

'Christ, be our light!' liturgy for Advent

ADVENT 1.

Leader: We wait for the coming of Christ, the light of the world

All: **Come Lord Jesus**

Choir:

Longing for light, we wait in darkness.
Longing for truth, we turn to you.
Make us your own, your holy people,
light for the world to see.

All sing: Christ, be our light!

Shine in our hearts.

Shine through the darkness.

Christ, be our light!

Shine in your church

gathered today.

The first candle is lit and this response is used

Reader: The true light, which enlightens everyone
is coming into the world.

All: **Come Lord Jesus**

Reader: The light shines in the darkness

And the darkness will not overcome it.

All: **Christ, shine in your church today**

.....

ADVENT 2.

Leader: We long for the peace of Christ in our world

All: **Come Prince of Peace**

Choir:

Longing for peace, our world is troubled.

Longing for hope, many despair.

Your word alone has power to save us.

Make us your living voice.

All sing: Christ, be our light!

Shine in our hearts.

Shine through the darkness.

Christ, be our light!

Shine in your church

gathered today.

The second candle is lit and this response is used

Reader: Listen for the voice of the prophet
crying out in the wilderness:

prepare the way of the Lord.

All: **Come Prince of Peace**

Reader: The spirit of the Lord shall rest on him

and the earth will be full of the knowledge of the Lord

All: **Christ, shine on the earth today**

.....

ADVENT 3.

Leader: We wait for the coming of Christ, giving life in abundance

All: **Come Giver of Life**

Choir:

Longing for food, many are hungry.

Longing for water, many still thirst.

Make us your bread, broken for others,

shared until all are fed.

*All sing: Christ, be our light!
Shine in our hearts.
Shine through the darkness.
Christ, be our light!
Shine in your church
gathered today.*

The third candle is lit and this response is used

Reader: The bread of life given for all people
a sharing in the body of Christ

All: **Come Giver of Life**

Reader: The desert shall rejoice and blossom abundantly
Rejoice and be glad in it.

All: **Christ, shine in our world today**

.....

ADVENT 4.

Leader: We long for the presence of Christ, Emmanuel, God with us

All: **Come Bearer of Hope**

Choir:

Longing for shelter, many are homeless.
Longing for warmth, many are cold.
Make us your building, sheltering others,
walls made of living stone.

*All sing: Christ, be our light!
Shine in our hearts.
Shine through the darkness.
Christ, be our light!
Shine in your church
gathered today*

The fourth candle is lit and this response is used

Reader: Love coming to earth to live among us
Full of grace and truth

All: **Come Bearer of Hope**

Reader: Do not be afraid: see I am bringing you
good news of great joy for all people

All: **Christ, shine in our hearts today**

.....

CHRISTMAS DAY

Leader: We celebrate the coming of Christ, the light of the world

All: **Emmanuel, God with us**

Choir:

Many the gifts, many the people,
many the hearts that yearn to belong.
Let us be servants to one another,
making your kingdom come

*All sing: Christ, be our light!
Shine in our hearts.
Shine through the darkness.
Christ, be our light!
Shine in your church
gathered today.*

The fourth candle is lit and this response is used

Reader: A child is born for us
A gift is given to us

All: **Emmanuel, God with us**

Reader: Bringing your kingdom of peace
to all people on earth

All: **Christ, we celebrate you here today!**