

Sunday Scriptures, Advent 1C

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Our Church New Year begins with images and strategies for the conclusion of things, or at least, things for a future, rather than the first coming of Jesus at Christmas. Whichever coming we look for, this is all some kind of instruction for getting ready for what is to come. While scary in some ways, the tone is also vivid, exciting, hopeful, always looking forward into this future that is to come. It sounds like something we might be able to use now.

For Reflection:

1. What is going on within your *now*, from which you look forward into this future that is to come? What are you waiting for?
2. In the Jeremiah reading God's "gracious promise" appears to include a righteous branch who will do what is just and right. What would that be for us now?
3. The Psalm has parts for both God and humans; who does what?
4. What would be an "adequate thanksgiving" for you now? What would that do to you?
5. What does it mean to be "saved" according to these readings?
6. This Gospel reading calls us to "be alert"...to what? Why?
7. What is your prayer at this beginning of Advent?
8. To what is God calling you this week?

Jeremiah 33:14-16 Common English Bible

14 The time is coming, declares the Lord, when I will fulfill my gracious promise with the people of Israel and Judah. 15 In those days and at that time, I will raise up a righteous branch from David's line, who will do what is just and right in the land. 16 In those days, Judah will be saved, and Jerusalem will live in safety. And this is what he will be called: The Lord Is Our Righteousness.

[Malachi 3: 1-4 Common English Bible (OT for Advent 2)]

Look, I am sending my messenger who will clear the path before me; suddenly the Lord whom you are seeking will come to his temple. The messenger of the covenant in whom you take delight is coming, says the Lord of heavenly forces.

2 Who can endure the day of his coming? Who can withstand his appearance?

He is like the refiner's fire or the cleaner's soap. 3 He will sit as a refiner and a purifier of silver. He will purify the Levites and refine them like gold and silver. They will belong to the Lord, presenting a righteous offering. 4 The offering of Judah and Jerusalem will be pleasing to the Lord as in ancient days and in former years.]

Psalm 25:1- 9 Saint Helena Psalter

1 To you, O God, I lift up my soul. My God, I put my trust in you; let me not be humiliated; nor let my enemies triumph over me.

2 Let who look to you be put to shame; let the treacherous be disappointed in their schemes.

3 Show me your ways, O God; and teach me your paths.

4 Lead me in your truth, and teach me, for you are the God of my salvation; in you have I trusted all the day long.

5 Remember, O God, your compassion and love, for they are from everlasting.

6 Remember not the sins of my youth and my transgressions; remember me according

to your love and for the sake of your goodness, O God!

7 Gracious and upright are you; therefore you teach sinners in your way.

8 You guide the humble in doing right,

and teach your way to the lowly.

9 All your paths are love and faithfulness, to those who keep your covenant and your testimonies.

1 Thessalonians 3:9-13 The Message

9-10 What would be an adequate thanksgiving to offer God for all the joy we experience before him because of you? We do what we can, praying away, night and day, asking for the bonus of seeing your faces again and doing what we can to help when your faith falters.

11-13 May God our Father himself and our Master Jesus clear the road to you! And may the Master pour on the love, so it fills your lives and splashes over on everyone around you, just as it does from us to you. May you be infused with strength and purity, filled with confidence in the presence of God our Father when our Master Jesus arrives with all his followers.

Luke 21:25-36 La Biblia de las Américas

25 Y habrá señales en el sol, en la luna y en las estrellas, y sobre la tierra, angustia entre las naciones, perplejas a causa del rugido del mar y de las olas, 26 desfalleciendo los hombres por el temor y la expectación de las cosas que vendrán sobre el mundo; porque las potencias de los cielos serán sacudidas. 27 Y entonces verán al Hijo del Hombre que viene en una nube con poder y gran gloria. 28 Cuando estas cosas empiecen a suceder, erguíos y levantad la cabeza, porque se acerca vuestra redención.

29 Y les refirió una parábola: Mirad la higuera y todos los árboles. 30 Cuando ya brotan las hojas, al verlo, sabéis por vosotros mismos que el verano ya está cerca. 31 Así también vosotros, cuando veáis que suceden estas cosas, sabed que el reino de Dios está cerca. 32 En verdad os digo que no pasará esta generación hasta que todo esto suceda. 33 El cielo y la tierra pasarán, más mis palabras no pasarán.

34 Estad alerta, no sea que vuestro corazón se cargue con disipación y embriaguez y con las preocupaciones de la vida, y aquel día venga súbitamente sobre vosotros como un lazo; 35 porque vendrá sobre todos los que habitan sobre la faz de toda la tierra. 36 Mas velad en todo tiempo, orando para que tengáis fuerza para escapar de todas estas cosas que están por suceder, y podáis estar en pie delante del Hijo del Hombre.

Kathryn Rickert is inviting you to a scheduled Zoom meeting.

Topic: Sunday Scripture for Advent 1 2021

Time: Nov 26, 2021 11:30 AM Pacific Time (US and Canada)

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