

# Advent 1

## You are a Gift

### Opening liturgy

Gift-giving God,  
**may Advent be for us a time of giving  
and receiving**

Lord God of this Advent season, of every  
season, every day, minute and second,  
give us, we pray, the gift of peace in this  
season of Advent.

Bring peace to the world, but also bring  
peace within each of us.

Gift-giving God,  
**may Advent be for us a time of giving  
and receiving**

Lord God, we give ourselves afresh to you  
as we step into Advent.

Let us iron the crumples and the creases  
from our lives  
so that we may be the best gift that we  
can be.

Gift-giving God,  
**may Advent be for us a time of giving  
and receiving**

May we start today and not wait  
to become, and to be, the person/people  
you want us to be,  
so that we can give the best that we can  
of you and ourselves, to those around us.

Gift-giving God,  
**may Advent be for us a time of giving  
and receiving.**

Symbol: Wrapped up present



7 December 2025

# Advent 2

## The Orange in the Stocking

### Opening liturgy

Gift-giving God,  
**may Advent be for us a time of giving  
and receiving**

Holy God, the greatest gift giver of all  
times,  
you are not the 'stocking filler' or little extra,  
you are the greatest and best gift that can  
be given.

Gift-giving God,  
**may Advent be for us a time of giving  
and receiving**

Holy God, you call us to be the gift of God  
to neighbours and strangers.

You call us to be life giving to all those we  
encounter.

You call us to be a blessing to the Church  
and the world.

Gift-giving God,  
**may Advent be for us a time of giving  
and receiving**

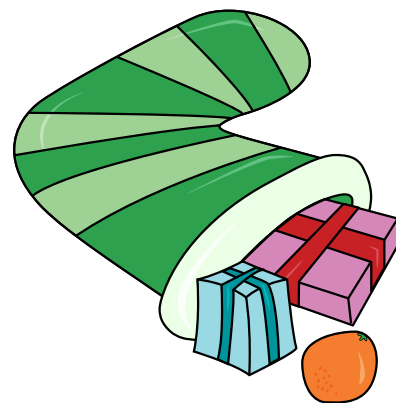
May we sort the wheat from the chaff in  
our lives.

May we not be just little stocking filler  
extras but full to overflowing with your love.

May we truly seek to be the holy gift you  
call us to be.

Gift-giving God,  
**may Advent be for us a time of giving  
and receiving.**

Symbol: A Christmas stocking  
with an orange in it



14 December 2025

# Advent 3

## Give Hope

### Opening liturgy

Gift-giving God,  
**may Advent be for us a time of giving  
and receiving**

Heavenly God, you speak to us through  
messengers, words and deeds,  
the rhythm, the beat of your gift never  
ceases, never stops or falters or fails.

Your gift is for life, not limited by time or  
space.

Gift-giving God,  
**may Advent be for us a time of giving  
and receiving**

Heavenly God, you challenge us to be the  
heartbeat of love to our community.

You challenge and call us to be a  
constant power for good.

You inspire us to be the bringers of good  
news.

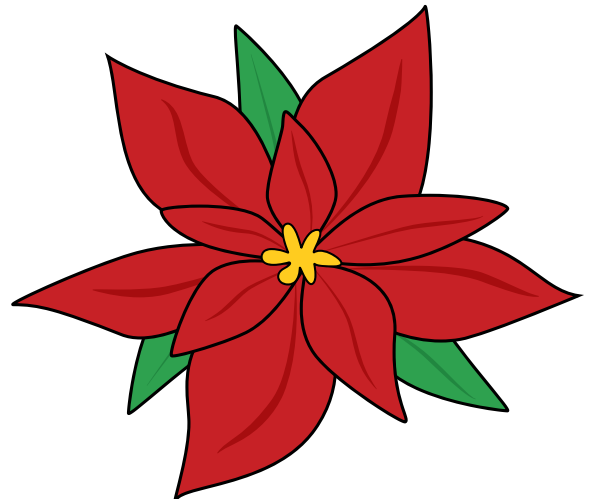
Gift-giving God,  
**may Advent be for us a time of giving  
and receiving**

Heavenly God, may we be up to the  
challenges you set before us.

May we give you time in our busy days, in  
our list making and our shopping, so that  
we are buzzing with your Spirit as your  
gift to all we meet.

Gift-giving God,  
**may Advent be for us a time of giving  
and receiving**

Symbol: Poinsettia



21 December 2025

# Advent 4

**With Love  
from God**

## Opening liturgy

Gift-giving God,  
**may Advent be for us a time of giving and receiving**

Holy God, as Advent draws to a close, your gospel shines all the more brightly with messages of hope and promise, of love and care, of gifts already given and gifts for the present and for the future.

Gift-giving God,  
**may Advent be for us a time of giving and receiving**

Holy God, remind us afresh of the Angel's appearances, of the sparkle and shine that their words and their messages add to our everyday lives.

May we be able to offer their messages and gifts with love, compassion and care.

Gift-giving God,  
**may Advent be for us a time of giving and receiving**

Holy God, sharing your love is work that is often hard.

But when we sit back and look at what a difference we've made we rejoice that we are made with love and live to love in your name.

Gift-giving God,  
**may Advent be for us a time of giving and receiving.**

Symbol: Gift tag



25 December 2025

# Christmas Day

## The Best Gift

### **The Lord is King! Let earth rejoice!**

A babe was born in Bethlehem, homeless,  
stateless,  
laid in a manger surrounded by love  
unconditional.

Jesus the Christ Child born for each one  
of us.

Emmanuel, God is with us!

### **The Lord is King! Let earth rejoice!**

A babe, a gift, the best, treasured, adored,  
worshipped;  
with Mary let us ponder the greatness of  
the gift,  
treasuring it beyond measure in the  
depths of our being.

Emmanuel, God is with us!

### **The Lord is King! Let earth rejoice!**

A God-given babe whose very being  
changed the world order  
changes us, transform us, empowers and  
enlivens us.

Let us now and for always treasure the  
gift in our hearts.

Emmanuel, God is with us!

### **The Lord is King! Let earth rejoice!**

**Symbol: Baby Jesus in a crib, with  
a gift ribbon and bow**



28 December 2025

# Christmas 1

**Handle  
with Care**

## Opening liturgy

Emmanuel, God is with us!

**The Lord is King! Let earth rejoice!**

The God-given gift of Jesus, the gift of  
love, joy, peace and hope  
in a fragile babe, laid with care in a  
manger of hay,  
Nurtured and protected by Mary and  
Joseph.

Emmanuel, God is with us!

**The Lord is King! Let earth rejoice!**

We do not walk the world alone, we tread  
in the footsteps of others.

Others do not walk the world alone, they  
tread in our footsteps.

Together and not alone we are God's  
people walking with God.

Emmanuel, God is with us!

**The Lord is King! Let earth rejoice!**

The world is not always an easy place in  
which to live,

O God, it is rough and it is tough and it is  
hard.

Let us handle with care and protection,  
love, joy, peace and hope all who we  
meet.

Emmanuel, God is with us!

**The Lord is King! Let earth rejoice!**

Symbol: Handle with  
care sticker/stamp



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## Opening liturgy

Emmanuel, God is with us!

**The Lord is King! Let earth rejoice!**

And the Word became flesh and lived  
among us ... full of grace and truth,  
and the mystery and the wonder and the  
glory of God are revealed,  
and hate is transformed to love and war  
transformed to peace and 'want' is given  
the 'gift'.

Emmanuel, God is with us!

**The Lord is King! Let earth rejoice!**

And we find it hard, O God, Father, Son  
and Holy Spirit,  
to grasp the immensity of your giving and  
your gift,  
to understand just why you care for us so  
very much.

Emmanuel, God is with us!

**The Lord is King! Let earth rejoice!**

God's gift to us is that we know that we  
each are a child of God:

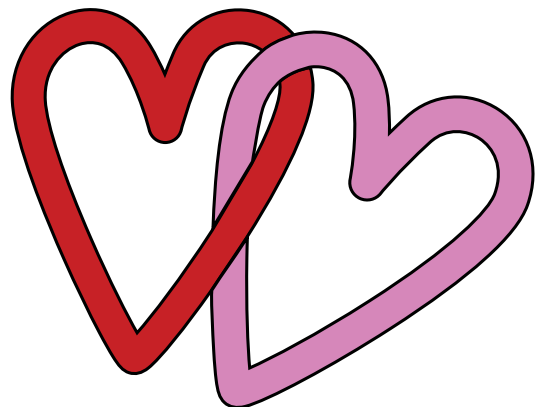
Special and wanted, loved and cared for,  
upheld and treasured.

Our hearts, dust and spirit, joined to God  
and God's heart joined to ours eternally.

Emmanuel, God is with us!

**The Lord is King! Let earth rejoice!**

Symbol: Two overlapping hearts



6 January 2026

# Epiphany

## The Gift that Keeps on Giving

Emmanuel, God is with us!  
**The Lord is King! Let earth rejoice!**

O God of this Christmas season, we have journeyed together,  
have given and received gifts beyond compare,  
and rejoiced once again with thankfulness for the gift of Jesus.

Emmanuel, God is with us!  
**The Lord is King! Let earth rejoice!**

You keep on giving no matter what, no matter where, no matter how we live.

You search us out, you find us and shower us with treasures beyond our imagining,  
with gifts far greater than gold, frankincense and myrrh.

Emmanuel, God is with us!  
**The Lord is King! Let earth rejoice!**

In thankfulness, let us live our lives sharing the gift of treasures that we have with others,  
being generous with ourselves, our compassion, our love, our purpose and your Spirit,  
for the treasure chest that you instil in us will never be empty but will keep on giving.

Emmanuel, God is with us!  
**The Lord is King! Let earth rejoice!**

Symbol: Treasure chest



  
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