

THE FIRST SUNDAY in ADVENT
NOVEMBER 29, 2015

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antiphon: Zech. 9:9b, alt.

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righteous and having sal- | vation.
Who in the skies can be compared | to the LORD? *
Who among the heavenly beings is | like the LORD,
Righteousness and justice are the foundation | of your throne; *
steadfast love and faithfulness go be- | fore you.
Blessèd are the people who know the | festal shout; *
who walk, O LORD, in the light | of your face,
who exult in your name | all the day *
and in your righteousness are ex- | alted.
For our shield belongs | to the LORD; *
our king to the Holy One of | Israel.
**Glory be to the Father and | to the Son *
and to the Holy | Spirit;**
as it was in the be- | ginning; *
is now, and will be forever. | Amen.
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Salutation and Collect of the Day

Stir up Your power, O Lord, and come, that by Your protection we may be rescued from the threatening perils of our sins and saved by Your mighty deliverance; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Gradual *Zech. 9:9; Ps. 118:26, alt.*

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Shout aloud, O daughter of Je- | rusalem.
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¹⁴“Behold, the days are coming, declares the LORD, when I will fulfill the promise I made to the house of Israel and the house of Judah. ¹⁵In 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.

¹⁶In those days Judah will be saved and Jerusalem will dwell securely. And this is the name by which it will be called: ‘The LORD is our righteousness.’”

Epistle*1 Thessalonians 3:9–13*

⁹ What thanksgiving can we return to God for you, for all the joy that we feel for your sake before our God,

¹⁰as we pray most earnestly night and day that we may see you face to face and supply what is lacking in your faith?

¹¹Now may our God and Father himself, and our Lord Jesus, direct our way to you, ¹²and may the Lord make you increase and abound in love for one another and for all, as we do for you, ¹³so that he may establish your hearts blameless in holiness before our God and Father, at the coming of our Lord Jesus with all his saints.

Holy Gospel*Luke 19:28–40*

²⁸ When he had said these things, he went on ahead, going up to Jerusalem.

²⁹When he drew near to Bethphage and Bethany, at the mount that is called Olivet, he sent two of the disciples, ³⁰saying, “Go into the village in front of you, where on entering you will find a colt tied, on which no one has ever yet sat. Untie it and bring it here. ³¹If anyone asks you, ‘Why are you untying it?’ you shall say this: ‘The Lord has need of it.’” ³²So those who were sent went away and found it just as he had told them. ³³And as they were untying the colt, its owners said to them, “Why are you untying the colt?” ³⁴And they said, “The Lord has need of it.” ³⁵And they brought it to Jesus, and throwing their cloaks on the colt, they set Jesus on it. ³⁶And as he rode along, they spread their cloaks on the road. ³⁷As he was drawing near—already on the way down the Mount of Olives—the whole multitude of his disciples began to rejoice and praise God with a loud voice for all the mighty works that they had seen, ³⁸saying, “Blessed is the King who comes in the name of the Lord! Peace in heaven and glory in the highest!” ³⁹And some of the Pharisees in the crowd said to him, “Teacher, rebuke your disciples.” ⁴⁰He answered, “I tell you, if these were silent, the very stones would cry out.”

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