The Season of Advent – Ko te Wā o te Aweneti

Sunday 28 November – Friday 24 December 2021
Rātapu 28 Whiringa-ā Rangi – kit e Rāmere 24 Hakihea 2021

The four-week season of Advent is a time of prayerful and practical ways to prepare for the celebration of Our Lord's birth on Christmas Day. Christ was born to bring hope to a darkened world. During this time of the world-wide Covid-19 pandemic and all the difficulties it brings, the season of Advent offers us a new beginning and a promise of hope for better times.

I ēnei wiki e whā o te wāhanga o te Aweneti he wā mō te karakia, mō te rapu ara hoki ki te whakanui i te whānautanga mai o tō tātou Ariki hei te Rā Kirihimete. I whānau mai te Karaiti hei kaikawe i te whakapono ki tētehi ao pōuri. Na, i tēnei wā o te Mate Karauna – 19 me ōna raruraru kua pāngia ki ngā tōpito o te ao, hēoi ka hau mai te wāhanga o te Aweneti ki a mātou, he tīmatanga hōu, he mea tūmanako kia piki anō te ora ki a mātou.

SUNDAY 28 NOVEMBER
1st Sunday of Advent
"May the LORD make you increase and abound in love for one another and for all, just as we have for you."
1 THESSALONIANS 3: 12

MONDAY 29 NOVEMBER
"In days to come, the mountain of the LORD's house shall be established as the highest mountain and raised above the hills. All nations shall stream towards it."
ISAIAH 2: 2

TUESDAY 30 NOVEMBER
"Come after me, says the Lord, and I will make you fishers of men."
MATTHEW 4: 19

WEDNESDAY 1 DECEMBER
"Only goodness and kindness follow me all the days of my life; And I shall dwell in the house of the LORD for years to come."
PSALM 23: 6

THURSDAY 2 DECEMBER
"Blessed is he who comes in the name of the LORD."
PSALM 118: 26

FRIDAY 3 DECEMBER
"The LORD is my light and my salvation. I seek to dwell in the house of the LORD all the days of my life."
PSALM 27: 1, 4

SATURDAY 4 DECEMBER
"The LORD will give you the bread you need and the water for which you thirst."
ISAIAH 30: 20

SUNDAY 5 DECEMBER
2nd Sunday of Advent
"The LORD has done great things for us; we are filled with joy."
PSALM 126: 3

MONDAY 6 DECEMBER
"Kindness and truth shall meet; justice and peace shall kiss. Truth shall spring out of the earth, and justice shall look down from heaven."
PSALM 85: 11-12

TUESDAY 7 DECEMBER
"Like a shepherd he feeds his flock; in his arms he gathers the lambs, carrying them in his bosom, and leading the ewes with care."
ISAIAH 40: 11

WEDNESDAY 8 DECEMBER
"Hail, Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with you; blessed are you among women."
LUKE 1: 28

THURSDAY 9 DECEMBER
"Let the clouds rain down the Just One, and the earth bring forth a Saviour."
ISAIAH 45: 8

FRIDAY 10 DECEMBER
"The LORD will come; go out to meet him! He is the prince of peace."
PSALM 1

SATURDAY 11 DECEMBER
"Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight his paths."
LUKE 3: 4

SUNDAY 12 DECEMBER
3rd Sunday of Advent
"Shout for joy, O daughter Zion!"
ZEPHANIAH 3: 14

MONDAY 13 DECEMBER
Show me your ways, O LORD; teach me your paths.
PSALM 25:4

TUESDAY 14 DECEMBER
"The Lord hears the cry of the poor. I will bless the LORD at all times."
PSALM 34: 7

WEDNESDAY 15 DECEMBER
"Raise your voice and tell the Good News: Behold, the Lord GOD comes with power."
ISAIAH 40: 9-10

THURSDAY 16 DECEMBER
"My love shall never leave you nor my covenant of peace be shaken, says the LORD."
ISAIAH 54: 10

FRIDAY 17 DECEMBER
"Justice shall flourish in his time, and fullness of peace for ever. The mountains shall yield bounty for the people, and the hills great abundance."
PSALM 72: 2-3

SATURDAY 18 DECEMBER
"Behold, the virgin shall be with child and bear a son, and they shall name him Emmanuel, which means 'God is with us'."
MATTHEW 1: 23

SUNDAY 19 DECEMBER
4th Sunday of Advent
"Behold, I am the handmaid of the Lord. May it be done to me according to your word."
LUKE 1:38

MONDAY 20 DECEMBER
"The angel said to her, 'Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favour with God. Behold, you will conceive in your womb in your womb and bear a son, and you shall name him Jesus'."
LUKE 1: 30, 31

TUESDAY 21 DECEMBER
"Sing joyfully, O Israel! Be glad and exult with all your heart, O daughter Jerusalem!"
ZEPHANIAH 3: 14,

WEDNESDAY 22 DECEMBER
"Mary said: My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord; my spirit rejoices in God my saviour. For he has looked upon his lowly servant. From this day all generations will call me blessed: the Almighty has done great things for me, and holy is his Name."
LUKE 1: 46-49

THURSDAY 23 DECEMBER
"Thus says the Lord GOD: I am sending my messenger to prepare the way before me."
MALACHI 3: 1

FRIDAY 24 DECEMBER
"Blessed be the Lord, the God of Israel; for he has come to his people and set them free."
LUKE 1: 68

Details of stained-glass windows, Cathedral of the Holy Spirit, Palmerston North.
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