

# First Sunday of Advent

November 29, 2020

Keep Awake! For the Kingdom of God is at hand. Let us put away the works of darkness and be clothed in the brilliance of God's light, as we offer our prayers responding to each petition by saying, "Come, Lord Jesus."

+ Come into our hearts and minds in the worship of this morning, knowing that we are not lacking in any spiritual gift as we wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ, knowing that we are blessed, that we may be like the Good Samaritan and show mercy and compassion to others, that we may proclaim your kingdom in our daily lives; for this we pray.

***Come, Lord Jesus.***

+ Come, spare us from our deceit and selfishness, from our attachment to the false idols of our age, from our excuses for not living the gospel, and awaken us to your hope that we the Church may keep watch together for your return; remembering especially Suheil, Archbishop of the Episcopal Diocese of Jerusalem; Justin, Archbishop of Canterbury; Bartholomew, Patriarch of Constantinople; Francis, Bishop of Rome; Michael, our Presiding Bishop; Ian and Laura, our Bishops; Geoffrey, our Priest, and all members of this congregation; for this we pray.

***Come, Lord Jesus.***

+ Come to those lying upon their ivory beds, while selling the poor for the price of a pair of sandals, and ignoring the needs of the least of these our brethren, help us to be like the prophets of old, and speak truth to power, letting justice roll down like waters, and righteousness like an ever-flowing stream; for this we pray.

***Come, Lord Jesus.***

+ Come between the warring nations of the world, the divided political parties in our country, and enter the chambers of our government and the hearts of our leaders, particularly Antonio, Secretary General of the United Nations, Donald our President, Joe, our President-elect, Ned our Governor, James, the First Selectman of the town of Washington, our Congress and our Courts, and bring us that peace that passes all understanding; for this we pray.

***Come, Lord Jesus.***

+ Come to those suffering in this midst of this pandemic, the 13 million Americans infected, their families and friends, and those who live in fear and anxiety of contagion, and remake this nation into your image, for we are the clay, O Lord, and you are the Potter; remembering also those who have commended themselves to our prayers, Mary Jo Keating, Joan Beattie, Heather, Marlene Smith, Tom Witt, Ed and Zemma White, Kathy Coe, Laura Whipple, Eileen Hearn, Connie Kaylor, Jay Lafleur in hospice care, and all who are housebound especially Janet Chenery and Ken Hecken; for this we pray.

***Come, Lord Jesus.***

+ Come and open wide the gate of heaven, that we may keep awake, that the faithful departed may find themselves in the arms of your mercy; along with all our beloved ones who have passed before us, and the benefactors of this parish, and the souls of the more than 2,000 Americans dying each day now from this virus; for this we pray.

***Come, Lord Jesus.***

Come, Lord Jesus, dwell in our hearts, as we continue the offering of our prayers.

*The Celebrant adds a concluding Collect.*