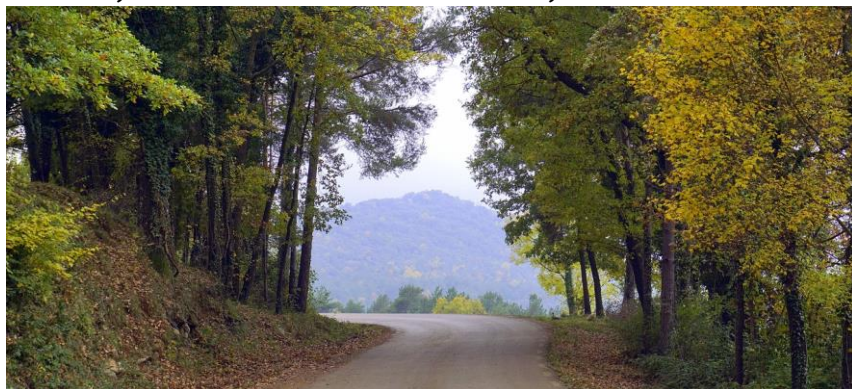


Gospel November 28, 2021. Cycle C  
**1st Sunday ADVENT**



**LORD, SHOW ME YOUR WAYS,**



**INSTRUCT ME IN YOUR PATHS**

## **SETTING**

Advent, a time of waiting, a time of hope. A new time, a new opportunity to seek you and walk with you.

I come to prepare the way, prepare my house to receive you and celebrate your coming. I want it to be new, I don't want to routinize it. I want to be open to the surprise that keeps my hope alive. Wake up my eyes, my hands and my heart; run towards you, in every person that I meet, that I look at, that I touch.

You come, you always come; I want to make this time a new moment, opportunity, hope.

I am silent and look at where I am leaving, with what luggage and what path I want to travel... Where I want to go.

**SONG. Come - Misión País**

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0\\_ahUPD3rUs](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0_ahUPD3rUs)

## **GOSPEL - Luke 21, 25-28.34-36**

"« There will be signs in the sun, in the moon and in the stars; and on earth, the anguish of the people, perplexed by the noise of the sea and the waves, men dying of terror and anxiety for the things to come over the world, for the forces of heaven will be shaken. And then you will see the Son of man coming in a cloud with great power and glory. When these things begin to happen, take courage and lift your heads because your deliverance is near. «Beware that your hearts do not become heavy with debauchery, drunkenness, and the worries of life, and that Day may suddenly come upon you, like a snare, for it will come upon all who inhabit the whole face. Stay awake, therefore, praying at all times that you may have strength and escape all that is to come, and that you may stand before the Son of man.»"

### **We deepen the Text**

If these lines are taken at face value, it is to be scared! But we have already found texts of this genre that are said to be of the "apocalyptic" style. So let's start by giving, once again, the word "apocalyptic" its true meaning: remember that "apocalyptic", in Greek means, "lift the veil", is the same word that "re-velare" (in Latin) or Reveal in Spanish. Which means that we must translate "apocalyptic text" by "text of revelation." And the apocalyptic genre has at least four especially characteristics.

**First, they** are books for times of desolation, generally of war and foreign occupation aggravated by persecution.

**Second,** because they are books for times of desolation, they turn out to be books of consolation, to comfort believers in their fidelity and to give them, in the face of martyrdom, reasons for encouragement and hope, books that invite believers to be strong and remain in foot.

**Third,** these books " reveal, " that is, "lift the veil," "reveal" the hidden face of history. These books announce the final victory of God: in fact, they are always looking to the future. Despite appearances, they do not speak of "an end of the world", but of the transformation of the world, of the installation of a new world, of "the renewal of the world."

**Fourth, while** awaiting this renewal promised by God, these books invite believers to adopt an attitude, not of passive waiting, but of active vigilance: **the everyday must be lived in the light of this hope.**

These four characteristics of the apocalyptic books are found in our gospel today. **The Word for a time of desolation. The Word of consolation. The Word that "reveals" and that invites active vigilance.**

As in all the readings this Sunday, Christians are invited here to maintain an attitude of testimony: the testimony of faith to which Jeremiah invites us in an apparently dead-end situation, according to the human point of view. The testimony of love in the letter to the Thessalonians: "May the Lord give you, towards all humanity, an ever more intense and overflowing love"; the testimony of hope when everything seems to collapse in this Gospel text: "Stand up and lift your heads ... You will be worthy ... to present yourselves before the Son of Man." "Men will die of fear", but you will remain standing because you know that "nothing, neither life, nor death ... cannot separate us from the love of God revealed in Jesus Christ" (Rom 8:39). This triple testimony defines well the Christian challenge. **Beautiful program for this Advent that begins!**

### **Clues for Prayer**

1. How is the message still valid today?
2. What do we need to continue to put in place in our societies?
3. What do you need to put on your feet for the Lord's arrival?

**HOW DID THIS ADVENT START?** \_\_\_\_\_

**AMBIENTAL MUSIC. Shira Kammen - Downstream**

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-OKR1GNMh-M>

### **WAIT TIME**

Time of hope for all,  
especially for the latter.

I wonder,

who are they,

where they are,

What do they think,

what do they dream ...  
I can be the word of hope  
that people need today.  
To those who mourn, comfort,  
With those who laugh, laugh,  
With those who are hungry,  
share, what is ours,  
of all.  
With what they feel thirsty,  
look for the source.  
With those who are lost,  
walk beside them.  
With those who do not see,  
be light that illuminates.  
With those who wonder  
why I?  
have a word of encouragement.  
With those they ask for justice,  
recognize their dignity.  
With those who seek the truth,  
be sincere.  
With those who dream,  
to fly.  
Let's walk hand in hand  
Let's celebrate life that comes our way,  
on this road of Hope,  
of magic, of light.

### **SONG. Let's prepare - Carmelo Erdozain**

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=l5NzBkYW3KI>



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