

## Advent Candle Lighting Year B

(This liturgy is based on the familiar Advent themes of Hope, Peace, Joy and Faith, and Christmas Eve is when the LOVE candle is lit)

### First Sunday of Advent

#### The Candle of Hope

Reader 1: In a world of war, famine, and disease, where children grow up as orphans, where families go hungry and entire regions face destruction by illness, God, we call upon you to come.

Reader 2: In a world where so many have lost hope, we call upon you, Lord of Hope, to come.

Reader 1: In this season of Advent, we wait for the coming of Hope into our world. We await the birth of the Christ-child, the coming of God into our lives in a new way.

Reader 2: Come, Messiah, Come, and Save Us

*Light the first purple candle.*

Prayer: Dear God, we pray for the hope that is in Christ to come into our lives in a new way. May we become hope that is alive in our world. Amen.

### Second Sunday of Advent

#### The Candle of Peace

Reader 1: In a world of war, violence and abuse, where families live in shelters and children grow up in fear, God, we call upon you to come.

Reader 2: In a world where peace seems to be so far away, we call upon you, Prince of Peace, to come.

Reader 1: In this season of Advent, we wait for the coming of Peace into our world. We await the birth of Emmanuel, God with us, who comes into our lives in a new way.

Reader 2: Come, Messiah, Come, and Save Us

*Light the second purple candle*

Prayer: Dear God, we pray for the peace that only You can bring through your Son, Jesus the Christ. May we walk in the paths of peace. Amen.

### Third Sunday of Advent

## The Candle of Joy

Reader 1: In a world of despair, where depression rates run high, where there has been so much sadness and loss, God, we call upon you to come.

Reader 2: In a world where joy is a distant memory, we call upon you, Great God of Joy, to come.

Reader 1: In this season of Advent, we wait for the coming of Joy into our world. We await the birth of the Anointed One, the Promised Child, who comes into our lives in a new way.

Reader 2: Come, Messiah, Come, and Save Us

### *Light the pink candle*

Prayer: Dear God, we pray for the joy that is found in Jesus, that those who seek it may truly find it. May we celebrate in the joy found in You. Amen.

## Fourth Sunday of Advent

### The Candle of Faith

Reader 1: In a world where churches lie empty, doors are shut, and people seem to have no room for religion anymore, God, we call upon you to come.

Reader 2: In a world where so many claim not to believe anymore, we call upon you, El Shaddai, God Almighty, to come.

Reader 1: In this season of Advent, we wait for Your Presence to be felt in our lives again. We await the birth of Jesus, the Savior of All, who comes into our lives in a new way.

Reader 2: Come, Messiah, Come, and Save Us

### *Light the fourth (purple) candle*

Prayer: Dear God, we pray that our faith may be renewed once again, and may we relive the wonder of your love in our lives. In the name of Jesus the Christ, we pray. Amen.