

Week of the Second Sunday of Advent 2025

Date:	December 10, 2025 (Wednesday) [Year 2]	
Theme:	Peace	
Collect:	Merciful God, who sent your messengers the prophets to preach repentance and prepare the way for our salvation: Give us grace to heed their warnings and forsake our sins, that we may greet with joy the coming of Jesus Christ our Redeemer; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.	
Psalm:	Morning: 38	Evening: 119: 25-48
1st Lesson:	Amos 8:1-14	
2nd Lesson:	Revelation 1:17 – 2:7	
3rd Lesson:	Matthew 23:1-12	

Reflection:

Morning Psalm: 38

I sense despair in Psalm 38. The reciter is almost at the end of the rope and is asking the Lord not to forsake him and to save him. This is in the midst of a situation that has almost no chance of survival. I think we've all been in similar situation, perhaps at work, friends or family. Yet in his humility he depends on the Lord. Memorable verse : 15 – “For in you, O Lord, have I fixed my hope; you will answer me, O Lord my God.”

Evening Psalm 119: 25-48

Here's the second set of 24 verses. As true with the entire Psalm 119, it is about the virtues of keeping the Law and Commandments of the Lord.

Amos 8: 1-14

Another vision – this time of Summer fruit basket. I didn't know it was a play on words in Hebrew where Summer Fruit is “qayits” and the word for END is “qets”. So Amos' vision is saying that Israel's iniquities is “ripe” for judgment, and God is not going to “pass them by.” God will cause utter destruction, never for Israel to rise again. Pretty harsh predicament...

Revelation 1:17 – 2:7

So John's letter to the seven churches begin today. The first church was the church in Ephesus. They have proper discernment but have abandoned the love they had for Jesus at first. The reward: Permission to eat from the tree of life. Nice.

Matthew 23:1-12

The message to the crowds and to the disciples is to beware of the Pharisees and the scribes. Do as they say but not as they do. They are prideful and love to be respected. However, the greatest “among you will be your servant.” This seems to be the rule of God's

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leadership – Those that exalt themselves will be humbled, and those who humble themselves will be exalted.

How can we be great? Become servants.

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