Advent Candle Liturgy

NOVEMBER 2023
Hope

**ADVENT 1**

The Psalmist says,
"Restore us, Lord God Almighty; make your face shine on us, that we may be saved."

Psalm 80:19

In Advent, we are reminded of the generosity of God. A God who gives so freely. God speaks into our waiting and whispers take courage. His hope is ever before us.

As we light this candle, fill us with your hope anew Lord God.

ALL: Meet us here this day. Amen

The first candle is lit.

Joy

**ADVENT 3**

The Psalmist says,
"The Lord has done great things for us, and we are filled with joy."

Psalm 126:3

In Advent we are reminded of the generosity of God. A God who gives in plenty. God speaks into our lives and whispers trust in me. His joy will be our strength.

As we light this candle, strengthen us with your joy, Lord God.

ALL: Meet us here this day. Amen

The third candle is lit.

Peace

**ADVENT 2**

The Psalmist says,
"Let me hear what God the Lord will speak, for he will speak peace to his people, to his faithful, to those who turn to him in their hearts."

Psalm 85:8

In Advent we are reminded of the generosity of God. A God who gives in abundance. God speaks into our unknowns and whispers be still. His peace can quieten our storms.

As we light this candle, settle us with your peace Lord God.

ALL: Meet us here this day. Amen

The second candle is lit.

Love

**ADVENT 4**

The Psalmist says,
"I will sing of the Lord's great love forever; with my mouth I will make your faithfulness known through all generations."

Psalm 89:1

In Advent we are reminded of the generosity of God. A God who gives in extravagance. God speaks into our sorrow and whispers I am near. His love overcomes all things.

As we light this candle, make your love overflow in us, Lord God.

ALL: Meet us here this day. Amen

The fourth candle is lit.
Christmas Day

The Psalmist says, “Sing to the Lord a new song; sing to the Lord, all the earth. Sing to the Lord, praise his name; proclaim his salvation day after day. Declare his glory among the nations, his marvellous deeds among all peoples. For great is the Lord and most worthy of praise.”

Psalm 96:1-4a

At Christmas we celebrate the generosity of God. A God who sent his only Son. Rich in mercy and abounding in love, God speaks into our hearts and invites, ‘come, follow me’. His greatness knows no bounds.

As we light this candle, we celebrate, and we respond:

ALL: Here we are, Lord, all praise and thanks to you! Amen.

The Christ candle is lit.