

## The First Sunday of Advent

HILLS OF THE NORTH, REJOICE,  
RIVER AND MOUNTAIN-SPRING,  
HARK TO THE ADVENT VOICE;  
VALLEY AND LOWLAND, SING.  
CHRIST COMES IN RIGHTEOUSNESS AND LOVE,  
HE BRINGS SALVATION FROM ABOVE.

Isaiah 64:1–9

The prophet cries out for God to “tear open the heavens and come down,” expressing the deep human longing for God to intervene and renew a broken world.

Mark 13:24–37

Jesus speaks of the coming of the Son of Man and calls his followers to remain awake and watchful, living in readiness for God’s decisive moment.

## The Second Sunday of Advent

ISLES OF THE SOUTHERN SEAS,  
SING TO THE LISTENING EARTH,  
CARRY ON EVERY BREEZE  
HOPE OF A WORLD’S NEW BIRTH:  
IN CHRIST SHALL ALL BE MADE ANEW,  
HIS WORD IS SURE, HIS PROMISE TRUE.

Isaiah 40:1–11

The prophet announces comfort for God’s people in exile and proclaims the coming of the Lord like a shepherd who gathers and carries the flock.

Mark 1:1–8

John the Baptist appears in the wilderness calling people to repentance and preparing the way for the one who is coming after him.

## The Third Sunday of Advent

LANDS OF THE EAST, ARISE,  
HE IS YOUR BRIGHTEST MORN,  
GREET HIM WITH JOYOUS EYES,  
PRAISE SHALL HIS PATH ADORN:  
YOUR SEERS HAVE LONGED TO KNOW THEIR LORD;  
TO YOU HE COMES, THE FINAL WORD.

Isaiah 61:1–4, 8–11

The prophet speaks of the Spirit-anointed servant who brings good news to the poor and announces the restoration and joy that God will bring.

John 1:6–8, 19–28

John the Baptist is presented as a witness to the light, pointing beyond himself to the one who is coming into the world.

# The Fourth Sunday of Advent

SHORES OF THE UTMOST WEST,  
LANDS OF THE SETTING SUN,  
WELCOME THE HEAVENLY GUEST  
IN WHOM THE DAWN HAS COME:  
HE BRINGS A NEVER-ENDING LIGHT  
WHO TRIUMPHED O'ER OUR DARKEST NIGHT.

2 Samuel 7:1–11, 16

God promises King David that his house and kingdom will endure forever, a promise Christians later understand as fulfilled in Jesus.

Luke 1:26–38

The angel Gabriel announces to Mary that she will bear the Son of God, and Mary responds in trust and obedience.

## Christmas Eucharists

*As usual, but include the Sunday in the series too*

# The First Sunday After Christmas Day

SHOUT, AS YOU JOURNEY HOME,  
SONGS BE IN EVERY MOUTH,  
LO, FROM THE NORTH THEY COME,  
FROM EAST AND WEST AND SOUTH:  
IN JESUS ALL SHALL FIND THEIR REST,  
IN HIM THE UNIVERSE BE BLEST.

Isaiah 61:10–62:3

The prophet rejoices in God's salvation and speaks of a restored people shining like a crown in the hand of the Lord.

Luke 2:22–40

Mary and Joseph bring the infant Jesus to the temple, where Simeon and Anna recognise him as the long-awaited salvation.