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## First Sunday of Advent

### Jeremiah 33:14-16

<sup>14</sup>The days are surely coming, says the LORD, when I will fulfill the promise I made to the house of Israel and the house of Judah. <sup>15</sup>In those days and at that time I will cause a righteous Branch to spring up for David; and he shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. <sup>16</sup>In those days Judah will be saved and Jerusalem will live in safety. And this is the name by which it will be called: "The LORD is our righteousness."

### Psalm 25:1-10

<sup>1</sup> To you, O LORD, I lift up my soul. <sup>2</sup> O my God, in you I trust; do not let me be put to shame; do not let my enemies exult over me. <sup>3</sup> Do not let those who wait for you be put to shame; let them be ashamed who are wantonly treacherous. <sup>4</sup> Make me to know your ways, O LORD; teach me your paths. <sup>5</sup> Lead me in your truth, and teach me, for you are the God of my salvation; for you I wait all day long. <sup>6</sup> Be mindful of your mercy, O LORD, and of your steadfast love, for they have been from of old. <sup>7</sup> Do not remember the sins of my youth or my transgressions; according to your steadfast love remember me, for your goodness' sake, O LORD! <sup>8</sup> Good and upright is the LORD; therefore he instructs sinners in the way. <sup>9</sup> He leads the humble in what is right, and teaches the humble his way. <sup>10</sup> All the paths of the LORD are steadfast love and faithfulness, for those who keep his covenant and his decrees.

### 1<sup>st</sup> Thessalonians 3:9-13

<sup>9</sup>How can we thank God enough for **you** in return for all the joy that we feel before our God because of **you**? <sup>10</sup>Night and day we pray most earnestly that we may see **you** face to face and restore whatever is lacking in **your** faith. <sup>11</sup>Now may our God and Father himself and our Lord Jesus direct our way to **you**. <sup>12</sup>And may the Lord make **you** increase and abound in love for one another and for all, just as we abound in love for **you**. <sup>13</sup>And may he so strengthen **your** hearts in holiness that **you** may be blameless before our God and Father at the coming of our Lord Jesus with all his saints.

### Luke 21:25-36

<sup>25</sup>"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. <sup>26</sup>People will faint from fear and foreboding of what is coming upon the world, for the powers of the heavens will be shaken. <sup>27</sup>Then they will see 'the Son of Man coming in a cloud' with power and great glory. <sup>28</sup>Now when these things begin to take place, stand up and raise **your** heads, because **your** redemption is drawing near." <sup>29</sup>Then he told them a parable: "Look at the fig tree and all the trees; <sup>30</sup>as soon as they sprout leaves **you** can see for yourselves and know that summer is already near. <sup>31</sup>So also, when **you** see these things taking place, **you** know that the kingdom of God is near. <sup>32</sup>Truly I tell **you**, this generation will not pass away until all things have taken place. <sup>33</sup>Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away. <sup>34</sup>"Be on guard so that **your** hearts are not weighed down with dissipation and drunkenness and the worries of this

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life, and that day does not catch you unexpectedly, <sup>35</sup>like a trap. For it will come upon all who live on the face of the whole earth. <sup>36</sup>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.”