The Word of God

First Sunday of Advent November 29, 2026

Prayer 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. Amen.

First Reading: Isaiah 64:1-9

[1]Oh that you would rend the heavens and come down, that the mountains might quake at your presence — [2]as when fire kindles brushwood and the fire causes water to boil — to make your name known to your adversaries, and that the nations might tremble at your presence! [3]When you did awesome things that we did not look for, you came down, the mountains quaked at your presence. [4]From of old no one has heard or perceived by the ear, no eye has seen a God besides you, who acts for those who wait for him. [5]You meet him who joyfully works righteousness, those who remember you in your ways. Behold, you were angry, and we sinned; in our sins we have been a long time, and shall we be saved? [6]We have all become like one who is unclean, and all our righteous deeds are like a polluted garment. We all fade like a leaf, and our iniquities, like the wind, take us away. [7]There is no one who calls upon your name, who rouses himself to take hold of you; for you have hidden your face from us, and have made us melt in the hand of our iniquities. [8]But now, O Lord, you are our Father; we are the clay, and you are our potter; we are all the work of your hand. [9]Be not so terribly angry, O Lord, and remember not iniquity forever. Behold, please look, we are all your people.

Psalm 80:1-7

[1]Hear, O Shepherd of Israel, leading Joseph | like a flock;*
shine forth, you that are enthroned up- | on the cherubim.
[2]In the presence of Ephraim, Benjamin, | and Manasseh,*
stir up your strength and | come to help us.
[3]Restore us, O | God of hosts;*
show the light of your countenance, and we | shall be saved.
[4]O Lord | God of hosts,*
how long will you be angered
despite the prayers | of your people?
[5]You have fed them with the | bread of tears;*
you have given them bowls of | tears to drink.
[6]You have made us the derision | of our neighbors,*
and our enemies laugh | us to scorn.
[7]Restore us, O | God of hosts;*
show the light of your countenance, and we | shall be saved.

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 1:3-9

[3]Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. [4]I give thanks to my God always for you because of the grace of God that was given you in Christ Jesus, [5]that in every way you were enriched in him in all speech and all knowledge — [6]even as the testimony about Christ was confirmed among you — [7]so that you are not lacking in any gift, as you wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ, [8]who will sustain you to the end, guiltless in the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. [9]God is faithful, by whom you were called into the fellowship of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

Gospel: Mark 13:24-37

[24]{Jesus said,} "In those days, after that tribulation, the sun will be darkened, and the moon will not give its light, [25]and the stars will be falling from heaven, and the powers in the heavens will be shaken. [26]And then they will see the Son of Man coming in clouds with great power and glory. [27]And 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. [28]From the fig tree learn its lesson: as soon as its branch becomes tender and puts out its leaves, you know that summer is near. [29]So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that he is near, at the very gates. [30]Truly, I say to you, this generation will not pass away until all these things take place. [31]Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away. [32]But concerning that day or that hour, no one knows, not even the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. [33]Be on guard, keep awake. For you do not know when the time will come. [34]It is like a man going on a journey, when he leaves home and puts his servants in charge, each with his work, and commands the doorkeeper to stay awake. [35]Therefore stay awake — for you do not know when the master of the house will come, in the evening, or at midnight, or when the rooster crows, or in the morning — [36]lest he come suddenly and find you asleep. [37]And what I say to you I say to all: Stay awake."

Lessons for Next Week: Isaiah 40:1-11; Psalm 85; 2 Peter 3:8-14; Mark 1:1-8

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