

SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR SUNDAY
November 28, 2021
First Sunday in Advent

WORD

First Reading: Jeremiah 33: 14-16 (CEB)

The time is coming, declares the Lord, when I will fulfill my gracious promise with the people of Israel and Judah. 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. 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.

Second Reading: Psalm 25: 1-10 (CEB)

25 I offer my life to you, LORD.

² My God, I trust you.

Please don't let me be put to shame!

Don't let my enemies rejoice over me!

³ For that matter,

don't let anyone who hopes in you
be put to shame;

instead, let those who are treacherous without excuse be put to shame.

⁴ Make your ways known to me, LORD;
teach me your paths.

⁵ Lead me in your truth—teach it to me—
because you are the God who saves me.

I put my hope in you all day long.

⁶ LORD, remember your compassion and faithful love—
they are forever!

⁷ But don't remember the sins of my youth or my wrongdoing.
Remember me only according to your faithful love
for the sake of your goodness, LORD.

⁸ The LORD is good and does the right thing;
he teaches sinners which way they should go.

⁹ God guides the weak to justice,
teaching them his way.

¹⁰ All the LORD's paths are loving and faithful
for those who keep his covenant and laws.

GOSPEL: Luke 21.25-36

²⁵ There will be signs in the sun, the moon, and the stars, and on the earth distress among nations confused by the roaring of the sea and the waves. ²⁶ People will faint from fear and foreboding of what is coming upon the world, for the powers of the heavens will be shaken. ²⁷ Then they will see 'the Son of Man coming in a cloud' with power and great glory. ²⁸ Now when these things begin to take place, stand up and raise your heads, because your redemption is drawing near."

²⁹ Then he told them a parable: "Look at the fig tree and all the trees; ³⁰ as soon as they sprout leaves you can see for yourselves and know that summer is already near. ³¹ So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that the kingdom of God is near. ³² Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away until all things have taken place. ³³ Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away.

³⁴ Be on guard so that your hearts are not weighed down with dissipation and drunkenness and the worries of this life, and that day does not catch you unexpectedly, ³⁵ like a trap. For it will come upon all who live on the face of the whole earth. ³⁶ Be alert at all times, praying that you may have the strength to escape all these things that will take place, and to stand before the Son of Man."