



## Advent Advent Wreath Reflection

Leader plus four readers are required

**Leader** On the First Sunday of Advent, we recall the hope we have in Christ.

**Reader 1**

Because Abraham had trusted and put his hope in God, God promised Abraham that through him all the nations of the world would be blessed. (Genesis 12:1-3) The Old Testament tells of the coming of Christ, of how a Saviour would be born, a king in the line of King David. One who would rule the world wisely and bless all the nations. We too believe in God's promise to send Jesus again to this world to establish his kingdom upon the earth.

*(The Candle of hope is lit)*

**Leader** For what am I hoping this Advent?

We take a moment to reflect. (all then respond)

**AI:** Hope is like a light shining in a dark place.

As we look at the light of this candle let us rejoice in the hope we have in Jesus Christ.

**Leader** On the Second Sunday of Advent the Candle of Peace is lit.

**Reader 2**

We remember the prophets who spoke of the coming of Christ, a Saviour born a king in the line of David. The prophet Isaiah called Christ "the Prince of Peace". (Isaiah 9:6-7) The one who would rule the world wisely and bless all the nations.

Throughout his ministry Jesus taught people the importance of being peacemakers. He said that those who make peace shall be called the children of God.

*(The Candle of Peace is lit)*

**Leader** When do I feel most at peace with the world.

How can I help bring peace into the lives of others?

We take a moment to reflect. (all then respond)

**All** Peace is like a light shining in a dark place.

As we look at this candle let us feel the peace we find in Jesus Christ.

**Leader** On the Third Sunday of Advent we light the Candle of Love.

**Reader 3**

In their old age Zechariah and Elizabeth were blessed by God, and given a son who was named John. (Luke 1:5-15) John often lived in the desert denying his own comforts. John spoke to the people bravely, teaching that we should share what we have with others, treat each other kindly and show God's love. He wanted people to repent and find God's forgiveness.

*(The Candle of Love is lit)*

**Leader** Recently, when and by whom have I felt truly loved?  
We take a moment to reflect. (all respond)

**All** Love is like a candle shining in a dark place.  
As we look at the light of this candle let us acknowledge the love we have in Christ.

**Leader** On the Fourth Sunday of Advent we light the Candle of Joy.

**Reader 4**

When the angel Gabriel told Mary that a special child would be born to her she was rather taken aback. Later, filled with joy, she sang a song that began with the words: "My soul magnifies the Lord, my spirit rejoices in God my Saviour." (Luke 1:26-38) Just as the birth of Jesus gave great joy to his mother, so his presence in the world gave joy to those who had none before. Jesus healed people, bringing hope and peace to those who believed in him.

From hope, peace, and love comes joy. We light the Candle of Joy to remind us that when Jesus is born in us we have joy in our hearts, and that through him we will find everlasting joy.

*(The Candle of Joy is lit)*

**Leader** Do I know people who seem to lack joy in their lives? If so, what might I do to help bring them joy?

We take a moment to reflect. (all then respond)

**All** Joy is like a light shining in a dark place.  
As we look at this candle let us give thanks for the joy we find in Jesus Christ.