

First Sunday of Advent *HOPE*

Reader: Light of hope, grant us hope.

People: We wait in hope for the One who is to come.

Reader: We wait in hope for a world where neighbors live in peace, where the rich share with the poor, where the strong protect the weak.

People: God of hope, come and grant us hope.

Reader: In hope we are saved; we pray that we abide in hope.

People: We light this candle to remind us that hope is alive and is renewed in every advent season.

Reader: We call the Source of hope to dwell in our hearts, and in the hearts of those who have lost hope.

People: Candle of hope illuminate the world. King of hope, come. Maranatha!

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Second Sunday of Advent *PEACE*

Reader: Peace, peace they say, and yet there is no peace.

People: True peace is not achieved by building walls and loading guns, but by loving one another.

Reader: We are called to be peacemakers.

People: Make us channels of your peace, O, Lord. For from you comes true peace.

Reader: We light this candle of peace to remind us that true peace is possible, because in Jesus we are reconciled to God and to one another.

People: Even in a violent and hurting world we trust in your great love, which is always stronger than our weaknesses, pride and fear.

Reader: O, Prince of Peace, come and grant the world your peace.

People: Salam, salam, salam. Maranatha!

Salam means "peace" in Arabic. Maranatha means "O Lord, Come". Presbyterian Disaster Assistance uses these liturgies written by Huda Kandalaf Kanawati of the Church of St. Andrew & St. Paul, Montreal, and produced by the Presbyterian Church of Canada, PWS&D, with the permission of Presbyterian World Service & Development.

Third Sunday of Advent *JOY*

Reader: Joy to the world, the Lord is come.

**People: We see joy in the eyes of the little ones.
We hear joy in the air.**

Reader: But some children have tears in their eyes
and they hear cries in the air.

**People: Lord, through your suffering you brought
joy; through your cross you brought resurrection.
Bring color to dark nights. Bring joy to dreams,
and let light shine in darkness. O Lord, bring your
joy.**

Reader: O joyful, joyful whom we adore, visit this land
with your joy.

**People: Draw a smile on the lips of children.
Bring a glow to little eyes. Put a song in young
hearts, and a dance to small feet.**

Reader: O joy of the world, come.

People: Maranatha!

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Fourth Sunday of Advent *LOVE*

Reader: God is love. God created us out of love and
redeemed us out of love.

**People: O love divine, all love excelling, come
and dwell in our hearts.**

Reader: In this advent season we light the candle of
love, not only in our church, but also in our hearts.

People: May your love sweep through us.

Reader: O God of love, we do not know how to love
like you. We love ourselves more than our neighbors.

**People: In this season reconcile us to ourselves.
Teach us your love so that we love you and our
neighbors as ourselves.**

Reader: We pray for people and lands where the lack
of peace kills your love.

**People: Let your love shine as it did from the
cross.**

Reader: Maranatha, come Lord Jesus.

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Fifth Sunday of Advent *CHRISTMAS*

Reader: Maranatha, come Lord Jesus.

People: The Lord is come. Jesus Christ is in the world. Let our hearts be full of joy. Hallelujah!

Reader: We asked for a king, you sent us a child.
We asked for a master, you sent us a servant. We
asked for a solution, you sent us mountains to climb.
We asked for health, you sent us your grace. We
asked for riches, you sent us your love.

People: Thank you Lord, for sending us what we least expected.

Reader: With you, we expect the unexpected. With
you, the poor are rich. With you, the weak are strong.

People: We have seen your light. We have seen your joy. We have seen your love. May we become your mouth, your feet and your hands in the world.

Reader: Maranatha, go into the world and may the
world see Christ in us.

People: "Joy to the world, the Lord is come. Let earth receive her King. Let every heart prepare him room. And heaven and nature sing."

All: Maranatha, come Lord Jesus.

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