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**NOVEMBER 27, 2016**

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righteous and having sal- | vation.  
Save us, we pray, | O LORD! \*  
O LORD, we pray, give | us success!  
Blessèd is he who comes in the name | of the LORD! \*  
We bless you from the house | of the LORD.  
The LORD is God, and he has made his light to shine up- | on us. \*  
Bind the festal sacrifice with cords, up to the horns of the | altar!  
You are my God, and I will give | thanks to you; \*  
you are my God; I will ex- | tol you.  
**Glory be to the Father and | to the Son \*  
and to the Holy | Spirit;**  
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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** (*spoken in unison*) *Zech. 9:9; Ps. 118:26, alt.*

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**Shout aloud, O daughter of Jerusalem.**  
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## Old Testament Reading

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## Epistle

*Romans 13:11–14*

<sup>11</sup>Besides this you know the time, that the hour has come for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we first believed. <sup>12</sup>The night is far gone; the day is at hand. So then let us cast off the works of darkness and put on the armor of light. <sup>13</sup>Let us walk properly as in the daytime, not in orgies and drunkenness, not in sexual immorality and sensuality, not in quarreling and jealousy. <sup>14</sup>But put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.

## Holy Gospel

*Matthew 21:1–11*

<sup>1</sup>Now when they drew near to Jerusalem and came to Bethphage, to the Mount of Olives, then Jesus sent two disciples, <sup>2</sup>saying to them, “Go into the village in front of you, and immediately you will find a donkey tied, and a colt with her. Untie them and bring them to me. <sup>3</sup>If anyone says anything to you, you shall say, ‘The Lord needs them,’ and he will send them at once.” <sup>4</sup>This took place to fulfill what was spoken by the prophet, saying, <sup>5</sup>“Say to the daughter of Zion, ‘Behold, your king is coming to you, humble, and mounted on a donkey, and on a colt, the foal of a beast of burden.’” <sup>6</sup>The disciples went and did as Jesus had directed them. <sup>7</sup>They brought the donkey and the colt and put on them their cloaks, and he sat on them. <sup>8</sup>Most of the crowd spread their cloaks on the road, and others cut branches from the trees and spread them on the road. <sup>9</sup>And the crowds that went before him and that followed him were shouting, “Hosanna to the Son of David! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord! Hosanna in the highest!” <sup>10</sup>And when he entered Jerusalem, the whole city was stirred up, saying, “Who is this?” <sup>11</sup>And the crowds said, “This is the prophet Jesus, from Nazareth of Galilee.”

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