

**Sunday 27 November - 1st Sunday of Advent – Year A**

**Responsorial Psalm**

**Psalm 121(122):1-2,4-5,6-9**

*We repeat part of last week's psalm, rejoicing being in God's house and on pilgrimage with his people. As we begin the new year a prayer is added looking to the future, asking for peace for Jerusalem, ["the possession of peace/Shalom"]. It challenges us to bring the benefits of the pilgrimage into the world*

***I rejoiced when I heard them say: 'Let us go to God's house.'***

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And now our feet are standing  
within your gates, O Jerusalem.

***Let us set out into Advent committing ourselves to bring joy to people on the journey to Christmas. Promise to spend time in a church, chapel or quiet place daily to reflect on the coming feast.***

It is there that the tribes go up,  
the tribes of the Lord.

For Israel's law it is,  
there to praise the Lord's name.

There were set the thrones of judgement  
of the house of David.

***Find time to join others in prayer and reflection as we move through Advent this year. Pray for all who exercise justice throughout the world to listen to the voice of God's Spirit.***

For the peace of Jerusalem pray:

'Peace be to your homes!

May peace reign in your walls,  
in your palaces, peace!'

***Pray for all homes, that they may be places of peace for families or individuals. Pray for the world to know true peace. Name those places that concern you.***

For love of my brethren and friends

I say: 'Peace upon you!'

For love of the house of the Lord

I will ask for your good.

***Pray for peace for those close to you, family and friends, to enjoy true peace this Advent. Ask God to strengthen them in living good and holy lives.***