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God of hope, make us an Advent people,
preparing the way for life
in all its fullness.





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- https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=O_DxNpW1kHQ
- Let There Be Peace On Earth



*We pray for
peace ...*

- For people who wait in darkness.
- May all find consolation and discover a new heart of peace.

We pray for peace ...

- For people torn apart in war.
- May every country find peace in this new season of grace.





**Prepare
The Way Of The Lord
Advent Song**

- <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=gpdfylKhkIA>

ADVENT 2023

**Sunday Dec 3, 2023 –
Sunday Dec 24, 2023**

Advent is a period lasting four Sundays preparing for the birth of Jesus. The First Sunday of Advent marks the beginning of the Liturgical Year. The circle of the wreath reminds us of God, His eternity and endless mercy, which has no beginning and no end. The green of the wreath speaks of the hope we have in God, the hope of renewal and eternal life. The four candles represent the period of waiting during the four Sundays. The four Advent themes are **HOPE, PEACE, JOY, LOVE**. The white candle in the middle celebrates the birth of Jesus.





HOW TO MAKE AN ADVENT WREATH

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- https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=_cun0kJLLe4

BLESSING OF THE ADVENT WREATH

*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 to bring us salvation.*

*May He come quickly and not delay.
We ask this through Christ our Lord,
Amen.*

<http://litmus.dublindiocese.ie/2011/12/blessing-of-an-advent-wreath/>

Advent Calendar

- <https://cafod.org.uk/Education/Families/Family-Advent-Calendar>
- <https://www.catholicbishops.ie/adventcalendar/>
- [Children's Advent Calendar | Loyola Press](#)



A person wearing a grey knit hat with a red pom-pom and a dark jacket is seen from behind, looking towards a display of colorful bokeh lights at night. The lights are out of focus, creating a soft, glowing effect in various colors including red, blue, green, yellow, and orange. The background is dark, suggesting an outdoor night setting.

**WE GATHER
TO PRAY
IN ADVENT**

Join us for Advent Space for Grace

Online 13:20-13:40
December 6th, 13th & 20th 2023

Zoom Link sent by email to
communities

“Pilgrims with Hope”



“Oilitheoirí Dóchasacha”

Hosted by The Loreto Education Trust, The
Spiritian Education Trust, Le Chéile Schools
Trust, Marino Institute of Education, CEIST &
The Dublin Diocese

JOURNEYING TO CHRISTMAS TOGETHER



ADVENT MUSIC

- **Prepare the Way of the Lord**

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Ujldm5ft5c>

- **Wait for the Lord (Taizé)** - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=s7GexlvX8HU>

- **Advent Song: Waiting for Christmas** -

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=sp6OWxt2Rew>

- **O Come, O Come Emmanuel** -

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7xtpJ4Q_Q-4

- **Waiting in Silence** -

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=bg8XCxUtKec&list=PLArBI9pWmlwkjKXX5OWuyGOyrMVNjR5dZ>

- **Immanuel** -

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=iE_tuMpIOho&list=PLArBI9pWmlwkjKXX5OWuyGOyrMVNjR5dZ&index=2

Advent Themes

1st Week: Hope

2nd Week : Peace

3rd Week: Joy (rose-coloured candle)

4th Week: Love

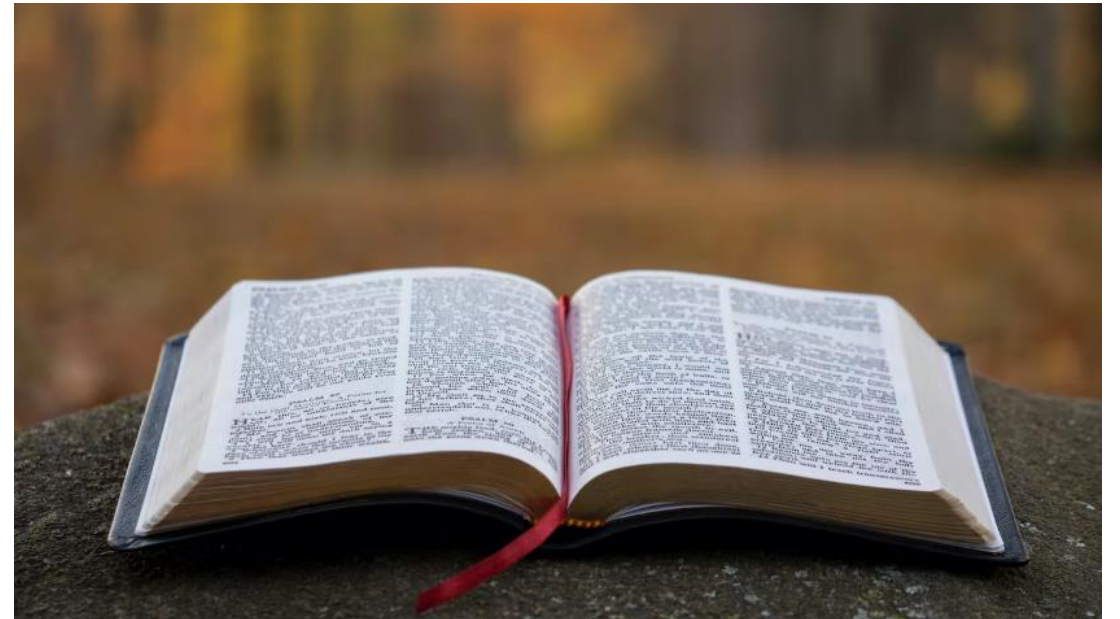
The Jesse Tree

- https://www.loyolapress.com/catholic-resources/liturgical-year/advent/the-jesse-tree/utm_campaign=advent2021
- <https://www.faithward.org/jesse-tree/>



Readings in Advent

- <https://universalis.com/20231203/mass.htm>
- *The people walking in darkness have seen a great light;
on those living in the land of deep darkness
a light has dawned. (Isaiah 9)*



Art and Theology: Advent in Art

- <https://artandtheology.org/tag/advent/>
- *Revitalizing the Christian imagination through painting, poetry, music ...*



O ANTIPHONS



- O Wisdom - December 17
- O Adonai - December 18
- O Flower of Jesse's Stem - December 19
- O Key of David - December 20
- O Radiant Dawn - December 21
- O King of all Nations - December 22
- O Emmanuel - December 23
- https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=hhK_SjfMDX4

- The "O Antiphons" traditionally sung during the last week before Christmas (December 17-23), are more than a thousand years old.
- The traditional Advent hymn, "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel" is probably the most popular and well known way of remembering some of those antiphons.
- They are called the "O Antiphons" simply because each begins with the word, "O" Originally used in monastic vespers during the last seven days before Christmas; gradually they came into use in the whole church.

Advent prayer resources

- <https://www.thinkingfaith.org/articles/four-weeks-christmas-people-and-places-scriptures>
- <https://cafod.org.uk/Pray/Prayer-resources/Advent-family-prayer-ideas>
- <https://onlineministries.creighton.edu/CollaborativeMinistry/Advent/>
- Star of Wonder: Pilgrimage of Peace | Advent 2023:
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Buxa-IsRaHM>
- Advent Examen:
<https://www.ignatianspirituality.com/advent-examen/>



Isaiah 11

The Spirit of the Lord
will rest on him -
the Spirit of wisdom
and of understanding ...



Behold This Newborn Child – Joyce Rupp

- Each time a child is born,
particularly after a grandparent dies,
we sense that life goes on.
All is not lost.
There is a deep resilience,
stronger than the grasp of death.
- The babe is lifted high
toward the welcoming stars,
a young life
with just a kernel of ripening,
a new resident
in the heart of existence.
- All those gathered proclaim:
- “Behold, behold, this new born one!
Let us nurture and keep alive
the sacred mystery of hope
hallowed in this young one’s heart.
We sow our dreams of a future
in this freshly birthed being.
We give our loving promise
to guide and guard this child.
Always we will remember
our oneness in the dancing cosmos.”

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- The stars say not a word.
They bow in reverence
to this creature,
whose adult hands will hold
power enough
to blow up a planet,
or seed a waiting garden.
 - The stars smile,
for they too have hope,
and night
turns toward the dawn.



...Tidings of
Peace to One
and All



- <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=M-sitqZKceA>
- Loreto College, Cavan.
- Christmas Carol: *In the Stillness of Winter*

Deora Dé -
Burnchurch /
Na Casaidigh
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For those missing loved ones
as we prepare for Christmas ...

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Y6HJmNqfUXA>

Concluding Prayer

Loving God, we give you thanks for the blessings of this holy Advent season as we wait in faith, hope, love and joy.

We look forward to the coming of the light of Christ at Christmas.

At times of challenge, help us to turn towards that light in our lives.

May we be people of peace and justice all the days of our lives. Amen.





SILENT NIGHT

- <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=fGixK2wRLL0>

As we look forward to Christmas,
we end with *Silent Night*
sung by Loreto College,
St Stephen's Green, Dublin.