

Let us walk in the light of the Lord!

Isaiah 2:1-5

Psalm 122:1-9

Rom 13:11-14

Matt 24: 37-44

In the first reading Isaiah speaks of a time to come when the Lord's house will be established upon the highest mountain. People of all nations will seek the Lord's instruction so that they may stay upon his paths. It is the Lord that shall judge and impose restrictions on the nations. These terms will lead to swords and spears being remade into plows and pruning hooks.

The Psalmist rejoices to enter the Temple in Jerusalem and will give thanks to the name of the Lord. All are to pray for Jerusalem's peace and for each other's good.

In the second reading Paul reminds the Romans to wake up, stay awake, and take care to do only good things by living honorably and distancing themselves from deed of darkness. All are to put on Jesus and his armor of light and be aware that our salvation draws nearer each day.

In the Gospel Jesus makes known that the coming of the Son of Man will have many of the aspects of Noah's time. This is to be a great happening, at a least unexpected time, when the world is busy with trivialities and totally unconcerned. Jesus says, "Stay awake," and always be prepared for the day this will happen is unknowable.



Praise, praise the Father, Praise the Son and Praise the Spirit.

Three in One,

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.

The Will of God

It is prophesied by Isaiah and by Jesus that the Son of Man comes again. Until then pray for peace in Jerusalem, for each other, and constantly seek instruction in the Lord's ways so that we can cast off darkness and walk in His light. Jesus compares the next coming with Noah's time when only a handful of people were saved because the world was totally unconcerned. Are we giving enough serious thought about our salvation and using our time and opportunities judiciously in regards to the offers of grace that come our way?

As the year begins to come to a close we will soon be making our New Year's resolutions. Completely following the Will of God is as good an intention as they come although such a commitment has unknowns that make us somewhat hesitant to completely let go and let God. Give this commitment some serious thought.

Can I place my care completely in God's Providence? The dictionary defines Providence as the care, guardianship, and control exercised by God over our affairs. Can I accept that all the unfolding events in my life are in accordance with God's will? Either he intentionally sends events into my world or knowingly allows the events, uncomfortable as they may appear to me, to take hold. This means that nothing will happen to me without the explicit or implicit permission of God. Furthermore the unlimited power of God is such that all that he permits will always turn to my advantage. The psalmist says, *To do your will is my delight; my God, your law is in my heart!* (Psalm 40:9)