

# ADVENT

## CANDLE LIGHTING LITURGY

*Revised Common Lectionary | Year C*

*Prepared by the Office of Spiritual Life*



# FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

December 1, 2024 | Year C

## Advent Candle Lighting Liturgy | Luke 21:25-36

*Utilize in place of the call to worship during Advent.*

There will be signs in the sun, moon, and stars,  
And unrest in the nations like those  
being tossed by the waves of the sea.

**Be watchful at all times for God's Kingdom is near.**

The powers of the heavens will be shaken  
at the expectation of the coming of the Lord.

**Be watchful at all times for God's Kingdom is near.**

You will see Christ coming in the  
clouds with power and glory.  
When this happens, lift up your heads,  
because your redemption is close.

**Be watchful at all times for God's Kingdom is near.**

This generation will not pass away until  
all things are accomplished.  
Heaven and earth will pass away,  
but my words will last forever.

**Be watchful at all times for God's Kingdom is near.**

The Lord is coming to make all things new.

**Come quickly, Lord Jesus.**

—*Light the first Advent Candle*—

**Opening Hymn** | *Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus*

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# SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

December 8, 2024 | Year C

## Advent Candle Lighting Liturgy | Luke 1:68-79

*Utilize in place of the call to worship during Advent.*

Blessed be the Lord, the God of Israel,  
**for he has shown favor and redeemed his people.**

He has raised up a Savior in the house of his servant David,  
**as spoken on the lips of his holy prophets of old.**

He has shown mercy to us and  
remembered his holy covenant.  
**We will serve him in holiness and righteousness  
all the days of our lives.**

The tender mercy of God will dawn on high  
and visit us with salvation.  
**It will shine on those who sit in darkness  
and the shadow of death.**

Christ is coming to guide our feet  
in the way of peace.  
**Come quickly, Lord Jesus.**

—*Light the second Advent Candle*—

**Opening Hymn** | *Blessed Be the God of Israel*

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# THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

December 15, 2024 | Year C

## Advent Candle Lighting Liturgy | Isaiah 12:2-6

*Utilize in place of the call to worship during Advent.*

God is our salvation!  
We will trust in him and not be afraid;  
**The Lord of Salvation is our strength and song!**

Look up and rejoice!  
Draw water out of the wells of salvation.  
**The Lord of Joy is our strength and song!**

Give thanks to God! Call on his name!  
**The Lord of Might is our strength and song!**

Declare his works among the people  
that his name is exalted!  
**The Lord of Wisdom is our strength and song!**

Sing to the Lord, for he has done excellent things!  
Let this be known in all the earth!  
**The Lord of Righteousness is our strength and song!**

Cry aloud and shout, people of God,  
for Christ, the King of kings, is coming to save us.  
**Come quickly, Lord Jesus.**

—*Light the third Advent Candle*—

**Opening Hymn** | *O Come, O Come Emmanuel*

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# FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

December 22, 2024 | Year C

## Advent Candle Lighting Liturgy

### Magnificat Litany | Luke 1:46b-55 and Psalm 80:1-7

*Utilize in place of the call to worship or as an additional act of worship during Advent.*

My soul magnifies the Lord! My Spirit rejoices  
in God, our Savior. Holy is his name!

**Let your face shine upon us, Lord, and we shall be saved.**

For the Mighty One has done great things for us.

**Holy is his name!**

His mercy lasts for generations and generations on those who fear him.

**Let your face shine upon us, Lord, and we shall be saved.**

He has shown strength with his arm.

**He has scattered the proud in the imagination of their hearts.**

He has pulled down tyrants from their thrones.

**He has filled the hungry and sent the rich away empty.**

Holy is his name!

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Stir up your might and come save us! You who are enthroned  
above the heavens, shine with eternal light.

**Let your face shine upon us, Lord, and we shall be saved.**

Hear the cries and prayers of your people!

Wipe away our tears and give us your peace.

**Turn to us again, Lord! Let your face shine upon us and we shall be saved.**

The Lord is coming in mercy as he promised to our ancestors.

**Come quickly, Lord Jesus.**

—*Light the fourth Advent Candle*—

**Opening Hymn** | *Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence*

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# CHRISTMAS EVE

December 24, 2024 | Year C

## Advent Candle Lighting Liturgy | Isaiah 9:2-7 and Psalm 96

*Utilize in place of the call to worship.*

The people who walked in darkness  
have seen a great light.

The light has shined on those who lived  
in the land of the shadow of death.

**Sing to the Lord a new song! Sing to the Lord, all the earth.  
Sing to the Lord and bless his name!**

He has lifted the heavy burden and  
broken the sword of oppression.

The weapons used for battle will be  
burned up as fuel for the fire.

**Proclaim his salvation from day to day!  
Declare his glory among the nations,  
his marvelous works among all the peoples.**

For a child is born to us. A son is given to us;  
and the government will be on his shoulders.  
His name will be called Wonderful Counselor,  
Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.

**The Lord made the heavens and the earth.  
Honor and majesty are before him.  
Strength and beauty are in his sanctuary.**

His Kingdom of righteousness and peace will have no end.  
David's throne will be upheld in righteousness  
from this time on and forevermore.

**Bring an offering, and come into his courts.  
Worship the Lord in holiness.  
Tremble before him, all the earth.  
Say among the nations, "God reigns."**

The Lord has come to judge the earth in righteousness and truth.  
**O come, let us adore him.**

—*Light the Christ Candle*—

**Opening Carol** | O Come, All Ye Faithful

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