

“Let Us Adore”
An Advent Wreath Liturgy for Year C
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This Advent wreath liturgy in the traditional Hope, Peace, Joy, Faith pattern is inspired by scripture from the Revised Common Lectionary (Year C) and the lyrics of “O Come All Ye Faithful.” Special care was used to present expansive language for God and inclusive language for humankind.

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OCCASION	ADVENT WREATH CANDLE	PSALM TEXT	CAROL
Advent I	Lighting the Candle of Hope	Psalm 25:1-10	Verse 1
Advent II	Lighting the Candle of Peace	Malachi 3:1-4	Verse 2
Advent III	Lighting the Candle of Joy	Isaiah 12:2-6	Verse 3
Advent IV	Lighting the Candle of Faith	Psalm 80:1-7	Verse 4
Christmas Eve	Lighting the Christ Candle	Psalm 96	Refrain

Advent I - The Glory of God in Hope

Advent is a season to share in Hope.
The LORD God of trust draws near.

Honor a call to the faithful, the joyful, the triumphant,
lift up your soul and put your trust in the holy.
In the House of Bread, behold the Gift to the world,
be taught in truth and led in humility.
The LORD God draws near.

On this first Sunday of Advent, we light the Candle of Hope.
Let us adore the steadfast love and mercy of God.
May God the path maker lead this world. Amen.

Advent II - The Glory of God in Peace

Advent is a season to work toward Peace.
The LORD God of hosts draws near.

See God’s truth revealed in the eternal light,
listen to the messengers and delight in the covenant.
The One we await shall walk among mortals,
present your offerings in the name of righteousness.
The LORD God draws near.

On this second Sunday of Advent, we light the Candle of Peace.
Let us adore the fiery endurance of God.
May God the refiner wash this world. Amen.

Advent III - The Glory of God in Joy

Advent is a season to dance with Joy.

The LORD God of glory draws near.

Sing in exultation, like angelic choirs,
draw waters from deep, divine wells.
Your citizenship in heaven sings glory on earth,
cast aside fear and shout for joy.

The LORD God draws near.

On this third Sunday of Advent, we light the Candle of Joy.
Let us adore the exalted salvation of God.

May God the mighty strengthen this world. Amen.

If Advent IV falls on Christmas Eve, consider using both in the same service: Advent IV early and Christmas Eve later, after reading Luke 2:1-7. For reference, Christmas Eve is on a Sunday in 2028, 2034, and 2045, while Christmas Day is on a Sunday in 2033, 2039, 2044, 2050, and 2055.

Advent IV - The Glory of God in Faith

Advent is a season to live in Faith.

The LORD God of restoration draws near.

Greet the Lord this morning with happiness,
feel the stir of the Shepherd's care for the flock.
The Word of God shall appear for all to see,
let your tears be wiped away in full measure.

The LORD God draws near.

On this fourth Sunday of Advent, we light the Candle of Faith.
Let us adore the face of our graceful God.

May God the savior restore this world. Amen.

Christmas Eve - The Glory of God in Christ

Christmas is here; we proclaim the glory of Christ.

The LORD God of splendor is here and now.

O come in adoration, for the time has arrived,
sing a new song to the LORD, all the earth.
O come in full adoration, for Jesus has arrived,
marvel at his glorious works among all the people.

The LORD is here.

For Christmas, we light the Christ Candle.
O come, let us adore him – Christ, the Lord!

May God the glad rule this world! Let us rejoice! Amen!