

**Parish of Digby/Weymouth
Advent Candle-Lighting Liturgy**

CHRISTMAS:

FULFILLMENT

- Voice #1: The Advent time of waiting and preparing is over! We have lit four candles that remind us about longing and peace and joy and love.
(Lights the four Advent candles.)
- Voice #2: These candles remind us that God promises to be with us, to comfort us, to help us rejoice, and to teach us to love.
- Voice#1: Today we celebrate that God has come to be with us in the baby called Jesus.
- Voice #2: Today we light one more candle, and we call it the Christ candle. *(Lights white candle in centre.)* This candle reminds us of all that God has done for us. God fills us with good things, like hope and peace and joy and love. God is faithful to us. God is with us, now and always.
- All: O God, come, lead us through our lives. Give us courage to spread your light in the world. Amen.**

1st Sunday in Advent: WAITING IN HOPE

- Voice #1: On this first Sunday in Advent, we light this candle and name it "Hope".
(Lights first Blue candle.)
When we light it, we feel excited. We are looking forward to something special. What can it be? When is it going to happen? When we light this candle, we feel hopeful as we wait in this season.
- Voice #2: This candle reminds us that the prophet Isaiah was longing for God's presence.
- Voice#1: It reminds us that the people in the early church were longing for God's presence, too.
- Voice #2: This candle is a symbol of our own longing for God to be with us. We wait in hope for God to surprise us and break into our lives.
- All: O God, come, travel with us through Advent. Give us courage to spread hope in the world. Amen.**



2nd Sunday in Advent: COMFORT AND PEACE

Voice #1: On this second Sunday in Advent, we light the candle of “Hope” again.
(Lights first Blue candle.)
We remember our longing for God to be with us.

Voice #2: Today, we light a second candle and name it “Peace”. *(Lights second Blue candle.)*

Voice#1: This candle reminds us of our dreams for peace in the world.

Voice #2: This candle reminds us that Jesus is the Prince of Peace and that he is coming.

Voice#1: This candle is a symbol of God’s promise of peace, comfort and strength.

**All: O God, come, travel with us through Advent.
Give us courage to spread peace in the world.
Amen.**

3rd Sunday in Advent: JOY

Voice #1: On this third Sunday in Advent, we light the candles of “Hope” and “Peace” again.
(Lights first two Blue candles.)
We remember our longing for God to be with us and to give us peace.

Voice #2: Today, we light a third candle and name it “Joy”. *(Lights third candle.)*

Voice#1: This candle reminds us that God wants us to rejoice, even when that feels hard to do.

Voice #2: This candle is a symbol of the joy that comes when God is with us.

**All: O God, come, travel with us through Advent.
Give us courage to spread joy in the world.
Amen.**

4th Sunday in Advent: GRACE AND LOVE

Voice #1: On this fourth Sunday in Advent, we light the candles of “Hope”, “Peace” and “Joy” again.
(Lights three candles.)
We remember our longing for God to be with us, to give us peace and to rejoice with us.

Voice #2: Today, we light a fourth candle and name it “Love”. *(Lights last candle in the circle.)*

Voice#1: This candle reminds us of Mary, Jesus’ mother. She was a person who had a lot of courage. This candle reminds us of a mother’s love for her child, Jesus, who was God’s own Son.

Voice #2: This candle is a symbol of God’s love that was born in baby Jesus on Christmas Day. It is a symbol of God’s love that is alive in us each day, too.

**All: O God, come, travel with us through Advent.
Give us courage to spread love in the world.
Amen.**