

# Advent Devotional

Preparing Our Hearts for Christmas



# Christ Has Come

## CHRISTMAS DAY

*Merry Christmas!*

Thank you for joining us on this Advent journey as we have taken time to prepare our hearts for Christmas.

As we come to the end of this season and celebrate all that Jesus came to do, we also wait with eager anticipation as we rejoice in the hope of his second coming and find peace in the knowledge of his great love for us.

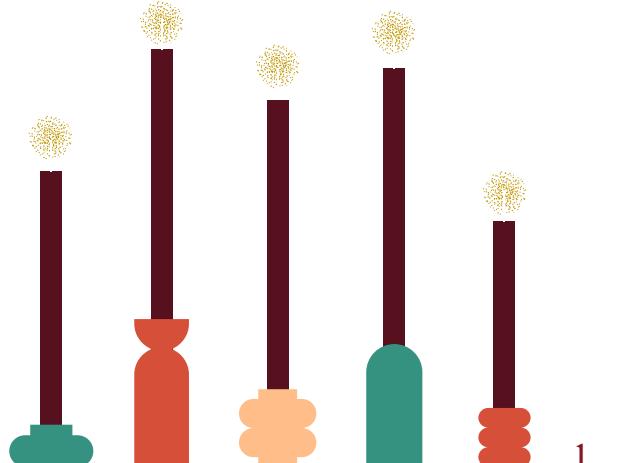
“Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth, for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. And I saw the holy city, new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, “Behold, the dwelling place of God is with man. He will dwell with them, and they will be his people, and God himself will be with them as their God. He will wipe away every tear from their eyes, and death shall be no more, neither shall there be mourning, nor crying, nor pain anymore, for the former things have passed away.” And he who was seated on the throne said, ‘Behold, I am making all things new.’”

‘Surely I am coming soon.’ Amen. Come, Lord Jesus!

The grace of the Lord Jesus be with all. “

Amen.

**Revelation 21:1-5,21-22**



# Family Experience

## CANDLE LIGHTING

Light the **love**, **hope**, **peace**, and **joy** candles from the previous weeks.

As you read the following scripture, light the fifth and center candle in your Advent wreath to celebrate that **Christ** has come and is coming again!

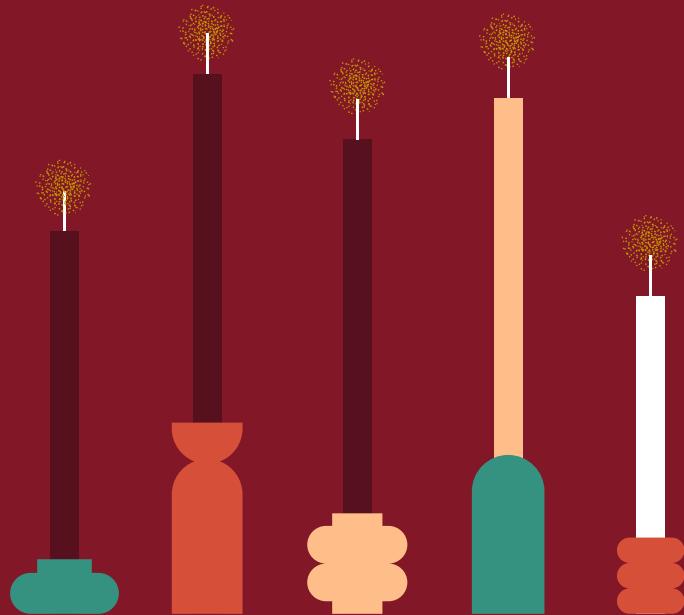
**Read:** "So Christ, having been offered once to bear the sins of many, will appear a second time, not to deal with sin but to save those who are eagerly waiting for him."

**Romans 5:1**

**Pray:** Heavenly Father, you are good and gracious. Thank you for loving us so much that You sent Your Son, Jesus, to be the Savior. Thank You for Your great plan of salvation through his shed blood. As we celebrate the first coming of Jesus this Christmas, we eagerly await His second coming and the time when all things are made new. We praise and worship You, O Holy God, as the shepherds and wise men praised and worshipped Jesus. We celebrate the greatest gift of all – Jesus. And we pray in His name, Amen.

**Listen:** O Come All Ye Faithful

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As the Advent season comes to an end, and as you celebrate Christmas together as a family, take time to read Luke 2:1-20 and celebrate the greatest gift of all - Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior. **Merry Christmas!**