

Lighting of the Advent Candles (Epistle Year B)

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

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.

With the Lord, one day is like a thousand years,
and a thousand years are like one day.

2 Peter 3

But the day of the Lord will come like a thief;
therefore, be ready!

God is faithful, and will strengthen us to the end,

1 Cor. 1

so that we may be found blameless on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ.

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

With faith in the promise of God
we wait for new heavens and a new earth,
where righteousness will be at home.

2 Peter 3

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

May the God of peace make us holy
and keep us whole in body and spirit,
until the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.

1 Thess. 5

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

In Christ, the mystery of the ages is revealed.
Let us proclaim this good news to all the nations!

Romans 16

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:

To God be the glory forever! Amen.

Romans 16