

# ALL SAINTS ANGLICAN CHURCH



ADVENT DAILY PRAYERS & LESSONS

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*They continued steadfastly in the Apostles' doctrine and fellowship, and in the breaking of the bread, and in the prayers. Acts 2:42*

Advent, which means Coming, is the season in our liturgical calendar in which we celebrate the coming of our Lord. The season first helps us prepare, by prayer and meditation, to more devoutly welcome the day of Christ's nativity. This marks the coming of our Lord in the flesh to suffer for us. The season also looks forward to the second coming of our Lord, when he will come to judge the quick and the dead. This is why the season of Advent has always been a season of solemn supplication. We are awaking our souls out of slumber and preparing for the coming of our Lord! Many worthy traditions have arisen in the Church to aid us in our prayers, but the primary one is the Advent wreath. This simple decoration in the house can remind the whole family of the meaning and purpose of Advent. Let us now consider the symbols of the candles and colors.

Purple (or violet) has traditionally been the primary color of Advent, symbolizing repentance and fasting. Purple is also the color of royalty and the sovereignty of Christ, demonstrating anticipation of and reception of the coming King celebrated during Advent.

The first candle of the Advent Wreath, the Prophecy Candle is purple and symbolizes hope. The second, called the Bethlehem Candle or the Candle of Preparation, is also purple in color and symbolizes peace.

Likewise, the fourth Advent Candle color is purple. It's called the Angel Candle or the Candle of Love.

Pink (or rose) is also one of the colors of Advent used during the third Sunday of Advent, also known as Gaudete Sunday (gaudete is Latin for "to rejoice"). The third Advent Wreath Candle, named the Shepherd Candle, is pink in color and represents the joy of the shepherds in receiving the Good News and reveals a shift in the season away from repentance and toward celebration.

Finally, the candle in the middle of the wreath is white and is called the Christ Candle – When this candle is lit on Christmas Eve, it symbolizes Jesus Christ, the Light of the World.

May God bless you and your family during this season.

# The First Week of Advent

*Leader:* Watch ye, for ye know not when the master of the house cometh, at even, or at midnight, or at the cock-crowing, or in the morning: lest coming suddenly he find you sleeping. St. Mark xiii. 35, 36.

*Light the first candle.*

The Lessons:

Monday: St. Mark 1:1-13

Tuesday: St. Mark 1:14-28

Wednesday: St. Mark 1:29-39

Thursday: St. Mark 1:40-45

Friday: St. Mark 2:1-12

Saturday: St. Mark 2:13-22

*Leader or all together:* ALMIGHTY God, give us grace that we may cast away the works of darkness, and put upon us the armour of light, now in the time of this mortal life, in which thy Son Jesus Christ came to visit us in great humility; that in the last day, when he shall come again in his glorious majesty to judge both the quick and the dead, we may rise to the life immortal, through him who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Ghost, now and ever. Amen.

IN particular, we implore thy grace and protection for the ensuing day. Keep us temperate in all things, and diligent in our several callings. Grant us patience under our afflictions. Give us grace to be just and upright in all our dealings; quiet and peaceable; full of compassion; and ready to do good to all men, according to our abilities and opportunities. Direct us in all our ways. Defend us from all dangers and adversities; and be graciously pleased to take us, and all who are dear to us, under thy fatherly care and protection. These things, and whatever else thou shalt see to be necessary and convenient to us, we humbly beg, through the merits and mediation of thy Son Jesus Christ, our Lord and Saviour. Amen.

*Together:* Hail and blessed be the hour and moment  
In which the Son of God was born  
Of the most pure Virgin Mary,  
at midnight,  
in Bethlehem,  
in the piercing cold.  
In that hour vouchsafe, O my God,  
to hear my prayer and grant my desires,  
[*here mention your silent petitions*]  
through the merits of Our Savior Jesus Christ. Amen.

*Leader:* THE grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and  
the fellowship of the Holy Ghost, be with us all evermore. Amen.



# The Second Week of Advent

*Leader:* Prepare ye the way of the LORD, make straight in the desert a highway for our God. Isaiah xl. 3.

*Light the first and second candle.*

The Lessons:

Monday: St. Mark 2:23-3:6

Tuesday: St. Mark 3:7-19

Wednesday: St. Mark 3:20-35

Thursday: St. Mark 4:1-20

Friday: St. Mark 4:21-29

Saturday: St. Mark 4:30-41

*Leader or all together:* BLESSED Lord, who hast caused all holy Scriptures to be written for our learning; Grant that we may in such wise hear them, read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest them, that by patience and comfort of thy holy Word, we may embrace, and ever hold fast, the blessed hope of everlasting life, which thou hast given us in our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.

ALMIGHTY God, give us grace that we may cast away the works of darkness, and put upon us the armour of light, now in the time of this mortal life, in which thy Son Jesus Christ came to visit us in great humility; that in the last day, when he shall come again in his glorious majesty to judge both the quick and the dead, we may rise to the life immortal, through him who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Ghost, now and ever. Amen.

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# The Third Week of Advent

Leader: Repent ye, for the Kingdom of heaven is at hand. St. Matt. iii. 2.

*Light the first, second, and third (rose) candle.*

The Lessons:

Monday: St. Mark 5:1-20

Tuesday: St. Mark 5:21-43

Wednesday: St. Luke 12:35-48

Thursday: St. Mark 6:1-6

Friday: 2 Cor. 5:5-21

Saturday: St. Matt. 9:35-10:15

*Leader or all together:* O LORD Jesus Christ, who at thy first coming didst send thy messenger to prepare thy way before thee; Grant that the ministers and stewards of thy mysteries may likewise so prepare and make ready thy way, by turning the hearts of the disobedient to the wisdom of the just, that at thy second coming to judge the world we may be found an acceptable people in thy sight, who livest and reignest with the Father and the Holy Spirit ever, one God, world without end. Amen.

ALMIGHTY God, give us grace that we may cast away the works of darkness, and put upon us the armour of light, now in the time of this mortal life, in which thy Son Jesus Christ came to visit us in great humility; that in the last day, when he shall come again in his glorious majesty to judge both the quick and the dead, we may rise to the life immortal, through him who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Ghost, now and ever. Amen.

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*Leader:* Watch ye, for ye know not when the master of the house cometh, at even, or at midnight, or at the cock-crowing, or in the morning: lest coming suddenly he find you sleeping. St. Mark xiii. 35, 36.

*Light all four candles.*

The Lessons:

Monday: St. Luke 1:5-25

*Leader or all together:* O LORD, raise up, we pray thee, thy power, and come among us, and with great might succour us; that whereas, through our sins and wickedness, we are sore let and hindered in running the race that is set before us, thy bountiful grace and mercy may speedily help and deliver us; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with thee and the Holy Ghost, be honour and glory, world without end. Amen.

ALMIGHTY God, give us grace that we may cast away the works of darkness, and put upon us the armour of light, now in the time of this mortal life, in which thy Son Jesus Christ came to visit us in great humility; that in the last day, when he shall come again in his glorious majesty to judge both the quick and the dead, we may rise to the life immortal, through him who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Ghost, now and ever. Amen.

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## Additional Advent devotions and traditions:

- The Jesse Tree
- Preparing the Manger and the Creche
- Advent Calendar
- O Come, O Come Emmanuel with the daily prayers

### **O come, O come, Immanuel**

1 O come, O come, Immanuel,  
and ransom captive Israel  
that mourns in lonely exile here  
until the Son of God appear.

#### *Refrain:*

Rejoice! Rejoice! Immanuel  
shall come to you, O Israel.

2 O come, O Wisdom from on high,  
who ordered all things mightily;  
to us the path of knowledge show  
and teach us in its ways to go.

#### *Refrain*

3 O come, O come, great Lord of  
might,  
who to your tribes on Sinai's height  
in ancient times did give the law  
in cloud and majesty and awe.

#### *Refrain*

4 O come, O Branch of Jesse's stem,  
unto your own and rescue them!  
From depths of hell your people  
save,  
and give them victory o'er the grave.

#### *Refrain*

5 O come, O Key of David, come  
and open wide our heavenly home.  
Make safe for us the heavenward  
road  
and bar the way to death's abode.

#### *Refrain*

6 O come, O Bright and Morning  
Star,  
and bring us comfort from afar!  
Dispel the shadows of the night  
and turn our darkness into light.

#### *Refrain*

7 O come, O King of nations, bind  
in one the hearts of all mankind.  
Bid all our sad divisions cease  
and be yourself our King of Peace.

#### *Refrain*

This is the House of God and the Gate of Heaven. Everyone is cordially welcome. If you are a visitor just for today, we wish you every joy in our Lord. If you seek a church home, we invite you to join our parish family. Our Church is an Anglican Parish which stands in the unbroken continuity of the One, Holy, Catholic and Apostolic Church of Our Lord Jesus Christ. Our Faith is based on the Word of God which is the Holy Scripture, and on the seven Ecumenical Councils of the Undivided Church. All Saints is dedicated solely to the glory of God, the uncompromised living of his Faith and the perpetuation of the liturgy of The Book of Common Prayer.

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**SUNDAY SERVICES**

9:00 a.m. Communion with hymns

10:30 a.m. Choral Family Eucharist  
and Staffed nursery for infants-toddlers

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