



Worship Resources

Unwrapping the

Gifts

A Brief Advent Table Grace 2018

The appropriate candle on the Advent wreath is lighted, adding the lighting of one candle for each week of Advent. If using an Advent wreath with three purple/blue candles and a rose candle circling a white candle, the following order is used:

- *Week 1: Top (purple)*
- *Week 2: Top and bottom (purple)*
- *Week 3: Top and bottom (purple) and left (rose)*
- *Week 4: Top and bottom (purple), left (rose) and right (purple)*
- *Christmas: Week 4 order with white candle added last*

Hymn: “O Come, O Come, Emmanuel” (LSB 357)

Week 1:

O come, O come, Emmanuel,
And ransom captive Israel,
That mourns in lonely exile here
Until the Son of God appear.

Refrain:

Rejoice! Rejoice!
Emmanuel
Shall come to thee,
O Israel!

Week 2:

O come, Thou Branch of Jesse’s tree,
Free them from Satan’s tyranny
That trust Thy mighty pow’r to save,
And give them vict’ry o’er the grave. *Refrain.*

Week 3:

O come, Thou Key of David, come,
And open wide our heav’nly home;
Make safe the way that leads on high,
And close the path to misery. *Refrain.*

Week 4:

O come, Thou Dayspring from on high,
And cheer us by Thy drawing nigh;
Disperse the gloomy clouds of night,
And death’s dark shadows put to flight. *Refrain.*

Prophecy

Family members may take turns reading the prophecy for each day.

Dec. 2: I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your offspring and her offspring; he shall bruise your head, and you shall bruise his heel. (Gen. 3:15)

Dec. 3: The scepter will not depart from Judah, nor the ruler’s staff from between his feet, until tribute comes to him; and to him shall be the obedience of the peoples. (Gen. 49:10)

Dec. 4: ... a star shall come out of Jacob, and a scepter shall rise out of Israel; it shall crush the forehead of Moab and break down all the sons of Sheth. (Num. 24:17)

Dec. 5: I will raise up for them a prophet like you from among their brothers. And I will put my words in his mouth, and he shall speak to them all that I command him. (Deut. 18:18)

Dec. 6: He shall build a house for my name, and I will establish the throne of his kingdom forever. (2 Sam. 7:13)

Dec. 7: And your house and your kingdom shall be made sure forever before me. Your throne shall be established forever. (2 Sam. 7:16)

Dec. 8: Therefore the Lord himself will give you a sign. Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and shall call his name Immanuel. (Is. 7:14)

Dec. 9: For to us a child is born, to us a son is given. (Is. 9:6a)

Dec. 10: [A]nd his name shall be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. (Is. 9:6b)

Dec. 11: Of the increase of his government and of peace there will be no end, on the throne of David and over his kingdom, to establish it and to uphold it with justice and with righteousness from this time forth and forevermore. The zeal of the Lord of hosts will do this. (Is. 9:7)

Dec. 12: There shall come forth a shoot from the stump of Jesse, and a branch from his roots shall bear fruit. (Is. 11:1)

Dec. 13: And the Spirit of the Lord shall rest upon him, the Spirit of wisdom and understanding, the Spirit of counsel and might, the Spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord. (Is. 11:2)

Dec. 14: The wolf shall dwell with the lamb... (Is. 11:6)

Dec. 15: ...and a little child shall lead them. (Is. 11:6c)

Dec. 16: In that day the root of Jesse, who shall stand as a signal for the peoples—of him shall the nations inquire, and his resting place shall be glorious. (Is. 11:10)

Dec. 17: For behold, darkness shall cover the earth, and thick darkness the peoples; but the Lord will arise upon you, and his glory will be seen upon you. (Is. 60:2)

Dec. 18: Oh, that You would rend the heavens and come down, that the mountains might quake at your presence — (Is. 64:1)

Dec. 19: Behold, the days are coming, declares the Lord, when I will raise up for David a righteous Branch, and he shall reign as king and deal wisely, and shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. (Jer. 23:5)

Dec. 20: In his days Judah will be saved, and Israel will dwell securely. And this is the name by which He will be called: ‘The Lord is our righteousness.’ (Jer. 23:6)

Dec. 21: But for you who fear my name, the sun of righteousness shall rise with healing in its wings. You shall go out leaping like calves from the stall. (Mal. 4:2)

Dec. 22: But you, O Bethlehem Ephrathah (pronounced *Efrath-thuh*), who are too little to be among the clans of Judah, from you shall come forth for me one who is to be ruler in Israel, (Micah 5:2)

Dec. 23: [His] coming forth is from of old, from ancient days. (Micah 5:2b)

Grace

All pray or sing the following prayer together (*LSB 776*):
Come, Lord Jesus, be our guest, and let these gifts to us be blessed. Amen.

After the meal, all may say the following (*LSB 328*):
Give thanks to the Lord, for He is good. His love endures forever. Amen.

The candle or candles are then extinguished.



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