

First Sunday of Advent

Scripture Reading

Psalm: Psalm 80:1-7, 17-19

Old Testament: Isaiah 64:1-9

Gospel: Mark 13: 24-37

Epistle: 1 Corinthians 1:3-9

Litany

Reader: We light the first candle of Advent, the Prophecy Candle. We light a candle to remind us that Jesus is the Light of the world. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it.

All: Thanks be to God.

Lighting of the Advent Wreath – The Prophecy Candle

The Prayers

Our God and Father, we thank you for this Advent Season that helps us prepare for the celebration of the coming of the Messiah, your Son and our

Lord, at Christmas. Thank you for sending Jesus to save us from our sins. Amen.

Song

‘O Come, O Come, Emmanuel’

Second Sunday of Advent

Scripture Reading

Psalm: Psalm 85: 1-2, 8-13

Old Testament: Isaiah 40:1-11

Gospel: Mark 1:1-8

Epistle: 2 Peter 3:8-15a

Litany

Reader: We light the second candle of Advent, the Bethlehem Candle. We light a candle to remind us that Jesus is the Light of the world.

The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it.

All: Thanks be to God.

Lighting of the Advent Wreath – The Bethlehem Candle

The Prayers

Our God and Father, we thank you for this Advent Season that helps us prepare for the celebration of the coming of the Messiah, your Son and our

Lord, at Christmas. Thank you for Jesus, your beloved Son, who was willing to be born and live and die in humility for our salvation. Amen.

The Song

‘O Little Town of Bethlehem’

The Third Sunday of Advent

Scripture Reading

Psalm: Psalm 126

Old Testament: Isaiah 61:1-4, 8-11

Gospel: John 1: 6-8, 19-28

Epistle: Romans 16:25-27

Litany

Reader: We light the third candle of Advent, the Shepherds Candle. We light a candle to remind us that Jesus is the Light of the world. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it.

All: Thanks be to God.

Lighting of the Advent Wreath – The Shepherds' Candle

The Prayers

Our God and Father, we thank you for this Advent Season that helps us prepare for the celebration of the coming of the Messiah, your Son and our Lord, at Christmas. Thank you for sending Jesus who opens our blind eyes and frees us from our sins. Amen.

Song

'O Come All Ye Faithful'

The Fourth Sunday in Advent

Scripture Reading

Psalm: Psalm 89: 1-4, 19-26

Old Testament: 2 Samuel 7:1-11, 16

Gospel: Luke 1:26-38

Epistle: Romans 16:25-27

Litany

Reader: We light the fourth candle of Advent, the Angels' Candle. We light a candle to remind us that Jesus is the Light of the world. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it.

All: Thanks be to God.

Lighting of the Advent Wreath – The Angels' Candle

The Prayers

Our God and Father, we thank you for this Advent Season that helps us prepare for the celebration of the coming of the Messiah, your Son and our Lord, at Christmas. Thank you for sending Jesus, the Great Shepherd, who laid down his life for his sheep. Amen.

Song

'Hark the Herald Angels Sing'

Christmas Eve/Christmas Day

Scripture Reading

Psalm: Psalm 96

Old Testament: Isaiah 9:2-7

Gospel: Luke 2:1-14, 15-20

Epistle: Titus 2:11-14

Litany

Reader: We light the last candle of Advent, the Christ Candle. We light a candle to remind us that Jesus is the promised seed of the woman, the Light of the World. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it.
All: Thanks be to God.

Lighting of the Advent Wreath – The Christ Candle

The Prayers

Our God and Father, we thank you for this Advent Season that helps us prepare for the celebration of the coming of the Messiah, your Son and our Lord, at Christmas. Thank you for sending Jesus to live for us, die for us and be raised for us. May we ever honor him unto your glory as we now await his return to make all things new. Amen.

Song

‘Joy to the World’