



Zoom Advent Wreath Making Party Prayer:

Holy God, Bless all of us here on Zoom and in our homes. What a special time to connect with each other as we practice our faith and make our traditional Advent Wreaths. Help us understand the true meaning of Advent; a time to prepare for the birth of Jesus. Help us use the four weeks of Advent as precious time to rest and find peace; to leave behind the stress we're feeling right now and fill our lives with hope, peace, joy, and love. Help us see that the gift of Hope is wrapped in swaddling clothes and laid in a manger. And prepare our hearts to ensure there is "room at the inn" where baby Jesus is born. In Jesus' name. **Amen**

*Zoom Advent Wreath Party will be on **Sunday, November 21st @ Noon**. Links and recordings can be found at www.neighborhoodparish.org.*

Advent @ Home - 1st Sunday of Advent (November 28, 2021)

Reader: "The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who lived in a land of deep darkness -- on them light has shined... For a child has been born for us, a son given to us; authority rests upon his shoulders; and he is named Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace."
(Isaiah 9:2, 6)

Reader: Today we remember the prophets of old, who demanded to be heard, who dared to speak of a child to come, unexpected liberator of the people, vulnerable incarnation of the Holiest of Holies, a new name for God.

People: **Today we give thanks for the prophets among us, who bring to us surprising new visions of hope, who challenge us to think outside the box, who show us a future we never anticipated.**

Reader: On this first Sunday of Advent, we light this candle as a symbol of the prophets who renew our faith and remind us of what may be.
(Light a purple or blue candle.)

Hymn: "O come, O come, Emmanuel" Hymn 56, vss. 1-2

O come, O come, Emmanuel, and ransom captive Israel;
that mourns in lonely exile here until the Son of God appear.

Refrain: Re-joyce! Re-joyce! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel!

O come, thou Wisdom from on high, who orderest all things mightily;
to us the path of knowledge show, and teach us in her ways to go.

Refrain: Re-joyce! Re-joyce! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel!



Advent @ Home - 2nd Sunday of Advent (December 5, 2021)

Reader: "In that region there were shepherds living in the fields, keeping watch over their flock by night. Then an angel of the Lord stood before them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. But the angel said to them, 'Do not be afraid; for see--I am bringing you good news of great joy for all the people'" (Luke 2:8-10).

Reader: Today we remember the shepherds, workers for the common good, steadfast watchmen isolated and alone, far from the warmth of home, doing the job no one wants. And yet God saw them, God valued them, and God declared the greatest news of all to them alone.

People: Today we give thanks for the shepherds among us, back-breaking laborers on whom our economy stands, those we overlook or rarely see, yet rely on for our very survival, the ones who have much to teach us about watching for God in the darkness.

Reader: On this second Sunday of Advent, we light the second candle as a symbol of the shepherds, agents of the gospel and redeemers of the world.
(Light 2 purple or blue candles.)

Hymn: "O come, O come, Emmanuel" Hymn 56, vss. 3-4

O come, O come, thou Lord of might, who to thy Tribes on Sinai's height...
in ancient times didst give the law, in cloud, and majesty, and awe.

Refrain: Re-joyce! Re-joyce! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel!

O come, thou Branch of Jesse's tree, free them from Satan's tyranny t
hat trust thy mighty power to save, and give them victory o'er the grave.

Refrain: Re-joyce! Re-joyce! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel!



Advent @ Home - 3rd Sunday of Advent (December 12, 2021)

Reader: "And Mary said, 'My soul magnifies the Lord, and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior, for he has looked with favor on the lowliness of his servant. Surely, from now on all generations will call me blessed; for the Mighty One has done great things for me, and holy is his name'"
(Luke 1:46-49).

Reader: Today we remember Mary, innocent and powerful, sacred and scared, worried and waiting as the Savior of all grows in her womb. She sings boldly when she might be meek; she bears her role in history with the confidence of a warrior; she is the beginning of a mighty revolution as the proud are brought down and the lowly lifted up.

People: Today we give thanks for the Marys among us, who step out of the roles society has planned; unintended pioneers determined to do as God asks; fearless and fearfully stepping out in faith, and beckoning us to do the same.

Reader: On this third Sunday of Advent, we light this candle as a symbol of Mary, mother of God, bearer of the Way.
(Light 2 purple or blue candles and a rose candle.)

Hymn: "O come, O come, Emmanuel" Hymn 56, vss. 5-6

O come, thou Key of David, come, and open wide our heavenly home;
make safe the way that leads on high, and close the path to misery.

Refrain: Re-joice! Re-joice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel!

O come, thou Day spring from on high, and cheer us by thy drawing nigh;
disperse the gloomy clouds of night, and death's dark shadow put to flight.

Refrain: Re-joice! Re-joice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel!



Advent @ Home - 4th Sunday of Advent (December 19, 2021)

Reader: "In those days a decree went out from Emperor Augustus that all the world should be registered. All went to their own towns to be registered. Joseph also went from the town of Nazareth in Galilee to Judea, to the city of David called Bethlehem, because he was descended from the house and family of David"
(Luke 2:1,3-4).

Reader: Today we remember Joseph, worn-out traveler and worried husband, doing what was necessary for the sake of his family, the burden of poverty stifling his hope in the promise of God. There was no room for him, yet he knows to whom he belongs.

People: Today we give thanks for the Josephs among us, migrating far from home when there is no choice, fiercely devoted to the ones they love, unwavering in their belief that there is room for all in the kin-dom of God.

Reader: On this fourth Sunday of Advent, we light this candle as a symbol of Joseph, who knocks at the door, ready to take his place among royalty.
(Light 3 purple or blue candles and a rose candle.)

Hymn: "O come, O come, Emmanuel" Hymn 56, vss. 7-8

O come, Desire of nations, bind in one the hearts of all mankind;
bid thou our sad divisions cease, and be thyself our King of Peace.

Refrain: Re-joyce! Re-joyce! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel!

O come, O Come, Emmanuel, and ransom captive Israel,
that mourns in lonely exile here until the Son of God appear.

Refrain: Re-joyce! Re-joyce! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel!