

# St. Peter's Episcopal Church



## Advent Wreath Prayers

# Advent

Advent means "coming". As we prepare to celebrate the first coming of Christ in the fragile, beautiful babe of Bethlehem and to receive the peace that passes all understanding, so we await the Second Coming of Christ as our merciful Judge, and the fullness of God's Kingdom come, in the blessed hope of eternal life.

*The beginning of Advent:*

On the First Sunday of Advent, the family gathers around the wreath and prays:

Let us ask our Father in heaven to fill our hearts with grace.

(pause for silent prayer)

Heavenly Father, you alone make things holy by the word of your blessing. Bless we pray this wreath which we have made. As we light these candles and offer you prayers and praise, may our hearts and minds be prepared for the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.

# First Sunday of Advent



## **Say together:**

Our King and  
Savior now draws near.  
O come let us adore Him.

Light the first candle  
(traditionally lit by the  
youngest child).

## Scripture:

Sunday	Matthew 25 :1-13
Monday	Isaiah 1:16-18
Tuesday	Isaiah 60:1-3
Wednesday	Psalms 43:3-5
Thursday	Isaiah 58:6-9
Friday	1 John 2:8-11
Saturday	1 John 3:1-2

## **Collect:**

Almighty God, gives us grace  
to cast away the works of  
darkness, and to put on the  
armor of light, now in the  
time of this mortal life in  
which your Son Jesus Christ  
came to visit us in great  
humility; that in the last day,  
when he shall come again in  
glorious majesty to judge both  
the living and the dead, we  
may rise to the life immortal;  
through him who lives and  
reigns with you and the Holy  
Spirit, one God, now and  
forever. *Amen.*

## **Say or Sing:**

O come, thou Rod of Jesse's  
stem, From every foe deliver  
them, That trust thy mighty  
power to save, And give them  
victory o'er the grave.

## Second Sunday of Advent



### **Say together:**

Our King and  
Savior now draws near.  
O come let us adore Him.

Light the second candle  
(traditionally lit by the eldest  
child).

### Scripture:

Sunday	Isaiah 40:1-5
Monday	Revelation 1:7-8
Tuesday	Matthew 22:41-45
Wednesday	Hosea 11:3-4
Thursday	Psalm 130
Friday	Micah 6:6-8
Saturday	Jeremiah 14:8-9

### **Collect:**

Merciful God, who sent your messengers the prophets to preach repentance and prepare the way for our salvation: Give us grace to heed their warnings and forsake our sins, that we may greet with joy the coming of Jesus Christ our Redeemer; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. *Amen.*

### **Say or Sing:**

Come, thou long expected  
Jesus,  
Born to set thy people free;  
From our fears and sins  
release us,  
Let us find our rest in thee.

# The Third Sunday of Advent



## **Say together:**

Our King and  
Savior now draws near.  
O come let us adore Him.

Light the Third candle  
(traditionally lit by the Mother).

## Scripture:

Sunday	Isaiah 9:6-7
Monday	Isaiah 7:10-14
Tuesday	Isaiah 11:1-6
Wednesday	Isaiah 40:10-11
Thursday	Isaiah 52:7
Friday	Jeremiah 33:14-16
Saturday	Malachi 3:1-2

## **Collect:**

Stir up your power, O Lord,  
and with great might come  
among us; and because we are  
sorely hindered by our sins,  
let your bountiful grace and  
mercy speedily help and  
deliver us; through Jesus  
Christ our Lord, to whom,  
with you and the Holy Spirit,  
be honor and glory, now and  
forever. *Amen.*

## **Say or Sing:**

On Jordan's bank the Baptist's  
cry,  
Announces that the Lord is  
nigh;  
Awake and Hearken for he  
brings,  
Glad tidings of the King of  
kings.

## The Fourth Sunday of Advent



### **Say together:**

Our King and  
Savior now draws near.  
O come let us adore Him.

Light the fourth candle  
(traditionally lit by the father).

### **Scripture:**

Sunday	John 3:16-21
Monday	Luke 1:1-25
Tuesday	Luke 1:26-38
Wednesday	Luke 1:39-56

### **Collect:**

Purify our conscience,  
Almighty God, by your daily  
visitation, that your Son Jesus  
Christ, at his coming, may  
find in us a mansion prepared  
for himself; who lives and  
reigns with you, in the unity  
of the Holy Spirit, one God,  
now and forever. *Amen.*

### **Say or Sing:**

Blest be the King whose  
coming is in the name of  
God!  
For him let doors  
be opened, no hearts against  
him barred!  
Not robed in royal splendor,  
in power and pomp, comes  
he;  
But clad as are the poorest,  
such his humility.

# Christmas Eve & Christmas Day



**Say together:** O come let us  
adore Him.

Light the Christ Candle

Scripture :

John 1:1-18

**Collect for Christmas Day:**

Light the Christ Candle

Scripture :

Luke 2:1-20

**Collect for Christmas Eve:**

O God, you have caused this  
holy night to shine with the  
brightness of the true Light:  
Grant that we, who have known  
the mystery of that Light on  
earth, may also enjoy him  
perfectly in heaven; where with  
you and Holy Spirit he lives and  
reigns, one God, in glory  
everlasting. *Amen.*

Almighty God, you have  
given your only begotten Son  
to take our nature upon him,  
and to be born this day of a  
pure virgin: Grant that we,  
who have been born again  
and made your Children by  
adoption and grace, may daily  
be renewed by your Holy  
Spirit; through our Lord Jesus  
Christ, to whom with you and  
the same Spirit be honor and  
glory, now and for ever.

*Amen.*

**Say or Sing:**

Born thy people to deliver,  
Born a child, and yet a king;  
Born to reign in us forever,  
Now thy gracious kingdom bring.



## An Advent Prayer

God of light and hope,  
look upon us in love,  
and fill us with the Spirit of Jesus  
that we may love you and serve you in your kingdom.  
Protect us during this week  
and keep us watchful in prayer  
as we await the coming of our Lord, Jesus Christ,  
who is the light of the world,  
and who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,  
one God, for ever and ever.