

## Today's Readings

27<sup>th</sup> November 2022



### THE 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.  
Amen.

### FIRST READING:

#### Isaiah 2.1-5

The word that Isaiah son of  
Amoz saw concerning  
Judah and Jerusalem.

<sup>2</sup> In days to come  
the mountain of  
the Lord's house  
shall be established as the  
highest of the mountains,  
and shall be raised  
above the hills;  
all the nations shall stream  
to it.

<sup>3</sup> Many peoples shall  
come and say,  
'Come, let us go up to the  
mountain of the Lord,  
to the house of the God  
of Jacob;  
that he may teach us his  
ways

and that we may walk in  
his paths.'  
For out of Zion shall go  
forth instruction,  
and the word of  
the Lord from Jerusalem.

<sup>4</sup> He shall judge between  
the nations,

and shall arbitrate for  
many peoples;  
they shall beat their swords  
into ploughshares,  
and their spears into  
pruning-hooks;  
nation shall not lift up  
sword against nation,  
neither shall they learn  
war any more.

<sup>5</sup> O house of Jacob,  
come, let us walk  
in the light of the Lord!

### SECOND READING:

#### Romans 13.11-14

Besides this, you know  
what time it is, how it is  
now the moment for you to  
wake from sleep. For  
salvation is nearer to us  
now than when we became  
believers; <sup>12</sup> the night is far  
gone, the day is near. Let  
us then lay aside the works  
of darkness and put on the  
armour of light; <sup>13</sup> let us live  
honourably as in the day,  
not in revelling and  
drunkenness, not in  
debauchery and  
licentiousness, not in  
quarrelling and  
jealousy. <sup>14</sup> Instead, put on  
the Lord Jesus Christ, and

make no provision for the  
flesh, to gratify its desires.

### THE GOSPEL:

#### Matthew 24.36-44

Hear the Gospel of our  
Lord Jesus Christ  
according to N.

All **Glory to you, O Lord.**

'But about that day and  
hour no one knows, neither  
the angels of heaven, nor  
the Son, but only the  
Father. <sup>37</sup> For as the days  
of Noah were, so will be the  
coming of the Son of  
Man. <sup>38</sup> For as in those  
days before the flood they  
were eating and drinking,  
marrying and giving in  
marriage, until the day  
Noah entered the  
ark, <sup>39</sup> and they knew  
nothing until the flood came  
and swept them all away,  
so too will be the coming of  
the Son of Man. <sup>40</sup> Then  
two will be in the field; one  
will be taken and one will  
be left. <sup>41</sup> Two women will  
be grinding meal together;  
one will be taken and one  
will be left. <sup>42</sup> Keep awake  
therefore, for you do not

know on what day your  
Lord is coming. <sup>43</sup> But  
understand this: if the  
owner of the house had  
known in what part of the  
night the thief was coming,  
he would have stayed  
awake and would not have  
let his house be broken  
into. <sup>44</sup> Therefore you also  
must be ready, for the Son  
of Man is coming at an  
unexpected hour.

*This is the Gospel of the  
Lord.*

All **Praise to you, O  
Christ.**

### POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Stir up, O Lord,  
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.  
Amen.