



## First Sunday of Advent

November 28, 2004

### *Liturgy of the Hours: Week I of the Psalter*

*No matter how we talk about Christ's coming, we are always talking about salvation. Isaiah invites Israel to salvation collectively, as a nation; Paul invites the Christian Romans to salvation by practicing personal morality; Jesus invites all of us to salvation by staying awake and being prepared for his coming. The choice between war or peace, darkness or light, immorality or goodness is ours. The consequences of our everyday choices are urgent: we will be either taken or left behind.*

—Living Liturgy, *First Sunday of Advent 2004*

### ENTRANCE ANTIPHON (Psalm 25:1-3)

To you, my God, I lift my soul, I trust in you; let me never come to shame. Do not let my enemies laugh at me. No one who waits for you is ever put to shame.

### OPENING PRAYER

All-powerful God,  
increase our strength of will for doing good  
that Christ may find an eager welcome at his coming  
and call us to his side in the kingdom of heaven,  
where he lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,  
one God, for ever and ever. **All: Amen.**

### ALTERNATIVE OPENING PRAYER

Father in heaven,  
our hearts desire the warmth of your love  
and our minds are searching for the light of your Word.  
Increase our longing for Christ our Savior  
and give us the strength to grow in love,  
that the dawn of his coming  
may find us rejoicing in his presence  
and welcoming the light of his truth.  
We ask this in the name of Jesus the Lord. **All: Amen.**