

Candle Liturgy

To be spoken at the end of the service during the lighting of the Advent Candle. Candles lit in previous weeks will be lit at beginning of service.

Leader: In the season of Advent, we are here to watch and wait and pray for the coming of light into the world. We long for the day when the things of darkness selfishness and greed, suffering and oppression – shall be no more.

(Leader then lights candle)

All: Lord, by your presence, light up the past
that we might learn from it with thankfulness.

Light up the present that we might live in love.

Light up the future that we might prepare for it in hope.

As we watch and wait and pray, may we be always ready to
encounter the Lord who is already and always with us. AMEN

Each Sunday of Advent a new verse shall be said by the leader and the new verse shall be added to the insert so that at the end Advent all verses will be printed together.

Advent 1

Leader: A candle burns for all God's people,
struggling to be bearers of hope in a troubled world.
May your hope live within us, burning as a light in our lives.

Advent 2

Leader: A candle burns for all God's prophets confronting justice and
restoring the Dream of a world of freedom and peace.
May your Word be a lamp to our feet and a light on our path.

Advent 3

Leader: A candle burns for all God's faithful, God of the Baptizing One,
come to us again this Advent.
May we have a faith that renews our lives.
May we live in the light of your promises.

Advent 4

Leader: A candle burns for all God's loved and blessed, God of Mary
Saying 'yes' to God's challenge, accepting the pain and joy
of an unknown future.
May the light of your love be born anew in us.

Thus ends the candle lighting and Rev Krista finishes the service.

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Lecto Divino

Ancient practice of sacred reading and listening

Listen to the first reading

1. What word or phrase caught your attention?

Ponder this in the silence.

Listen to the second reading:

2. What do you appreciate about God/Jesus in this passage?

Why?

Ponder this in the silence.

Listen to the third reading.

3. What could this passage be saying to us as the church?

Ponder this in the silence.