2nd Sunday before Advent (Year A) *(November 15th 2026)*

Collect

Heavenly Lord, you long for the world's salvation:
stir us from apathy, restrain us from excess
and revive in us new hope
that all creation will one day be healed
in Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Psalm 90:1-8, 12

1 Lord, you have been our refuge
from one generation to another.
2 Before the mountains were brought forth,
or the earth and the world were formed,
from everlasting to everlasting you are God.
3 You turn us back to dust and say:
'Turn back, O children of earth.'
4 For a thousand years in your sight are but as
yesterday, which passes like a watch in the night.
5 You sweep them away like a dream;
they fade away suddenly like the grass.
6 In the morning it is green and flourishes;
in the evening it is dried up and withered.
7 For we consume away in your displeasure;
we are afraid at your wrathful indignation.
8 You have set our misdeeds before you
and our secret sins in the light of your countenance.
12 So teach us to number our days
that we may apply our hearts to wisdom.

Zephaniah 1:7, 12-end

7 Be silent before the Lord GOD! For the day of
the LORD is at hand; the LORD has prepared a sacrifice,
he has consecrated his guests.
12 At that time I will search Jerusalem with lamps, and I
will punish the people who rest complacently on their
dregs, those who say in their hearts, 'The LORD will not
do good, nor will he do harm.' 13 Their wealth shall be
plundered, and their houses laid waste. Though they
build houses, they shall not inhabit them; though they
plant vineyards, they shall not drink wine from them.
14 The great day of the LORD is near, near and hastening
fast; the sound of the day of the LORD is bitter, the
warrior cries aloud there. 15 That day will be a day of
wrath, a day of distress and anguish, a day of ruin and
devastation, a day of darkness and gloom, a day of
clouds and thick darkness, 16 a day of trumpet blast and
battle cry against the fortified cities and against the
lofty battlements.
17 I will bring such distress upon people that they shall
walk like the blind; because they have sinned against
the LORD, their blood shall be poured out like dust, and
their flesh like dung. 18 Neither their silver nor their gold
will be able to save them on the day of the LORD's
wrath; in the fire of his passion the whole earth shall be
consumed; for a full, a terrible end he will make of all
the inhabitants of the earth.

1 Thessalonians 5:1-11

Now concerning the times and the seasons, brothers
and sisters, you do not need to have anything written to
you. 2 For you yourselves know very well that the day of
the Lord will come like a thief in the night. 3 When they
say, 'There is peace and security', then sudden
destruction will come upon them, as labour pains come
upon a pregnant woman, and there will be no
escape! 4 But you, beloved, are not in darkness, for that
day to surprise you like a thief; 5 for you are all children
of light and children of the day; we are not of the night
or of darkness. 6 So then, let us not fall asleep as others
do, but let us keep awake and be sober; 7 for those who
sleep sleep at night, and those who are drunk get drunk
at night. 8 But since we belong to the day, let us be
sober, and put on the breastplate of faith and love, and
for a helmet the hope of salvation. 9 For God has
destined us not for wrath but for obtaining salvation
through our Lord Jesus Christ, 10 who died for us, so that
whether we are awake or asleep we may live with
him. 11 Therefore encourage one another and build up
each other, as indeed you are doing.

Matthew 25:14-30

14 'For it is as if a man, going on a journey, summoned his
slaves and entrusted his property to them; 15 to one he
gave five talents, to another two, to another one, to each
according to his ability. Then he went away. 16 The one
who had received the five talents went off at once and
traded with them, and made five more talents. 17 In the
same way, the one who had the two talents made two
more talents. 18 But the one who had received the one
talent went off and dug a hole in the ground and hid his
master's money. 19 After a long time the master of those
slaves came and settled accounts with them. 20 Then the
one who had received the five talents came forward,
bringing five more talents, saying, "Master, you handed
over to me five talents; see, I have made five more
talents." 21 His master said to him, "Well done, good and
trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few
things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into
the joy of your master." 22 And the one with the two
talents also came forward, saying, "Master, you handed
over to me two talents; see, I have made two more
talents." 23 His master said to him, "Well done, good and
trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few
things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into
the joy of your master." 24 Then the one who had received
the one talent also came forward, saying, "Master, I knew
that you were a harsh man, reaping where you did not
sow, and gathering where you did not scatter seed; 25 so I
was afraid, and I went and hid your talent in the ground.
Here you have what is yours." 26 But his master replied,
"You wicked and lazy slave! You knew, did you, that I reap
where I did not sow, and gather where I did not
scatter? 27 Then you ought to have invested my money
with the bankers, and on my return I would have received
what was my own with interest. 28 So take the talent from
him, and give it to the one with the ten talents. 29 For to all
those who have, more will be given, and they will have an
abundance; but from those who have nothing, even what
they have will be taken away. 30 As for this worthless slave,
throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be
weeping and gnashing of teeth."