THE PROPHET ISAIAH IN ADVENT

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Companions for the Advent journey:

- Wk 1: Isaiah
- Wk 2: John the Baptist
- Wks 3 & 4: Mary & Elizabeth
ISAIAH – THE ADVENT PROPHET

- 3 Year Lectionary Cycle: 12 Sundays
  - All 4 Sundays in Year A
  - 3 Sundays of Year B

- Weekdays of Advent: 17 Masses
  - Wk 1: 6x
  - Wk 2: 5x
  - Wk 3: 3x
  - Wk 4: 1x
ADVENT WEEK 1

Dec 2nd First Sunday of Advent

Dec 3rd Mon. **Is 2:1-5** The Lord draws all the nations together into the eternal peace of God's kingdom

Dec 4th Tues. **Is 11:1-10** On him the Spirit of the Lord rests

Dec 5th Wed. **Is 25:6-10a** The Lord invites us to his banquet and wipes away the tears from every cheek.

Dec 6th Thurs. **Is 26:1-6** Let the upright nation come in, she, the faithful one.

Dec 7th Fri. **Is 29:17-24** That days the eyes of the blind will see.

Dec 8th Sat. Immaculate Conception

[**Is 39:19-21,23-26** - He will be gracious to you when he hears your cry.]
ADVENT WEEK 2

- Dec 9th Second Sunday of Advent
- Dec 10th Mon. Is 35:1-10  God himself is coming to save you.
- Dec 12th Wed. Is 40:25-31  The Lord almighty gives strength to the wearied.
- Dec 13th Thurs. Is 41:13-20  I, the Holy One of Israel, am your redeemer.
- Dec 14th Fri. Is 48:17-19  If only you had been alert to my commandments.
- Dec 15th Sat.
ADVENT WEEK 3

Dec 16th Third Sunday Resp. Psalm: **Is 12:2-6**  Sing and shout for joy for great in your midst is the Holy One of Israel.

Dec 17th Mon.
Dec 18th Tues.

Dec 19th Wed.  
**[Is 45:6-8,18,21-26]**
Send victory like a dew, you heavens!]

Dec 20th Thurs. **Is 7:10-14** The maiden is with child.  
**[Is 54:1-10** Like a forsaken wife, the Lord calls you back.]

Dec 21st Fri.  
**[Is 56:1-3,6-8** My house will be a house of prayer for all the peoples.]

Dec 22nd Sat.
ISAIAH IN ADVENT

- Why do we read so much from the prophet Isaiah during Advent & Christmas?

  - “The Fifth Gospel”
  - “Isaiah” = “YHW saves”
  - At least 3 Isaiahs:
    - Isaiah
    - Deutero or Second Isaiah
    - Trito or Third Isaiah
Jesus saw much of who He was in terms of the ministry of Isaiah e.g.:

- Is 6:9-10
- Is 7:14
- Is 9:2,6
- Is 40:3-4
- Is 53:2-5
BRIEF CHRONOLOGY

- 1250-1020 BC – The Judges
- 1020-932 BC – Saul, David, Solomon
- 932-722 BC – Divided Kingdom: Israel (north) & Judah (south)
- 722 BC Israel conquered by Assyrians
- 587 – 537 BC: Babylonian Exile of Judah
THE BOOK OF ISAIAH

- Bernard Duhm (1892)
  - Isaiah 1-39: God’s judgement for the sin of the people
  - Isaiah 40-55: Consolation for a destroyed & exiled people
  - Isaiah 56-66: Lament for reality found upon return from exile in Babylon
ISAIAH – ADVENT THEMES

- Prophet of hope & new beginnings
- Prophet of the compassionate God
- God of the Jews is God of all people
- Prophet of peace & justice
- Penitential tone
- The Immanuel prophecies
The Immanuel Prophecies

- **Is 7:14** The birth of Immanuel
- **Is 9:5-6a** Dominion of Immanuel
- **Is 11:1,2a,4a,5a** Justice of Immanuel’s rule