

First Sunday of Advent

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Then they will see the Son of Man coming in clouds with great power and glory. ... But about that day or hour no one knows, neither the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father.

Keep alert; for you do not know when the time will come ... in the evening, or at midnight, or at dawn. Keep awake.

Such amazing things happen in the sky to herald the return of the Son of Man: ...Jesus, coming in the clouds ...the sun grows dark ...the moon doesn't shine ...and stars fall from the heavens

So different from that first coming more than 2000 years ago: ...with angels singing of God's glory and peace on earth ... with the single star guiding the way to the manger ...with shepherds and wise men – rich and poor – coming to worship

And so we watch, and wait, and stay alert, waiting again for the coming of Jesus. And we light a single candle in preparation for that glorious day.

[Light the first candle on the Advent wreath.]

...And even if the sun should grow dark ... even if the moon refuses to shine ... even if the stars should fall from the sky ...we will have Jesus, the Light of the World, to shine brightly in our hearts, lighting our way.

ALL SING: O come, O come Emmanuel and ransom captive Israel, that mourns in lowly exile here until the Son of God appear. Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.

ALL: COME, LORD JESUS. AMEN.

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