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Year B
FIRST SUNDAY of ADVENT

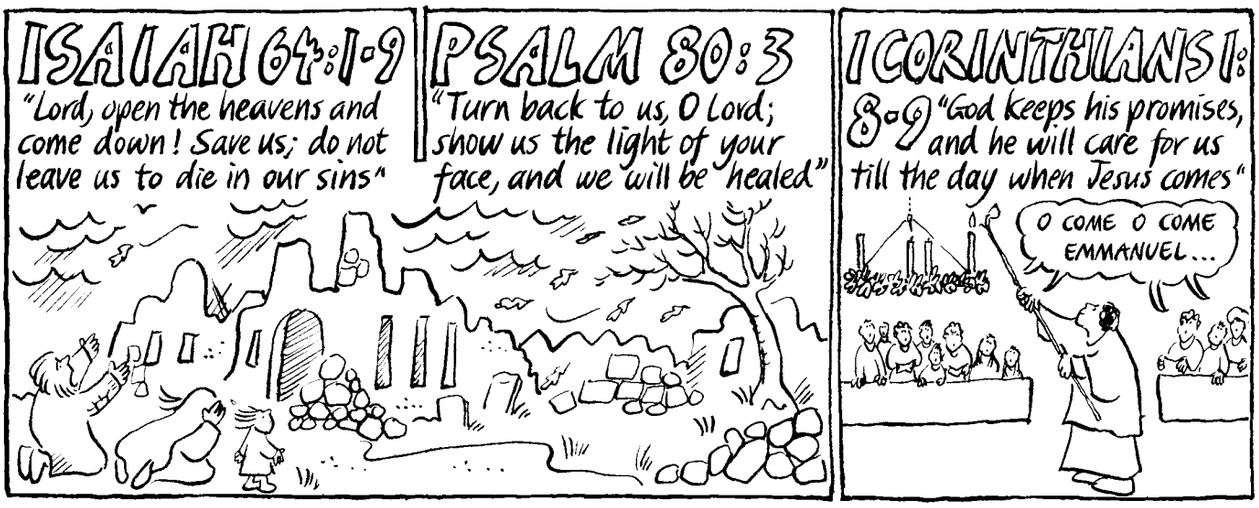
This Sunday is the first Sunday in ADVENT, and on it we begin a new Church Year. "ADVENT" means "coming," and in Advent we wait and hope for the Messiah to come and save us from sin and death.

Jesus, the Messiah, comes to us in many ways. He came long ago, when God chose the time, to be a human baby on earth, and grow up and die for us. He comes today, in our hearts, when we learn to love him and obey him. And he promised to come again, in the future, and be the King of the whole universe! In Advent we wait for Jesus to come in all these ways.

ISAIAH 64:1-9
"Lord, open the heavens and come down! Save us; do not leave us to die in our sins"

PSALM 80:3
"Turn back to us, O Lord; show us the light of your face, and we will be healed"

I CORINTHIANS 1:8-9
"God keeps his promises, and he will care for us till the day when Jesus comes"



Jesus himself told us how to wait for him to come!

WAITING FOR JESUS

Mark 13:24-37

JESUS WAS IN JERUSALEM WITH HIS DISCIPLES. HE WAS TELLING THEM HOW SOME DAY HE WOULD COME AGAIN!

ON THE DAY WHEN THE "SON OF MAN" COMES, EVERYTHING WILL BE CHANGED! IT WILL BE THE END OF THIS WORLD, AND THE BEGINNING OF A NEW WORLD! THE SUN AND MOON WILL GROW DARK...

... THE STARS WILL FALL...

... AND THEN THE SON OF MAN WILL COME IN GLORY!

WHEN YOU SEE BUDS ON A FIG TREE, YOU KNOW SPRING IS NEAR!

HEAVEN AND EARTH WILL PASS AWAY, BUT (MARK 13:31)!

SO WHEN THESE OTHER THINGS HAPPEN, YOU WILL KNOW I AM COMING SOON!

BUT NOBODY CAN KNOW EXACTLY WHEN I WILL COME! ONLY GOD KNOWS THAT!

YOU MUST BE LIKE SERVANTS, WHOSE MASTER HAS GONE AWAY! YOU MUST ALWAYS BE READY FOR HIM TO COME BACK! BE WATCHFUL! STAY AWAKE!

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