

Season of Advent

Leader (s): We rejoice with joyful hearts.

All: Because, You led your ancient people into freedom.

Leader (s): We rejoice with joyful hearts

All: Lord, kindle within us the fire of love, that by its cleansing flame we may be with you in spirit and truth.

Leader (s): We rejoice with joyful hearts.

All: For you, Lord, have looked with favor on your lowly servant.

Leader (s): We rejoice with joyful hearts.

All: As Mary brought the light of world into our midst.

(Light the fourth candle)

All: Dear Jesus, you came into the darkness and made a difference. We pray you come into the darkness again.

O Gracious Light *Phos hilaron* (said together)

**O gracious Light, pure brightness of the ever living
Father in heaven,**

O Jesus Christ, holy and blessed!

**As we come to the rising of the sun,
and our eyes behold the morning light,
we sing your praises, O God: Father, Son,
and Holy Spirit.**

**You are worthy at all times to be praised
by happy voices,**

**O Son of God, O Giver of life,
and to be glorified through all the worlds.**



Wreath Lighting Liturgy

(Gather in Darkness)

Leader: Light and peace, in Jesus Christ our Lord.

Response: Thanks be to God

Leader: It is not ourselves that we proclaim; we proclaim Christ Jesus as Lord, and ourselves as your servants, for Jesus' sake. For the same God who said, "Out of darkness let light shine," has caused his light to shine within us, to give the light of revelation - the revelation of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ. 2 Corinthians 4:5-6

Leader: Let us pray

Response: Grant us, Lord, the lamp of charity which never fails, that it may burn in us and shed its light on those around us, and that by its brightness we may have a vision of that holy City, where dwells the true and never - failing Light, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

(Instruction for wreath lighting: As we progress through each week of Advent include the previous week/s candle lighting step/s.)

Lighting of the Advent Wreath

Leader (s): Lord, our souls are in darkness.

All: We yearn for You.

Leader (s): We live without hope, without faith. Our souls forever thirsting for the glimmer of light.

All: We yearn for You.

Leader (s): For a single flicker of light to show us, to direct us on our path to find You.

All: We yearn for You.

(Light the first candle)

Leader (s): Merciful God, You sent your messengers the prophets to preach repentance

All: Alleluia, Prepare the way of the Lord.

Leader (s): Give us grace to heed their warnings.

All: Alleluia, Prepare the way of the Lord.

Leader (s): May we greet with joy the coming of Jesus Christ our Redeemer.

All: Alleluia, Prepare the way of the Lord.

(Light the second candle)

All: My soul magnifies the Lord, and my spirit rejoices in God my savior.

Leader (s): The Mighty One has done great things for me, and holy is his name. His mercy is for those who fear him from generation to generation.

All: My soul magnifies the Lord, and my spirit rejoices in God my savior.

Leader (s): He has shown strength with his arm; he has scattered the proud in the thoughts of their hearts. He has brought down the powerful from their thrones, and lifted up the lowly;

All: My soul magnifies the Lord, and my spirit rejoices in God my savior.

Leader (s): He has filled the hungry with good things, and sent the rich away empty.

All: My soul magnifies the Lord, and my spirit rejoices in God my savior.

Leader (s): He has helped his servant Israel, in remembrance of his mercy, according to the promise he made to our ancestors, to Abraham and to his descendants forever."

(Light the third candle)