

THE ADVENT WREATH YEAR C

The Promise of Jesus our Hope

First Sunday of Advent

Presider

Within the four weeks of the Advent season, the Church's liturgy draws attention to different facets of the one reality of how God's plan has been revealed in Christ. He, whose coming was prophesied, who came among us, and will come again, is our hope and strength.

The Presider blesses the wreath and the assembly with the sprinkling of holy water, using these or similar words:

Presider

May this sprinkling of the waters of baptism
Remind us of our first sharing in grace
That we may prepare for the Lord's coming
Among us today and be ready for his second coming.

The Presider or an assistant lights the first candle, which could be named the Candle of Hope.

Lord Jesus, **your coming was proclaimed** by the prophets of old. As we read the prophet Jeremiah's words "See, the days are coming – it is the Lord who speaks..." (First Reading), now we accept the Lord Jesus as the offspring of the House of David.

R. Gracious, Lord Jesus, come.

V. Lord Jesus, **you come among us now**, as St Paul urges us "...to make more and more progress in the kind of life that [we] are meant to live..." (Second Reading).

R. Gracious, Lord Jesus, come.

V. Lord Jesus, **you will come again in glory**, as you warned us: "...the Son of Man coming in a cloud with power and great glory" (Gospel).

R. Gracious, Lord Jesus, come.

Presider

First Sunday of Advent Year C [Roman Missal]

Let us pray.

Grant your faithful, we pray, almighty God,
the resolve to run forth to meet your Christ
with righteous deeds at his coming,
so that, gathered at his right hand,
they may be worthy to possess the heavenly Kingdom.
Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, for ever and ever.

R. Amen



THE ADVENT WREATH YEAR C

The Promise of Jesus Bringer of Peace

Second Sunday of Advent

Presider

In this the second week of Advent the Church's liturgy draws our attention to Christ who brings us peace. We do this by the call to repentance and the striving to prepare fully for his coming at Christmas and his coming again in glory.

The Presider or an assistant lights the second candle, which could be named the Candle of Peace.

- V.** Lord Jesus, **your coming was proclaimed** by the prophet Baruch who calls us "[to] ...wrap the cloak of integrity of God around [us] ..." so as to wear the crown of your glory (First Reading).
- R.** **Gracious, Lord Jesus, come.**
- V.** Lord Jesus, **you come among us now**, as St Paul remembers those who "...have helped to spread the Good News from the day you first heard it right up to the present" (Second Reading).
- R.** **Gracious, Lord Jesus, come.**
- V.** Lord Jesus, **you will come again in glory**, because you want the world to "...see the salvation of God" (Gospel).
- R.** **Gracious, Lord Jesus, come.**

Presider

Second Sunday of Advent Year C [Roman Missal]

Let us pray
Almighty and merciful God,
may no earthly undertaking hinder those
who set out in haste to meet your Son,
but may our learning of heavenly wisdom
gain us admittance to his company.
Who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, for ever and ever.

R. Amen



THE ADVENT WREATH YEAR C

The Joy that is the Promise of Jesus

Third Sunday of Advent

Presider

In the third week of Advent the Church's liturgy draws attention to the joy that comes with the imminent birth of Christ. We are reminded that we have much to be joyful about as we come closer to the promise that is Christ.

The Presider or an assistant lights the third candle, which could be named the Candle of Joy.

- V.** Lord Jesus, **your coming was proclaimed** by the prophet Zephaniah who called all of the saints of old to rejoice with all their heart (First Reading).
- R.** **Gracious, Lord Jesus, come.**
- V.** Lord Jesus, **you come among us now** as the light of the world, as St Paul urges us "Let your tolerance be evident to everyone: the Lord is very near" (Second Reading).
- R.** **Gracious, Lord Jesus, come.**
- V.** Lord Jesus, **you will come again in glory**, and so you strengthen all your saints baptised into your Body of the Church, because John the Baptist said "...he will baptise you with the Holy Spirit and with fire" (Gospel).
- R.** **Gracious, Lord Jesus, come.**

Presider

Third Sunday of Advent Year C [Roman Missal]

Let us pray
O God, who see how your people
faithfully await the feast of the Lord's Nativity,
enable us, we pray,
to attain the joys of so great a salvation
and to celebrate them always
with solemn worship and glad rejoicing.
Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, for ever and ever.

R. Amen



THE ADVENT WREATH YEAR C

The Promise of Jesus who is Love

Fourth Sunday of Advent

Presider

In the four weeks of the Advent season, the Church's liturgy draws attention to the great act of love that is the birth of Jesus Christ. We reflect on the love of a God who took on humanity and became like us so we could be saved.

The Presider or an assistant lights the fourth candle, which could be named the Candle of Love.

V. Lord Jesus, **your coming was proclaimed** by the prophet Micah, when he proclaimed your birth in Bethlehem of the land of Judah, so as to witness your Father's plan that the faithful remnant of Israel would be saved (First Reading).

R. **Gracious, Lord Jesus, come.**

V. Lord Jesus, **you come among us now** in your Word and Sacrament, just as Hebrews emphasises you were "...commanded in the scroll of the book..." as you pledged your covenant to obey your Father's will (Second Reading).

R. **Gracious, Lord Jesus, come.**

V. Lord Jesus, **you will come again in glory** in the fullness of your Father's plan, just as your Mother Mary accepted "be it done unto me according to [the] word of the angel Gabriel" (Gospel).

R. **Gracious, Lord Jesus, come.**

Presider

Fourth Sunday of Advent Year C [Roman Missal]

Let us pray.

Pour forth, we beseech you, O Lord,
your grace into our hearts,
that we, to whom the Incarnation of Christ your Son
was made known by the message of an Angel,
may by his Passion and Cross
be brought to the glory of his Resurrection.
Who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, for ever and ever.

R. Amen



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