

Maren Tiribassi Advent Liturgy 2020

First Sunday in Advent

Leader: In our homes / in our church and homes
we gather around wreaths
to pray our lost hopes,
broken peace, limited joys,
and love so hard to find and share,
in this season of *coronavirus*.
We affirm that our candles mean
we claim the power to call this season *Advent*
when God's light comes into the world
and nothing can overcome it.

People / Second Leader (SL) reading for the people:

We light the candle of hope in the face of ...

***[for example: of Covid-19 wildfires, hurricanes,
closed businesses, lost pollinators, missing singing ...]***

Leader:

God's hope shines on hopelessness,
and brightens the path toward peace.

**People / SL: Emmanuel, God be with us, in the week to come, lighting hope
on the wick of our lives so that we may shine on our world. Amen**

Second Sunday in Advent

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we gather around wreaths
to pray our lost hopes,
broken peace, limited joys,
and love so hard to find and share
in this season of *coronavirus*.
We affirm that our candles mean
we claim the power to call this season *Advent*
when God's light comes into the world
nothing can overcome it.

We light the candle of hope.

**People / SL: We now light the candle of peace
in spite of:**

***[examples: gun violence, anger
post-election violence, dangerous homes
depression and addiction ...]***

Leader:

God's peace illuminates the possibility
of reconciliation and healing
and brightens the path to joy.

People / SL: **Emmanuel, God be with us, in the week to come,
lighting hope and peace on the wick of our lives
so that we may shine on our world. Amen**

Third Sunday in Advent

Leader: In our homes / in our church and homes
we gather around wreaths
to pray our lost hopes,
broken peace, limited joys,
and love so hard to find and share
in this season of *coronavirus*.
We affirm that our candles mean
we claim the power to call this season *Advent*,
when God's light comes into the world
and nothing can overcome it.

We light the candles of hope and peace.

People / SL: **We now light the candle of joy
in spite of missing so many things
we thought were essential to a merry Christmas**

***[Example: shopping, parties, funerals,
photos with Santa, Christmas visits, school sports,
chances to hug, memorial services]***

Leader:

God's joy ignites embers under loss and sorrow
and brightens the path to love.

People / SL: **Emmanuel, God be with us, in the week to come,
lighting hope, peace and joy on the wick of our lives
so that we may shine on our world
with a simple smile, an unexpected laughter. Amen**

Fourth Sunday in Advent

Leader: In our homes / in our church and homes
we gather around wreaths
to pray our lost hopes,
broken peace, limited joys,
and love so hard to find and share
in this season of *coronavirus*.
We affirm that our candles mean
we claim the power to call this season *Advent*,
when God's light comes into the world
and nothing can overcome it.

We light the candles of hope, peace, and joy.

People/ SL: **We now light the candle of love
even when many things dim our sparkling**

***[Example: loneliness, racism,
queer bashing, body shaming]***

Leader:

God's love illuminates hatred and a compassionate heart
and brightens the path to the birth of Christ.

People / SL:

**Emmanuel, God be with us in the week to come
lighting hope, peace, joy and love on the wick of our lives,
so that we may shine on our world
your unconditional welcome to all. Amen.**