



**BREAK IN
O COMING ONE**

make all things well

St. B's Advent 2021

Break in, O Coming one.
Sometimes we cannot tell
that You will make all well

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Behold. Look what love can do Behold. He's making all things new

Taylor Leonhardt, *Behold*, recorded by Mission House

A few thoughts for an Advent that creates space for Jesus, the Coming One, to break-in:

1. **Make your Advent wreath.** Instructions are included in the kit. Berries, pine cones, or magnolia leaves can be a nice addition to your wreath. Spritz your wreath with water every week to help it last.
2. **Set a time** during the week to pray around the advent wreath. Have this booklet handy. Give yourselves about 15 minutes to pray and reflect together. You can pray it once a week, every day, or somewhere in between.
3. Though now famous for reindeers, chimneys, and a red suit, jolly ol' St. Nick was originally known for **almsgiving** — giving to the poor. So as we select gifts for friends and family, let's remember the poor. Find suggested ways to care for the poor for each week of Advent
4. The **St. B's Daily** contains other readings and reflections for Advent. The email is sent Mondays through Saturday at 5 am. This Advent the reflections will be part of a global advent calendar. Learn more at www.adventword.org
If you would like to receive the St. B's Daily, please email churchoffice@stbs.net.
5. Other ways to pray with others this season. **Morning Prayer** will continue to be offered on Facebook Live at 8:30 a.m. **Compline** will return for Advent at 9 p.m. and will begin with the lighting of the advent wreath.
6. Advent **playlists** are back again this year. We have curated one for every week of Advent. Look for our Christmastide one later in December.

The Advent Wreath

The Advent Wreath consists of a circle of evergreens, into which four candles are placed. The circle signifies eternity with no beginning and no end and reminds us of the Eternal God whose loving arms enfold us. The greenery signifies on-going life, and the growth towards perfection which is possible for us through Jesus Christ our Lord. An additional candle is lit as each new Sunday is celebrated in Advent signifying the gradual approach of the Light that will forever dispel the Darkness.

Advent wreaths are used both in churches and in homes for devotional purposes. The candles may be blue, purple, or lavender, depending on local custom. A pink candle is often lit on the third Sunday, also known as Gaudete or Rejoicing Sunday. It can also represent Mary, the Mother of God. Some Advent wreaths include a white candle in the center known as the "Christ Candle," which is lit on Christmas Eve.

Advent Wreath Liturgy

This liturgy can be used once a week, every day, or some time in between. We have included a simplified version of St. Ignatius' Examen for reflection. It can be done as part of the wreath lighting liturgy or at a separate time.

All prayers are from the Book of Common prayer unless otherwise noted. They coincide with the Sunday collect.

The First Week of Advent

L. Light and peace in Jesus Christ our Lord
R. Thanks be to God.
L. Break in O Coming One
R. Behold. You make all things well.

A Reading: Jeremiah 33:14-18 (MSG)

‘Watch for this: The time is coming’—God’s Decree—‘when I will keep the promise I made to the families of Israel and Judah. When that time comes, I will make a fresh and true shoot sprout from the David-Tree. He will run this country honestly and fairly. He will set things right...The motto for the city will be, “God Has Set Things Right for Us”...’

Prayer

Almighty God, give us grace to cast away the works of darkness, and put on the armor of light, now in the time of this mortal life in which your Son Jesus Christ came to visit us in great humility; that in the last day, when he shall come again in his glorious majesty to judge both the living and the dead, we may rise to the life immortal; through him who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

or

God of justice, as your kingdom dawns, turn us from the darkness of sin to the light of holiness, so that we may be ready to meet you in our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ. Amen. *(Common Worship: Additional Collects (2004) alt.)*

Light the first purple candle of the Advent wreath

The Examen

- Remember that Jesus is with you right now.
- Think back through your day.
 - What made you happy today? Thank God for those things
 - What made you sad today? Remember that Jesus is making all things well even when it doesn't feel like it.
 - Are you sorry for anything that happened today? Receive forgiveness and healing from God.
- Think about tomorrow: Ask God for what you might need tomorrow

The Lord's Prayer

Blessing:

May the Sun of Righteousness shine upon us and scatter the darkness from before our paths; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among us, and remain with us always. Amen.

Caring for the Poor

First Week of Advent, Nov. 28 - Dec. 4

Learn about St. B's mission partner, Room in the Inn. Pull up Room in the Inn's wishlist: roomintheinn.org/donate. As you are able, gift Room in the Inn an item from their list.

The Second Week of Advent

L. Light and peace in Jesus Christ our Lord
R. Thanks be to God.
L. Break in O Coming One
R. Behold. You make all things well.

A Reading: Luke 1:78-79 (MSG), *from the Song of Zechariah*

Through the heartfelt mercies of our God, God's Sunrise will break in upon us,
Shining on those in the darkness, those sitting in the shadow of death,
Then showing us the way, one foot at a time, down the path of peace.

Prayer

Merciful God, who sent your messengers the prophets to preach repentance and prepare the way for our salvation: Give us grace to heed their warnings and forsake our sins, that we may greet with joy the coming of Jesus Christ our Redeemer; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

or

Almighty God, purify our hearts and minds, that when your Son Jesus Christ comes again as judge and saviour we may be ready to receive him, who is our Lord and our God. *Common Worship: Additional Collects (2004) alt.*

Light the second purple candle of the Advent wreath

The Examen:

- Remember that Jesus is with you right now.
- Think back through your day.
 - What made you happy today? Thank God for those things
 - What made you sad today? Remember that Jesus is making all things well even when it doesn't feel like it.
 - Are you sorry for anything that happened today? Receive forgiveness and healing from God.
- Think about tomorrow: Ask God for what you might need tomorrow

The Lord's Prayer

Blessing:

May the Sun of Righteousness shine upon us and scatter the darkness from before our paths; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among us, and remain with us always. Amen.

Caring for the Poor

Second Week of Advent, Dec. 5 - 11

Monday, Dec. 6 is the Feast of St. Nicholas. Nicholas, the 3rd century Bishop of Myra, was known not only for serving children but also those in trouble or need. This week, play St. Nicholas to a neighbor, friend, or someone in need. Don't forget to leave some chocolates!

The Third Week of Advent

L. Light and peace in Jesus Christ our Lord
R. Thanks be to God.
L. Break in O Coming One
R. Behold. You make all things well.

A Reading: Zephaniah 3:16-18 (NRSV)

Do not fear, O Zion; do not let your hands grow weak. The Lord, your God, is in your midst, a warrior who gives victory; he will rejoice over you with gladness, he will renew you in his love; he will exult over you with loud singing as on a day of festival.

Prayer

Stir up your power, O Lord, and with great might come among us; and, because we are sorely hindered by our sins, let your bountiful grace and mercy speedily help and deliver us; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.

or

God of glory and compassion, at your touch the wilderness blossoms. Grant perseverance and patience to all who long for your Son's return, so that we may announce in word and deed the good news of the kingdom. We ask this through Christ whose day draws near. Amen. *Opening Prayers (1997) alt.*

Light the pink candle of the Advent wreath

The Examen:

- Remember that Jesus is with you right now.
- Think back through your day.
 - What made you happy today? Thank God for those things
 - What made you sad today? Remember that Jesus is making all things well even when it doesn't feel like it.
 - Are you sorry for anything that happened today? Receive forgiveness and healing from God.
- Think about tomorrow: Ask God for what you might need tomorrow

The Lord's Prayer

Blessing:

May the Sun of Righteousness shine upon us and scatter the darkness from before our paths; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among us, and remain with us always. Amen.

Caring for the Poor

Third Week of Advent, Dec. 12 - 18

Learn about St. B's mission partner, Open Table Nashville. Pull up Open Table Nashville's wishlist: opentablenashville.org/donate (Find the link in the second paragraph). As you are able, gift Open Table Nashville an item from their list.

The Fourth Week of Advent

- L. Light and peace in Jesus Christ our Lord
R. Thanks be to God.
L. Break in O Coming One
R. Behold. You make all things well.

A Reading: Luke 1:46-55 (MSG), *from the song of Mary*

His mercy flows in wave after wave on those who are in awe before him.
He bared his arm and showed his strength, scattered the bluffing braggarts.
He knocked tyrants off their high horses, pulled victims out of the mud.
The starving poor sat down to a banquet; the callous rich were left out in the cold.
He embraced his chosen child, Israel; he remembered and piled on the mercies,
piled them high. It's exactly what he promised, beginning with Abraham and right
up to now.

Prayer

Purify our conscience, Almighty God, by your daily visitation, that your Son Jesus Christ, at his coming, may find in us a mansion prepared for himself; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

or

God of all hope and joy, open our hearts in welcome, so that your Son Jesus Christ at his coming may find in us a dwelling prepared for him; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen. *A New Zealand Prayer Book (1989)*

Light the final purple candle of the Advent wreath

The Examen:

- Remember that Jesus is with you right now.
- Think back through your day.
 - What made you happy today? Thank God for those things
 - What made you sad today? Remember that Jesus is making all things well even when it doesn't feel like it.
 - Are you sorry for anything that happened today? Receive forgiveness and healing from God.
- Think about tomorrow: Ask God for what you might need tomorrow

The Lord's Prayer

Blessing:

May the Sun of Righteousness shine upon us and scatter the darkness from before our paths; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among us, and remain with us always. Amen.

Caring for the Poor

Fourth Week of Advent, Dec. 19 - 23

Learn about St. B's mission partner, St. Luke's Community House. Pull up St Luke's wishlist: stlch.org/donate-goods (scroll down for many options). As you are able, gift St. Luke's an item from their list.

Christmas Eve. Dec. 24

- L. Light and peace in Jesus Christ our Lord
R. Thanks be to God.
L. Break in O Coming One
R. Behold. You make all things well.

Prayer

O God, you have caused this holy night to shine with the brightness of the true Light: Grant that we, who have known the mystery of that Light on earth, may also enjoy him perfectly in heaven; where with you and the Holy Spirit he lives and reigns, one God, in glory everlasting. Amen.

Light a white candle and place it in the middle of the wreath.

The Lord's Prayer:

Christmas Blessing:

May Almighty God, who sent his Son to take our nature upon him, bless you in this holy season, scatter the darkness of sin, and brighten your heart with the light of his holiness. Amen.

May God, who sent his angels to proclaim the glad news of the Savior's birth, fill you with joy, and make you heralds of the Gospel. Amen.

May God, who in the Word made flesh joined heaven to earth and earth to heaven, give you his peace and favor. Amen.

And the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you for ever. Amen

Going Deeper Resources

For Older Teens & Adults

All Creation Waits

Preparing Room: An Advent Companion

Waiting on the Word

Advent: The Once & Future Coming of Jesus Christ

The Advent of the Lamb of God

Honest Advent: Awakening to the Wonder of God

In All Things (The Examen)

Advent Word: A Global Advent Calendar

She Reads Truth Advent Study

Advent Sacred Ordinary Playlist

Tending the Light of Advent

Holy Family Roadtrip

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Fleming Rutledge

Russ Ramsey

Scott Erickson

Katie Haseltine

adventword.org

shopshereadstruth.com

learn.edow.org/library/Tending-the-Light-of-Advent

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Children's Read-Alouds:

The Last Straw

This Is The Star

Mortimer's Christmas Manger

All Creation Waits

Song of the Stars

Sleeping with Bread (The Examen)

Fredrick Thury

Joyce Dunbar

Jane Chapman

Gayle Boss

Sally Lloyd-Jones

Dennis Linn

Children's Liturgy:

The Anglican Family Prayer Book

Anne Kitch

Children's Projects:

The Jesus Storybook Bible Advent Resource Pack 2021

Unwrapping the Greatest Gift: A Family Celebration of Christmas Ann Voskamp

Family Christmas Music:

The Soul Felt Its Worth

Behold, I Make All Things New

A Jesus Storybook Bible Advent Soundtrack

Waiting Songs

Sing the Bible Family Christmas

Getty Kids Hymnal - Family Carol Sing

Nathan Drake

Alana Levandowski

Sally Lloyd-Jones

Rain for Roots

Slugs and Bugs

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