

## Lighting of the Advent Candles (Epistle Year A)

*This set of readings for the lighting of the Advent candles is based on the Epistle lessons of the Revised Common Lectionary in Year A.*

*At each successive lighting of the Advent candles, all texts from the preceding lightings are read in addition to the text introduced that day.*

*On the First Sunday of Advent and following Sundays:*

We light this candle [these candles] as a sign of the coming light of Christ,  
as we await the blessed hope and manifestation  
of the glory of our great God and Savior.

*Titus 2*

Now is the moment to wake from sleep,  
for salvation is nearer to us now than when we first believed.

*Romans 13*

*And on the Second Sunday of Advent, and at successive lightings:*

May the God of steadfastness and encouragement  
grant us to live in harmony with one another,  
welcoming one another, just as Christ welcomed us,  
for the glory of God.

*Romans 15*

*And on the Third Sunday of Advent, and at successive lightings:*

Be patient and strengthen your hearts,  
for the coming of the Lord is near.

*James 5*

*And on the Fourth Sunday of Advent, and at successive lightings:*

We are called to be saints of God,  
bearing witness to the light of Jesus Christ.

*Romans 1*

*And on the eve of Christmas, or on Christmas Day:*

Now the grace of God has appeared, bringing salvation to all.

*Titus 2*

*On each occasion the lighting of the candles is concluded with:*

The night is far gone; the day is near.

*Romans 13*