

First Sunday of Advent

Year A

Of one thing we can be certain: our fragile, mortal lives will come to an end. We know neither the day nor the hour. Yet with our hearts enlightened by faith, we know that Christ—our life and our resurrection—is already with us in his word, his baptismal promise, his body and blood, his community of faith. We have been grasped and held for all time with Christ's steadfast love. In these gifts of grace, the people of God rejoice. Indeed, if there is any urgency, it concerns our mission in this fragile, broken world that yearns for light, life, and salvation.

ISAIAH 2:1-5

Weapons of war transformed into instruments of peace

All around your throne	<i>DeShazo/Kerr</i>	HMS10 808
How good it is	<i>American</i>	GC 727
Let peace fill the earth	<i>Makeever</i>	DH 90
Lord, my strength	<i>Krippaehne</i>	W&P 93
On that holy mountain	<i>Mattingly</i>	VO 68
Show me your ways	<i>Fragar</i>	HMS11 949

PSALM 122

I was glad when they said to me, "Let us go to the house of the LORD."

I love to be in your presence	<i>Baloche/Kerr</i>	HCW 75
I rejoiced	<i>Farrell</i>	PS1
I rejoiced	<i>Walker</i>	PS2
I rejoiced when I heard them say	<i>Warner</i>	VO 41
I was glad	<i>Beech</i>	W&P 68
I was glad	<i>Haas</i>	GC 121
Let us go rejoicing	<i>Harbor</i>	TFF 17
Let us go rejoicing	<i>Joncas</i>	GC 120
Let us go rejoicing	<i>Roberts</i>	G-4606

Once again *Hanson*

SCS 18

Stand in the congregation *Batstone*

W&P 131, MAR 149

ROMANS 13:11-14

Salvation is near; time to wake from sleep

Awake! Awake, and greet the new morn *Haugen*

WOV 633, GC 346, RS 494

Put on love *Makeever*

DH 78

Wake up *Hanson*

SCR 13

MATTHEW 24:36-44

The sudden coming of the Son of Man

Arise *Barnett*

VIN7 33

I'll be waitin' *Ylvisaker*

BC

My Lord will come again *Haas*

GC 769

When the Lord in glory comes *Moore*

GC 765

ADDITIONAL SONGS FOR THE DAY/SEASON

A story for all people *Collins*

W&P 2

Come to set us free *Farrell*

GC 338, G&P 298

I want to be ready *Spiritual*

TFF 41

Soon and very soon *Crouch*

W&P 128, TFF 38, WOY 744, CEL 757

Wake up, sleeper *Ylvisaker*

BC

Year B

The days of Advent point the people of God toward the three comings of the Lord Jesus. He came among us at Bethlehem. He comes among us now in the scriptures, the waters of baptism, the eucharistic meal, and the community of faith. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead. Keep awake, for his coming is certain and his day draws near.

ISAIAH 64:1-9

Prayer that God would come with power and compassion¹

Change my heart, O God *Wimber*

CMH 4, W&P 28

Have thine own way, Lord *Pollard*

TFF 152

I bend my knees again *Butler/Butler*

VIN8 85

Now God our Father *Mills/Dearman*

W&P 103, CEL 654

PSALM 80:1-7, 16-18

Show us the light of your countenance, and we shall be saved.

God of hosts, bring us back *Furlong*

PS1

Lord, come and save us *Kendzia*

G&P 308

Lord, make us turn to you *Haugen*

GC 75

Lord, make us turn to you *Smith*

PS1

Shine, Jesus, shine *Kendrick*

W&P 123, WOY 651

Turn my heart *DeShazo*

HCW 179

1 CORINTHIANS 1:3-9

Gifts of grace sustain those who wait for the end

Everlasting grace	Carpenter	VIN6 58
Faithful Father	Doerksen	VIN7 72
Thank you for the gift	Hanson	SCR 144
Thank you, Lord	Park	VIN8 242
You are holy	Brown	HMS10 884

MARK 13:24-37

The sudden coming of the Son of Man

Eternity	Doerksen	CMH 28
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My heart yearns for thee	Baroni	HMS12 1022
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While we are waiting, come	Cason	SPW
You are the potter	Ylvisaker	BC

Year C

In prayer and song, the liturgy of Advent announces God's vision of a world transformed by grace: justice will triumph, love will abound, the earth will be a place of safety. The power of evil, sin, and death will be utterly vanquished in the dawning light of redemption. Yet already the church experiences this vision in word and sacrament, in the communion of believers, in every gesture and word of justice and peace. A righteous branch springs up from David: in baptism we have been grafted into Christ's life and mission.

JEREMIAH 33:14-16

A righteous branch springs from David

Arise, O Lord	Carpenter	VIN6 16
Faithful Father	Doerksen	VIN7 72
My soul in stillness waits	Haugen	GC 328, RS 495
We bring the sacrifice of praise	Dearman	W&P 150, CEL 213

PSALM 25:1-9

To you, I lift up my soul

Lead me, oh lead me	Smith	HMS13 1085
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1 THESSALONIANS 3:9-13

Strengthen hearts of holiness

All through the night	Ylvisaker	BC
Awake, O sleeper	Haugen	GC 803
I'll belong to you	Hanson	SCR 126
Only you	Baloche/Kerr	HMS13 1092
Turn our hearts	Kendrick	HMS10 43
What shall I render	Douroux	TFF 239

LUKE 21:25-36

Watch for the coming of the Son of Man

Eternity	Doerksen	CMH 28
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My heart yearns for thee	Baroni	HMS12 1022
My Lord will come again	Haas	GC 769
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ADDITIONAL SONGS FOR THE DAY/SEASON

Stand firm	Clover	G-4593
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Unto thee, O Lord	Monroe	CEL 531
Who will stand up	Soper	G-4626

Second Sunday of Easter

Year A

In today's gospel reading, the risen Christ appears to the disciples who have locked themselves into a house. In the midst of their fear he offers his peace so that they might go forth to proclaim God's victory over death. Christ offers us his peace anew each time we prepare to come to the table where he gives us his body and blood. As we receive bread and cup he says, Do not doubt but believe that I am with you. He sends us forth to be his peacemakers in a community and a world locked in by fear and injustice.

ACTS 2:14A, 22-32

Christ's resurrection: the fulfillment of God's promise to David

Saved by the grace of a miracle *Ylvisaker* BC
Show me your ways *Fragar* HMS11 949
Spirit song *Wimber* CMH 6, W&P 130, TFF 105
That Easter day with joy *Traditional* GC 445, RS 599

PSALM 16

In your presence there is fullness of joy.

Before you now *Butler/Osbrink* VIN7 44
Centre of my life *Inwood* PS2
Harbor of my heart *Warner* VO 31
I love to be in your presence *Baloche/Kerr* HCW 75
Keep me safe, O God *Foley* GC 23, RS 35
Show me the path *Haas* G-4579
The Lord is my portion *Ylvisaker* BC
You will show me the path of life *Haugen* GC 24, RS 36

1 PETER 1:3-9

New birth to a living hope through the resurrection

Firm foundation *Gordon/Harvill* HCW 42
My Lord, what a morning *Ylvisaker* BC
Without seeing you *Haas* GC 844

JOHN 20:19-31

Beholding the wounds of the risen Christ

Come to me today *Hanson* SCR 174
Go in peace and serve the Lord *Hanson* SCR 120, W&P 46
Halleluya! We sing your praises *South African* GC 562, RS 692
Spirit of the living God *Iverson* TFF 101, W&P 129
Spirit of the living God *Sanchez* HCW 158
We walk by faith *Haugen* GC 590, G-2841

ADDITIONAL SONGS FOR THE DAY/SEASON

Amazing love *Kendrick* W&P 8, CEL 351
God has spoken, bread is broken *Young* BL, AFP 11-10733
Shine on us/That Easter day *Glover* G-4596
Shout to the Lord *Zschech* W&P 124
We walk by faith *Haugen* GC 590, RS 723

Year B

In the waters of baptism, God raises us up in Jesus and gives us life that endures. Though we do not see him in the flesh, he continues to reveal himself to us in the breaking of the bread, our foretaste of the feast to come. Day by day, we pray that God would strengthen our faith, so that we who have not seen Christ Jesus may truly confess him as our Lord and God.

ACTS 4:32-25

The believers' common life

Let all the world sing praises *Falson* MAR 216
Meet us *Rethmeier* VIN8 136
Our heart *Chisum/Searcy* HMS13 1094, HCW 143

PSALM 133

How good and pleasant it is to live together in unity.

In unity and peace *Chepponis* G-4452
Only for your glory *Hanson* SCR 34
The family of the Lord *Hanson* SCR 39

1 JOHN 1:1–2:2
Walking in the light
 God is love *Haas* GC 629
 Jesus lead on *Helming* VIN8 114
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 Spirit of the living God *Sanchez* HCW 158
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ADDITIONAL SONGS FOR THE DAY/SEASON

Come and see *LeBlanc* W&P 29
 Glory, glory, hallelujah! *Spiritual* TFF 148
 I am the living bread *Keesecker* AFP 11-10684

Year C

These first weeks of Easter focus our attention on appearances of the risen Lord. It is not always easy to see Jesus after his resurrection. The gospel will remind us that Jesus has a new body in which he now lives. As we gather this day to greet each other and share the peace of the Lord, may our eyes be opened to discern that we are looking at the risen body of Christ!

ACTS 5:27-32
The God of our ancestors raised up Jesus
 Be exalted *Butler/Butler/Park* VIN8 10
 He is exalted *Paris* HCW 57, W&P 55

PSALM 118:14-29
This is the LORD's doing and it is marvelous in our eyes.
 Alleluia, alleluia *Haas* GC 113
 I will enter his gates *Brethorst* TFF 291
 Let us rejoice *Haugen* GC 114, RS 158
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PSALM 150
Let everything that has breath praise the LORD.
 Hallelujah! Praise the Lord *Post* REN
 Let all the world sing praises *Falson* MAR 216
 Praise God with the trumpet *Young*
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 Rise up and praise him *Baloche/Sadler* HMS13 1098
 Singing praise to God *Haas* G-5041

REVELATION 1:4-8
Jesus Christ, the firstborn of the dead, is coming
 From A to O *Hanson* SCR 56
 It has always been you *Butler/Butler* VIN6 120
 Soon and very soon *Crouch* W&P 128, WOY 744

JOHN 20:19-31
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Join in the dance *Schutte* G&P 393
 Let heaven rejoice *Dufford* G&P 392
 Sing out, earth and skies *Haugen* W&P 126

Abbreviations

AFP	Augsburg Fortress octavos	MAR2	Maranatha! Music Praise Chorus Book, 2nd ed.
BC	Borning Cry	OCP	Oregon Catholic Press octavos
BL	Bread of Life: Mass and Songs for the Assembly	PCY	Psalms for the Church Year, vols. 1–10
CC	Come Celebrate! Songbook 1	PS	Psalm Songs, vols. 1–3
CCJ	Come Celebrate! Jesus	REN	Renew!
CCP	Come Celebrate! Praise & Worship	RS	RitualSong
CEL	The Celebration Hymnal	SCR	Spirit Calls, Rejoice!
CGA	Choristers Guild octavos	SCS	Spirit Calls, Rejoice! Supplemental Songbook
CMH	Change My Heart, Oh God Songbook, vols. 1–2	SFL	Songs of the First Light
COK	Cokesbury Chorus Book, Expanded Edition	SPW	Songs for Praise & Worship
CPH	Concordia Publishing House octavos	STP	Singing the Psalms, vol. 1–4
DH	Dancing at the Harvest Songbook	S&S	Spirit & Song
G	GIA octavos and collections	TFF	This Far by Faith
GC	Gather Comprehensive	UMH	United Methodist Hymnal
G&P	Glory & Praise, 2nd ed.	UMP	Unity Music Press octavos
HCW	Hosanna! Music Come & Worship	VIN	Worship Songs of the Vineyard, Songbooks 6–8
HMS	Hosanna! Music Songbook vols. 10–14	VO	Voices as One
LBG	Lord Be Glorified Songbook	WIS	Write It on My Heart Songbook
MAR	Maranatha! Music Praise Hymns and Choruses	WLP	World Library Press octavos
		WOV	With One Voice
		W&P	Worship & Praise Songbook

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