

**Lessons for December 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2017**  
**First Sunday of Advent**



**First Reading: Isaiah 64:1-9**

**Hear the Word of God as it is written in Isaiah chapter 64 verses 1 to 9.**

O that you would tear open the heavens and come down, so that the mountains would quake at your presence-- as when fire kindles brushwood and the fire causes water to boil-- to make your name known to your adversaries, so that the nations might tremble at your presence! When you did awesome deeds that we did not expect, you came down, the mountains quaked at your presence. From ages past no one has heard, no ear has perceived, no eye has seen any God besides you, who works for those who wait for him. You meet those who gladly do right, those who remember you in your ways. But you were angry, and we sinned; because you hid yourself we transgressed. We have all become like one who is unclean, and all our righteous deeds are like a filthy cloth. We all fade like a leaf, and our iniquities, like the wind, take us away. There is no one who calls on your name, or attempts to take hold of you; for you have hidden your face from us, and have delivered us into the hand of our iniquity. Yet, O LORD, you are our Father; we are the clay, and you are our potter; we are all the work of your hand. Do not be exceedingly angry, O LORD, and do not remember iniquity forever. Now consider, we are all your people.

**This is the Word of the Lord.**

**Psalm 80:1-7, 16-18**

**Let us all stand and read Psalm 80 verses 1 to 7 and 16 to 18, responsively by verse.**

1

**Hear, O Shepherd of Israel, leading Joseph like a flock;  
shine forth, you that are enthroned upon 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.**

16

**Let your hand be upon the man of your right hand, the son of man you have  
made so strong for yourself.**

17

And so will we never turn away from you; give us life, that we may call upon your Name.

18

Restore us, O LORD God of hosts; show the light of your countenance, and we shall be saved.

**Glory be to the Father, and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit. As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, World without end. Amen.**

**Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 1:3-9**

**Hear the Word of God as it is written in First Corinthians chapter 1 verses 3 to 9.**

Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

I give thanks to my God always for you because of the grace of God that has been given you in Christ Jesus, for in every way you have been enriched in him, in speech and knowledge of every kind-- just as the testimony of Christ has been strengthened among you-- so that you are not lacking in any spiritual gift as you wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ. He will also strengthen you to the end, so that you may be blameless on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. God is faithful; by him you were called into the fellowship of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

**This is the Word of the Lord.**