

St J of J 'At Home'



*St John of Jerusalem, South Hackney
from the Rectory window*

1st Sunday of Advent - 29 November 2020

Collect for 1st Sunday of Advent

Let us pray:

Almighty God,
give us grace to cast away the works of darkness
and to put on the armour of light,
now in the time of this mortal life,
in which your Son Jesus Christ came to us in great humility;
that on the last day,
when he shall come again in his glorious majesty
to judge the living and the dead,
we may rise to the life immortal;
through him who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.
Amen.

The Coronavirus (COVID-19) Collect

Keep us, good Lord,
under the shadow of your mercy
in this time of uncertainty and distress.
Sustain and support the anxious and fearful,
and lift up all who are brought low;
that we may rejoice in your comfort
knowing that nothing can separate us from your love
in Christ Jesus our Lord.
Amen.

The Liturgy of the Word

First Reading

A reading from the First Letter of Paul to the Corinthians

Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

I give thanks to my God always for you because of the grace of God that has been given you in Christ Jesus, for in every way you have been enriched in him, in speech and knowledge of every kind— just as the testimony of Christ has been strengthened among you— so that you are not lacking in any spiritual gift as you wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ. He will also strengthen you to the end, so that you may be blameless on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. God is faithful; by him you were called into the fellowship of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

1 Corinthians 1.3-9

This is the Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

Psalm

Psalm 80: 1-8; 18-20

- 1 Hear, O Shepherd of Israel, •
you that led Joseph like a flock;
- 2 Shine forth, you that are enthroned upon the cherubim, •
before Ephraim, Benjamin and Manasseh.
- 3 Stir up your mighty strength •
and come to our salvation.
- 4 Turn us again, O God; •
show the light of your countenance, and we shall be saved.
- 5 O Lord God of hosts, •
how long will you be angry at your people's prayer?
- 6 You feed them with the bread of tears; •
you give them abundance of tears to drink.
- 7 You have made us the derision of our neighbours, •
and our enemies laugh us to scorn.
- 8 Turn us again, O God of hosts; •
show the light of your countenance, and we shall be saved.
- 18 Let your hand be upon the man at your right hand, •
the son of man you made so strong for yourself.
- 19 And so will we not go back from you; •
give us life, and we shall call upon your name.
- 20 Turn us again, O Lord God of hosts; •
show the light of your countenance, and we shall be saved.

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark
Glory to you O Lord

‘But in those days, after that suffering, the sun will be darkened, and the moon will not give its light, and the stars will be falling from heaven, and the powers in the heavens will be shaken. Then they will see “the Son of Man coming in clouds” with great power and glory. Then he will send out the angels, and gather his elect from the four winds, from the ends of the earth to the ends of heaven.

‘From the fig tree learn its lesson: as soon as its branch becomes tender and puts forth its leaves, you know that summer is near. So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that he is near, at the very gates. Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away until all these things have taken place. Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away.

‘But about that day or hour no one knows, neither the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. Beware, keep alert; for you do not know when the time will come. It is like a man going on a journey, when he leaves home and puts his slaves in charge, each with his work, and commands the doorkeeper to be on the watch. Therefore, keep awake—for you do not know when the master of the house will come, in the evening, or at midnight, or at cockcrow, or at dawn, or else he may find you asleep when he comes suddenly. And what I say to you I say to all: Keep awake.’

Mark 13: 24-end

This is the Gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, O Christ.