

# Advent Readings

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## 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Advent

### With Hope, We Come

Theme: Hope/Longing

Jesus Christ, our Messiah and long expected King, rule in our hearts.

*With hope, we come.*

Jesus Christ, Lord of our Salvation, set the world right.

*With hope, we come.*

Jesus Christ, the Word, the breath, and the flesh of God, repair the dislocated and broken.

*With hope, we come.*

Jesus Christ, hope of the earth and joy of every heart, hear the spoken, unspoken, whispers and shouts of longing, desire, and great need.

*With hope, we come.*

Jesus Christ, our healer and deliverer, release the shackled, redeem the oppressed, draw near to the afflicted, and restore the sick.

*With hope, we come.*

Our souls yearn for the arrival of our Messiah. Our souls ache for the coming of our Lord.

When all seems lost, we will wait for the dawn.

When all other lights have been extinguished, we will wait for the dawn.

*With hope, we come.*

## 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Advent

### Prince of Peace Come and Reign

Theme: Peace/Light

Behold, the people walking in darkness have seen a great light, on those living in the land of deep darkness, a light has dawned.

*Immanuel, God is with us.*

Light of the world, disperse the shadows and fill us with the light of day.

*Immanuel, God is with us.*

Prince of Peace, come and reign in our world. Where conflict, discord, and violence have had the final say, Prince of Peace let your rule and triumph be known.

*Immanuel, God is with us.*

Prince of Peace, come and reign in our hearts. Where confusion, deceit, pain, and heartache linger, let every mournful heart rejoice and sing,

Immanuel, God is with us.

Almighty God, Creator, and Sustainer of our lives. We entrust our living and breathing to You.

*Immanuel, God is with us.*

Everlasting Father, be near to the wounded, downcast, and weary.

*Immanuel, God is with us.*

Wonderful Counselor, healer of our souls we turn to You again.

*Immanuel, God is with us.*

# 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Advent

Theme: Joy

A voice echoes in the wilderness, "Prepare ye the way of the Lord, prepare ye the way of the Lord!" A new light has dawned.

Hallelujah! Our Messiah has come!

Our Lord, Saviour of the world, our Rescuer, our Gladdening Light, He is coming, and He is here.

Hallelujah! Our Messiah has come!

God enters our world in the way of weakness and humility. A light to light up the whole world! A Saviour to embrace our wayward hearts. The One who made us has come to live among us.

Hallelujah! Our Messiah has come!

He will save the people from their sins and He will set prisoners free.

Hallelujah! Our Messiah has come!

He will defeat the shadows of darkness. He will redeem the lost.

Hallelujah! Our Messiah has come!

He will raise up the humble. He will bind up the wounds of the brokenhearted.

Hallelujah! Our Messiah has come!

Jesus Christ, bringer of God's great mercy and justice. Jesus Christ, victor over the grave.

Hallelujah! Our Messiah has come!

He will make all things new. All hope is not lost. All hope is not lost. All hope is not lost.

Hallelujah! Our Messiah has come!

# 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Advent

Theme: Love

Tonight, under a quiet sky, the Savior of the World has been born. In a manger, lowly and humble, the Lord of the Universe lays. God is with us: in flesh, bone, and an infant's cry.

*Joy to the world! The Lord has come!*

His name is Jesus and He has come to rescue the lost. His name is Jesus and He has come to set the captives free. His name is Jesus and He has come to make all things new.

*Joy to the world! The Lord has come!*

At the name of Jesus nations will bow. At the name of Jesus the broken shall be made whole. At the name of Jesus the blind shall see. Let every sorrowful heart rejoice:

*Joy to the world! The Lord has come!*

In a dusty stable lays the infant Messiah. Yes, God's unrelenting love and great mercy continues to pursue His people. With meekness and majesty God has come to dwell among His people.

*Joy to the world! The Lord has come!*

He has come to defeat the darkness. He has come to defeat death. He has come to reign and He has come to set all things right.

*Joy to the world! The Lord has come!*

So lift up your faces towards the dawn. A new light presses into our world. Arise to meet your maker. Arise to meet your king.

*Joy to the world! The Lord has come!*