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Advent  
Week 2

# Western Roman Church Calendar



*Adventus – “arrival”*



# Advent

## Week 1



# God has Plans



# Three Focuses



Arrival in  
Bethlehem

Arrival in  
your life

Arrival to  
come





# Advent Weeks 1 & 2

# A Liturgy at Advent “Awe and Wonder”

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*When you see*

*“>Response:” the congregation can recite together.]*

Blessed

is he who comes in the name of the Lord,

Hosanna, Hosanna!

>Response: O come, all ye faithful!

Bless the Lord, O my soul  
and all that is within me, bless His holy name.  
**>Response: O come, all ye faithful!**

You are my God, and I will give thanks to you;  
you are my God; I will extol you.

**>Response: O come, all ye faithful! Joyful and triumphant!**

O give thanks to the LORD,  
for he is good; for his steadfast love endures forever!  
**>Response: O Come, O come, all ye citizens of Israel!**

Let Israel say, "His steadfast love endures forever."

Let those who fear the LORD say,  
"His steadfast love endures forever."

**>Response: His steadfast love endures forever!**

The LORD is my strength and my song;  
he has become my salvation.

Glad songs of salvation are in the tents of the righteous.

**>Response: O come, let us praise Him, O come, let us praise!**

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord,

**>Response: Hosanna! Hosanna!**

Our help is in the name of the Lord.

>**Response: He alone can save us. To Him we will give glory!**

Isaiah 6:1-7

The people who walked in darkness

have seen a great light;

Upon those who lived in a land of gloom

a light has shone.

You have brought them abundant joy

and great rejoicing;

They rejoice before you as people rejoice at harvest,

as they exult when dividing the spoils.

For the yoke that burdened them,  
the pole on their shoulder, The rod of their taskmaster,  
you have smashed, as on the day of Midian.  
For every boot that tramped in battle,  
every cloak rolled in blood, will be burned as fuel for fire.  
For a child is born to us, a son is given to us;  
upon his shoulder dominion rests. They name him  
Wonder-Counselor, God-Hero, Father-Forever, Prince of Peace.  
His dominion is vast and forever peaceful, Upon David's throne,  
and over his kingdom, which he confirms and sustains  
By judgment and justice, both now and forever.  
The zeal of the LORD of hosts will do this!

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

>**Response: Thanks be to God.**

Prayer:

Lord our God,

we praise you for your Son, Jesus Christ:  
he is Emmanuel, the hope of the peoples,  
he is the wisdom that teaches and guides us,  
he is the Savior of every nation.

Lord God,

Let your blessing come upon us  
as we light the candles of this wreath. May the wreath and its  
light be a sign of Christ's promise of bringing salvation.

May he come quickly and not delay.

We ask this through Christ our Lord.

>Response: Amen.

*Our Deliverer is coming!*

O come, desire of nations, Bind in one the hearts of humankind;  
bid ev'ry sad division cease and be thyself our Prince of peace.  
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel, shall come to thee, O Israel.

## I. The Prophets' Candle

The first candle of Advent is the Prophets' Candle. It symbolizes HOPE as Israel waited patiently for the coming Messiah. The prophets foretold the promises of a coming savior while Israel waited expectantly for the signs to be shown, believing that one day, the Messiah would come.

**>Response: O come, Thou long expected Jesus.  
/Light the Candle/**

Hear the Word of the Lord.

>Response: His Word endures forever!

**Micah 5:2** “But you, Bethlehem, though you are small among the clans of Judah, out of you will come for me one who will be ruler over Israel, whose origins are from of old, from ancient times.”

3 Therefore Israel will be abandoned until the time when she who is in labor bears a son, and the rest of his brothers return to join the Israelites. 4 He will stand and shepherd his flock in the strength of the LORD, in the majesty of the name of the LORD his God. And they will live securely, for then his greatness will reach to the ends of the earth.

5 And he will be our peace when the enemies invade our land and march through our fortresses. We will raise against them seven shepherds, even eight commanders,

## **Isaiah 40**

1 Comfort, comfort my people, says your God.

2 Speak tenderly to Jerusalem,

and cry to her

that her warfare is ended,

that her iniquity is pardoned,

that she has received from the Lord's hand

double for all her sins.

3 A voice cries: “In the wilderness prepare the way of the Lord;  
make straight in the desert a highway for our God.

4 Every valley shall be lifted up,  
and every mountain and hill be made low;  
the uneven ground shall become level,  
and the rough places a plain.

5 And the glory of the Lord shall be revealed,  
and all flesh shall see it together,  
for the mouth of the Lord has spoken.”

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

>**Response: Praise be to God as our hearts wait on Thee.**

## **II. The Angels' Candle**

The second Advent lighting is the Angels' Candle representing peace.

This sentiment is echoed in the angels' joyous strain.

>**Response:** Let us always hear your good news.  
/Light the Candle/

Hear the Word of the Lord.

>**Response: Our joy is complete as we receive your peace.**

**Luke 2:13**

13 And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude  
of the heavenly host praising God and saying,

14 “Glory to God in the highest,  
and on earth peace among those with whom he is pleased,  
And may goodwill extend to mankind!”

>**Response: We join the angels in giving glory to God,  
We receive His peace as we reside on earth and may we show  
kindness to those around us.**

**Isaiah 9:6** For to us a child is born, to us a son is given, and the government will be on his shoulders. And he will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

**>Response:** Praise be to God as our hearts wait on Thee.

## Responsive Reading:

Leader: O little town of Bethlehem, how still we see thee lie;  
above thy deep and dreamless sleep the silent stars go by.

>**Response**: Yet in thy dark streets shineth, the everlasting light;  
**the hopes and fears of all the years are met in thee tonight.**

Leader: For Christ is born of Mary, and gathered all above,  
while mortals sleep, the angels keep their watch of  
wondering love.

>**Response**: O morning stars together, proclaim the holy birth,  
**and praises sing to God the King, & peace to all on earth! Amen!**

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A photograph showing a row of wrapped gifts. In the foreground, there are three visible: a pink gift, a white gift, and a purple gift. Each gift is tied with a dark ribbon and has a small sprig of greenery with red berries tucked into the corner. The background is dark with warm, out-of-focus lights.

Pièce



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A photograph showing a row of four cylindrical pillows in purple, pink, white, and light blue. A small sprig of Christmas tree with red berries sits atop the white pillow. The background is dark with warm, glowing lights.

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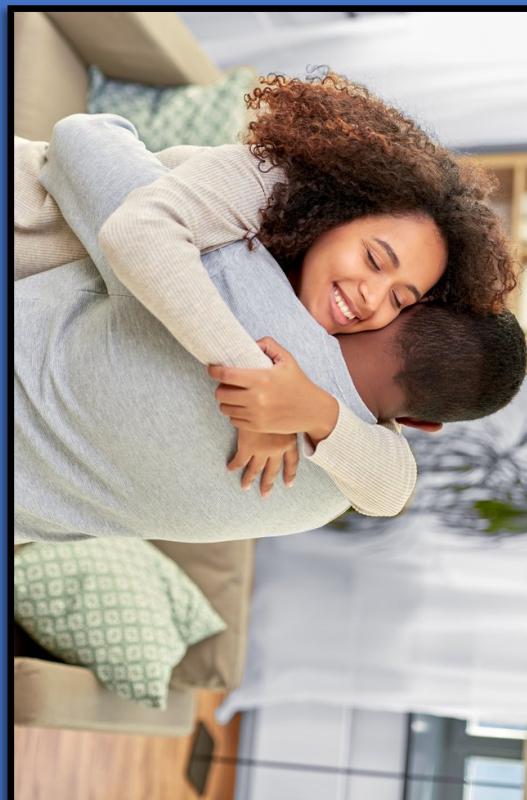
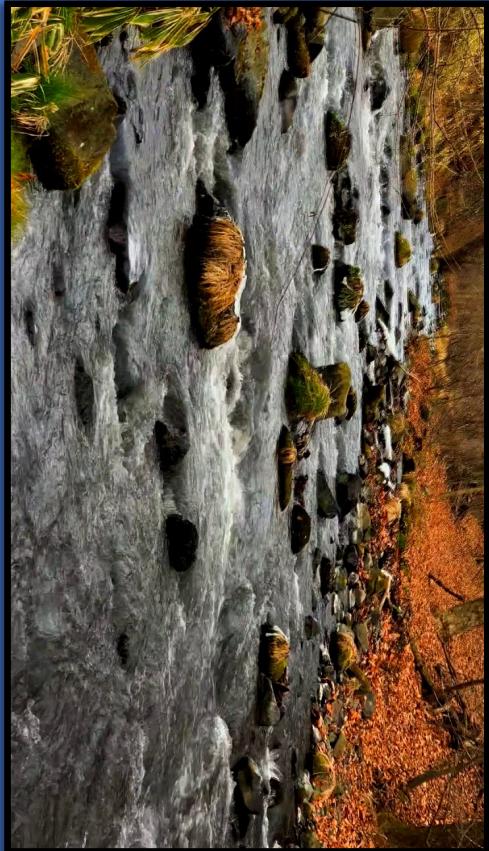
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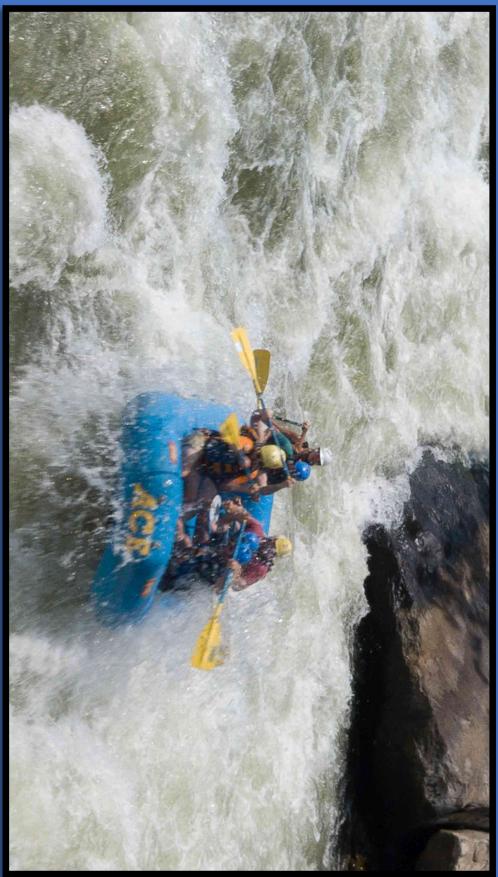
A state Of tranquillity

Or quiet; harmony

Hakuna Matata;

No Worries





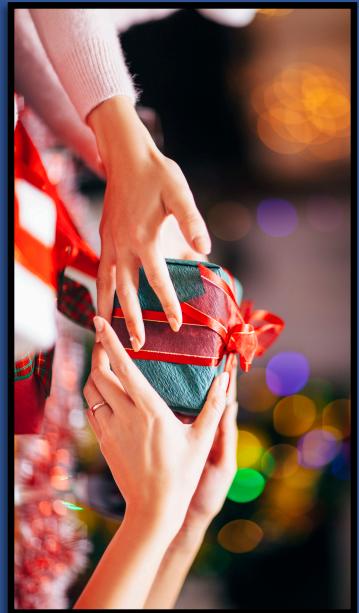
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Being Pleasing to God



TRUST/FAITH  
in God

Bring peace  
to others

PRAYER



**Matthew 8:23-27** 23 And when he got into the boat, his disciples followed him. 24 And behold, there arose a great storm on the sea, so that the boat was being swamped by the waves; but he was asleep. 25 And they went and woke him, saying, “Save us, Lord; we are perishing.” 26 And he said to them, “Why are you afraid, O you of little faith?” Then he rose and rebuked the winds and the sea, and there was a great calm. 27 And the men marveled, saying, “What sort of man is this, that even winds and sea obey him?”

Trust God in every situation

**Romans 8:5-8** <sup>5</sup> For those who live according to the flesh set their minds on the things of the flesh, but those who live according to the Spirit set their minds on the things of the Spirit. <sup>6</sup> For to set the mind on the flesh is death, but to set the mind on the Spirit is life and peace. <sup>7</sup> For the mind that is set on the flesh is hostile to God, for it does not submit to God's law; indeed, it cannot. <sup>8</sup> Those who are in the flesh cannot please God.

**Walk by faith and not by sight**

**Isaiah 9:6** <sup>6</sup> For to us a child is born, to us a son is given; and  
the government shall be upon his shoulder, and his name  
shall be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God,  
Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.

In whose government do you reside?

The Kingdom of God!

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**Matthew 5:9** <sup>9</sup> “Blessed are the **peacemakers**, for they shall be called sons of God.

**Matthew 28:19-20** <sup>19</sup> “**Go** therefore and **make disciples** of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, <sup>20</sup> teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age.”

**Ezra 7:10** <sup>10</sup> “For Ezra had set his heart to **study** the Law of the LORD, and to **do it and to teach** his statutes and rules in Israel.

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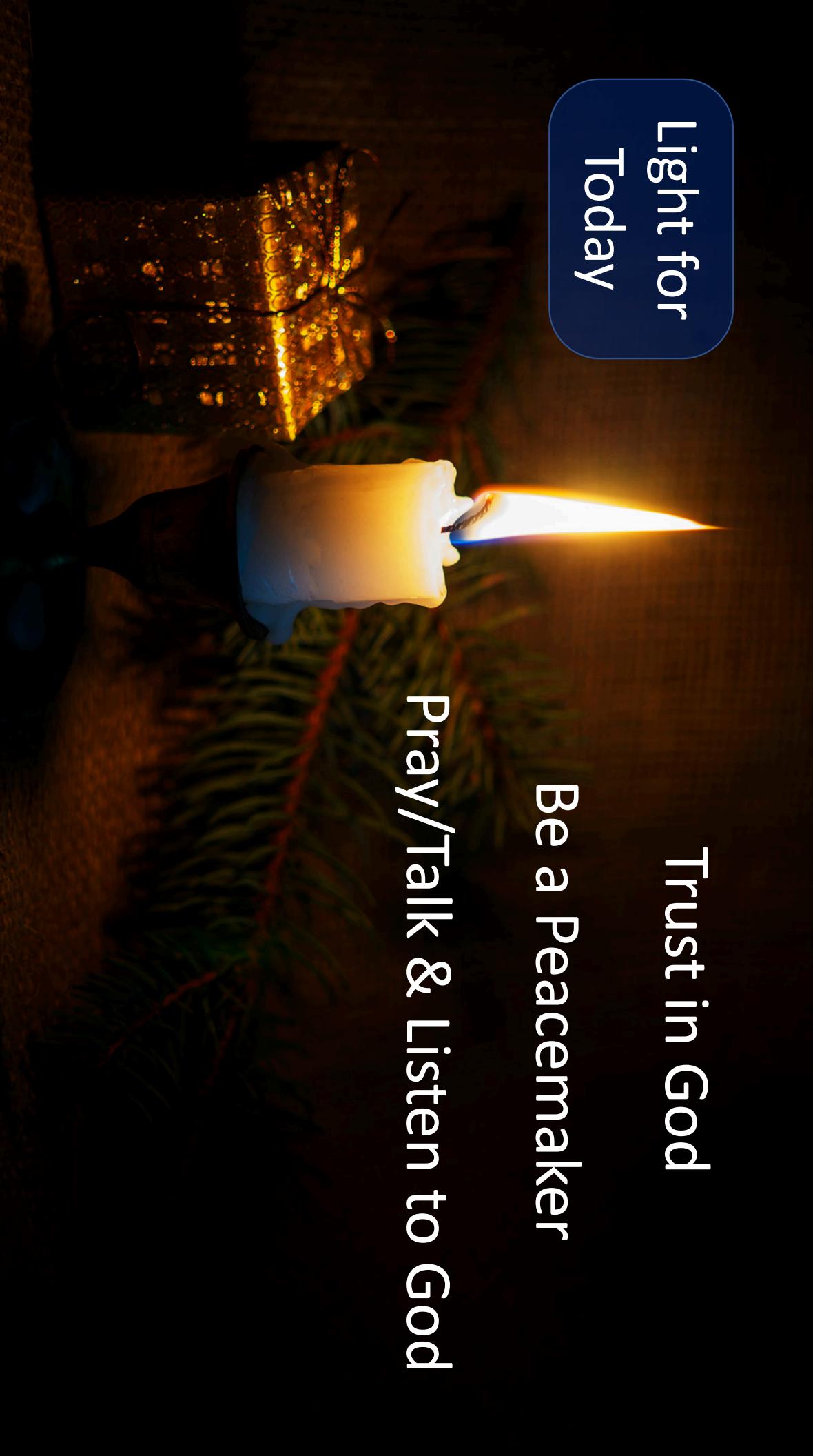


**Philippians 4:6-8** <sup>6</sup> do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. <sup>7</sup> And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

<sup>8</sup> Finally, brothers, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence, if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things.

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A photograph of a person's hand holding a lit tealight candle. The candle is held horizontally, with its flame pointing towards the right side of the frame. In the background, a Christmas tree is visible, decorated with several gold-colored, reflective ornaments. The lighting is low, creating a warm, intimate atmosphere.

Light for  
Today

Trust in God

Be a Peacemaker

Pray/Talk & Listen to God