most of the opportunity, because the days are evil.

We are not of the night or of darkness.

(1 Thes 5:5)

**Canticle of Zechariah**

Seek first the kingdom [of God] and his righteousness, and all these things will be given you besides. (Mt 6:33)

**All: Blessed be the Lord, the God of Israel; he has come to his people and set them free. He has raised up for us a mighty savior, born of the house of his servant David.**

Through his holy prophets he promised of old that he would save us from our enemies, from the hands of all who hate us. He promised to show mercy to our fathers and to remember his holy covenant.

This was the oath he swore to our father Abraham: to set us free from the hands of our enemies, free to worship him without fear, holy and righteous in his sight all the days of our life.

You, my child, shall be called the prophet of the Most High; for you will go before the Lord to prepare his way, to give his people knowledge of salvation by the forgiveness of their sins.

In the tender compassion of our God the dawn from on high shall break upon us, to shine on those who dwell in darkness and the shadow of death, and to guide our feet into the way of peace.

**All: Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.**

**Intercessions**

Out of the world's darkness, Christ arises like the dawn. Let us pray:

**R/ Sun of justice, light our way!**

From unconscious habits of sin: – awaken us, O Lord! **R/**

From a lethargic faith: – rouse us, O Lord! **R/**

From complacency and self-satisfaction: – stir us to life, O Lord! **R/**

**Personal intentions**

**All: Our Father, Who art in heaven, Hallowed be Thy Name. Thy Kingdom come, Thy Will be done, on earth as it is in Heaven. Give us this day, our daily bread, and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.**

*O Lord of light, our world awaits you in the darkness of disbelief, ignorance, indifference, and sin. Waken us to sing your praise as we prepare in this season to greet your return with ready joy, who live and reign with the Father in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever. Amen.*

