

The First Sunday of Advent 2021

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The readings of Advent are full of promises. This passage offers a promise of "justice and righteousness in the land". What's your own first response on hearing that promise from God?

We're told that "Jerusalem will live in safety". Big cities can often feel like unsafe places. What's it like for you to feel that you're living in safety?

As you hear this promise read again, notice how God is going to bring it to fulfilment.

Speak to God for a moment, as this time of prayer comes to an end, of how you might prepare for Christmas in the days ahead.

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