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## Advent Wreath - Year C

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# First Sunday of Advent wreath lighting, Year C

**Introduction** (*This would usually be read on the first Sunday of Advent*)

Within the four weeks of the Advent season, the Church's liturgy draws attention to different facets of how God's plan **has been revealed** in Christ, **is now revealed** in every Mass we celebrate, and that Christ **will be revealed** in his glory at the end of time.

For each Sunday of Advent, we take our focus for the wreath from our Advent traditions. Like the people of the Old Testament, we live in hope for the fullness of the revelation of Christ the Messiah when he comes in glory to judge the living and the dead. This year we will also anticipate and pray for the process and outcomes of the Plenary Council.

The Advent Wreath Responsory often replaces the Penitential Act and therefore leads into the Opening Prayer.

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

Let us pray:

May the sprinkling of this water remind all of us gathered here of our first sharing in the grace of baptism.

During this time of Advent may we prepare for the Lord's coming with open hearts and minds.

May this wreath be a symbol to us of this time of prayerful watching and waiting for the coming of the Lord now and for all time.

*The Presider, or an assistant, lights the first candle, which is often named the Prophets' Candle as the prophets prepared the way for the future coming of the Messiah.*

**V.** Lord Jesus, you come among us now as we read the prophet Jeremiah's words who promised that there shall be honesty and integrity in the land.

**R. Come, Lord Jesus.**

**V.** Lord Jesus, that we may love one another and the whole human race as you did.

**R. Come, Lord Jesus.**

**V.** Lord Jesus, we must stay awake as you will come again as the Son of Man.

**R. Come, Lord Jesus.**

**Presider (Collect first Sunday of Advent Year C)**

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,  
God, for ever and ever.

**R. Amen**

## Second Sunday of Advent wreath lighting

### Presider

*The Presider, or an assistant, lights the second candle.*

**V.** Lord Jesus, your coming was proclaimed by the prophet Baruch when he proclaimed that God will show your splendour.

**R. Come, Lord Jesus.**

**V.** Lord Jesus, you will bring us to the perfect goodness for the glory and praise of God.

**R. Come, Lord Jesus.**

**V.** Lord Jesus, you call us to repentance and to prepare the way for you so that all humankind shall see the salvation of God.

**R. Come, Lord Jesus.**

### Presider (Collect second Sunday of Advent Year C)

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,  
God, for ever and ever.

**R. Amen**

# Third Sunday of Advent wreath lighting

## Presider

*The Presider, or an assistant, lights the third candle.*

**V.** Lord Jesus, your coming was proclaimed by the prophet Zephaniah as the who will exult over us and renew us by your love.

**R. Come, Lord Jesus.**

**V.** Lord Jesus, you revealed to Paul that if there is anything we need we just have to ask for it with prayer and thanksgiving.

**R. Come, Lord Jesus.**

**V.** Lord Jesus, as declared by John the Baptist, you will baptise us with the Holy Spirit and fire.

**R. Come, Lord Jesus.**

## Presider (Collect third Sunday of Advent Year C)

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,  
God, for ever and ever.

**R. Amen**

## Fourth Sunday of Advent wreath lighting

### Presider

*The Presider, or an assistant, lights the fourth candle.*

**V.** Lord Jesus, your coming was proclaimed by the prophet Micah as coming from the house of David and who will rule over all Israel and be peace.

**R. Come, Lord Jesus.**

**V.** Lord Jesus, you make us holy by the offering of your body made once and for all.

**R. Come, Lord Jesus.**

**V.** Lord Jesus, you are the blessed fruit of the womb of she who believed that the promise made to her would be fulfilled.

**R. Come, Lord Jesus.**

### Presider (Collect fourth Sunday of Advent Year C)

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,  
God, for ever and ever.

**R. Amen**