



# Advent

## LET'S STAND & SING!

**O come, O come, Emmanuel  
And ransom captive Israel  
That mourns in lonely exile  
here until the Son of God  
appear**

**Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel  
Shall come to thee, O Israel.**

**O come, Thou Rod of Jesse, free  
thine own from Satan's tyranny  
from depths of Hell thy people  
save and give them victory o'er  
the grave**

**Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel  
Shall come to thee, O Israel.**

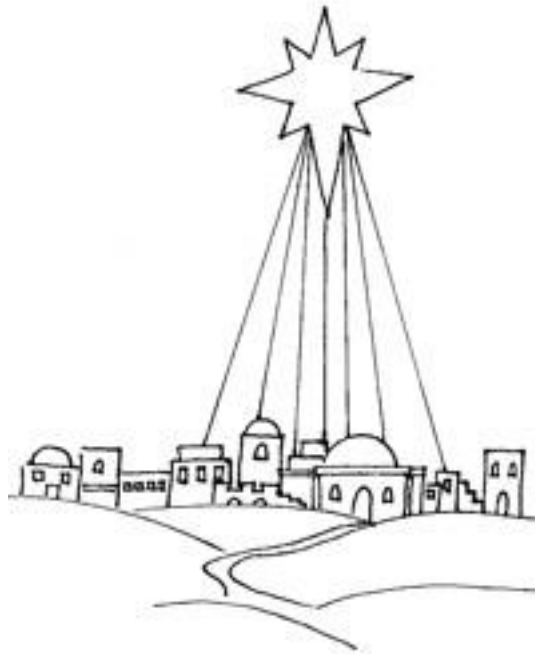
**O come, Thou Day-Spring, come  
and cheer  
Our spirits by Thine advent  
here  
Disperse the gloomy clouds of  
night  
And death's dark shadows put  
to flight.**

**Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel  
Shall come to thee, O Israel.**

# SYMBOL OF ADVENT?



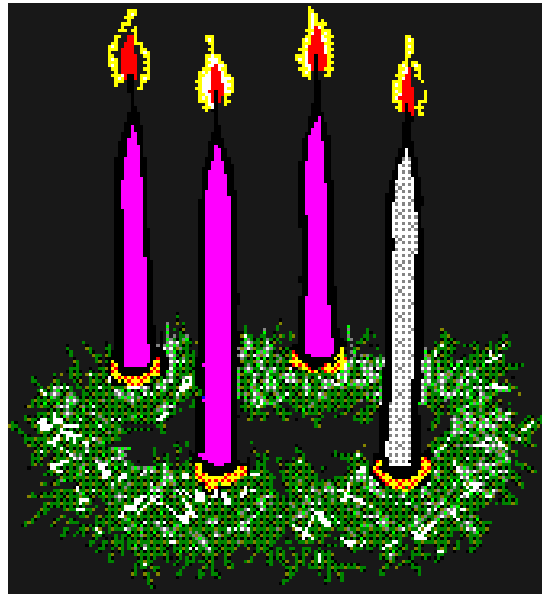
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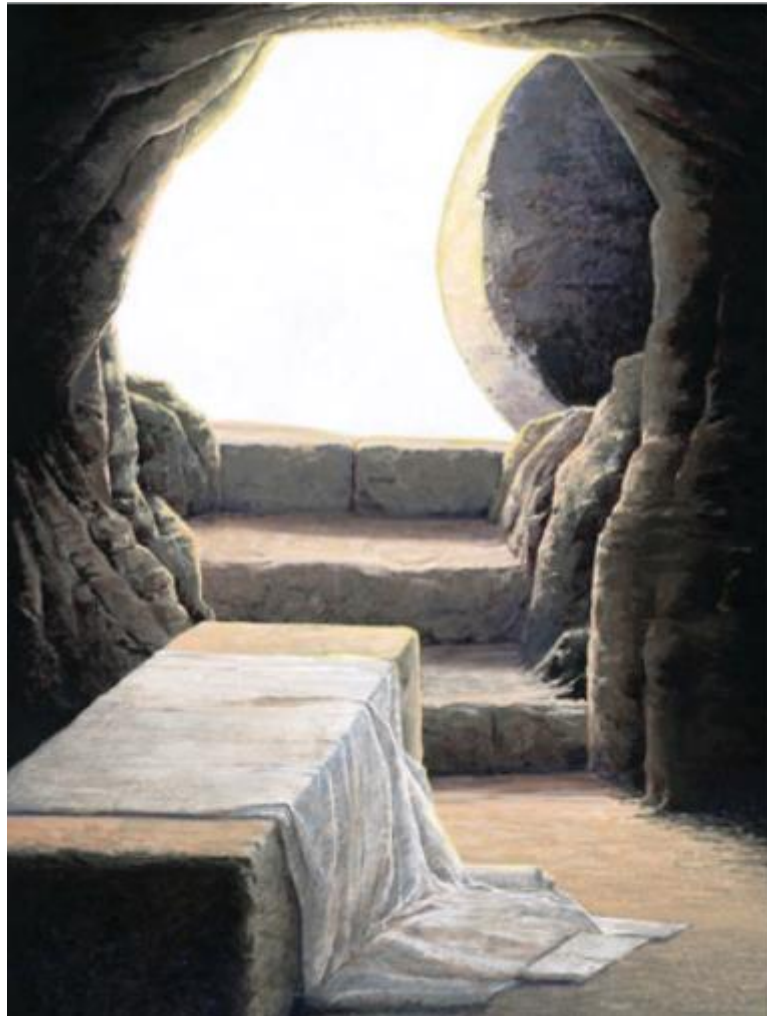


# ADVENT

Some background



# WHICH SEASON WAS FIRST CELEBRATED?



AND OVER TIME THE RITES  
DEVELOPED..





# REFLECTING ON RESURRECTION BRINGS ABOUT REFLECTION ON BIRTH



# THE CYCLE OF THE YEAR

- ◎ **The Paschal Triduum**
- ◎ **Easter Time**
- ◎ **Lent**
- ◎ **Christmas Time**
- ◎ **Advent**
- ◎ **Ordinary Time**
- ◎ **Rogation and Ember Days**

# PREPARATION SEASONS



# HOW MANY 'ADVENTS' OF CHRIST?

## **The Monastic Authors...**

◎ **Advent of History**

◎ **Advent of Mystery**

◎ **Advent of Glory**

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- ◎ **Lord Jesus, you *came* to gather the nations into the peace of God's kingdom...**
- ◎ **You *come* in word and sacrament to strengthen us in holiness...**
- ◎ **You *will come* in glory with salvation for your people...**

**SO...**

**Our response to Christ in this, his *immediate* Advent, signals how well we understand his *first* advent and how prepared we would be for his *second* one...**

# IN LITURGY – ARE WE PRETENDING?

◎ **No!**

◎ **Season by Season**

◎ **Year by Year**

◎ **We are being formed and are  
shaping our lives according to  
the pattern of Christ's life and  
love.**

# ADVENT CHARACTERS?

- ◎ **Isaiah**

- ◎ **Mary**

- Joseph
- The Angel Gabriel

- ◎ **John the Baptist**

- Elizabeth
- Zechariah

- ◎ **How can we highlight their presence?**



# ADVENT SUNDAYS

- **First Sunday of Advent** - The readings look forward to the "End Times" and the coming of the "Day of the Lord" or the "Messianic Age"; the Gospel is an excerpt from the Apocalyptic Discourse of Jesus in one of the Synoptic Gospels.
- **Second Sunday of Advent** - The Gospel readings focus on the preaching and ministry of John the Baptist as the forerunner of Jesus, the one who came to "Prepare the Way of the Lord."

# ADVENT SUNDAYS

- **Third Sunday of Advent** - The Gospel readings continue to focus on John the Baptist, while the first and second readings convey the joy that Christians feel with the increasing closeness of the incarnation and the world's salvation.
- **Fourth Sunday of Advent** - The Gospels tell of the events that immediately preceded the birth of Jesus, including the dreams and visions of Joseph and Mary of Nazareth.

# ADVENT WEEKDAYS

- Readings for the weekdays in the first three weeks, but only *up to Dec. 16*: the Gospel readings are excerpts from various chapters in Matthew and Luke; the first readings are mostly from the book of the prophet Isaiah.
- Readings for the weekdays *from Dec. 17 to Dec. 24*: the Gospel readings cover all of Matthew 1 and Luke 1, sequentially; the first readings are selected thematically from various prophetic books of the Old Testament.

# O ANTIPHONS!

The weekdays from Dec. 17 to Dec. 24 also make use of the "O Antiphons," not only during Evening Prayer in the Liturgy of the Hours, but also in the Alleluia verse before the Gospel at Mass.

December 17

O Wisdom of our God Most High, guiding creation with power and love: come to teach us the path of knowledge!

December 18

O Leader of the House of Israel, giver of the Law to Moses on Sinai: come to rescue us with your mighty power!

December 19

O Root of Jesse's stem, sign of God's love for all his people: come to save us without delay!

December 20

O Key of David, opening the gates of God's eternal Kingdom: come and free the prisoners of darkness!

December 21

O Radiant Dawn, splendour of eternal light, sun of justice: come and shine on those who dwell in darkness and in the shadow of death.

December 22

O King of all nations and keystone of the Church: come and save man, whom you formed from the dust!

December 23

O Emmanuel, our King and Giver of Law: come to save us, Lord our God!

# SOUNDS OF ADVENT

## TRADITIONAL

Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus

- Comfort, Comfort, O My People
- Creator of the Stars of Night
- Hail to the Lord's Anointed
- Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence
- Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates
- Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming
- O Come, Divine Messiah
- O Come, O Come, Emmanuel
- On Jordan's Bank the Baptist's Cry

# SOUNDS OF ADVENT

## CONTEMPORARY

- A Voice Cries Out (Michael Joncas)
- Advent Gathering (Gary Daigle)
- Advent Gathering Rite (Francis O'Brien)
- Advent Suite (John Michael Talbot)
- Advent/Christmas Gospel Acclamation (David Haas)
- Adviento (Jaime Cortez)
- Alleluia! Hurry, the Lord is Near (Ernest Sands)
- Beyond the Moon and Stars (Dan Schutte)
- By Heart: Seasonal Songs (Tony Alonso / Gabe Huck)
- Christ, Circle Round Us (Dan Schutte)
- Come, Lord Jesus (M. D. Ridge)

# ENVIRONMENT



**Lenten Violet**



**Advent Violet**



PLEASE DON'T FORGET  
GAUDETE SUNDAY!



# ADVENT WREATH



History...

Proportion...

Placement...

Candles...

# JESSE TREE, A GIVING TREE



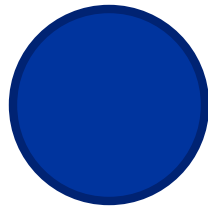
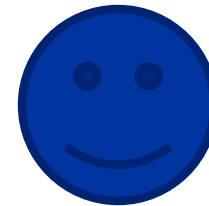
History  
Symbols  
Adaption

Advent has a two fold character, for it is a time of preparation for the Solemnities of Christmas, in which the First Coming of the Son of Man to humanity is remembered, and likewise a time when, by remembrance of this, minds and hearts are led to look forward to Christ's Second Coming at the end of time.

For these two reasons, Advent is a period of devote and expectant delight.

#39 Universal Norms - The General Calendar

# RESOURCES ONLINE



# TIME TO STRETCH!

