



Advent

Waiting for the Lord

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Introduction

As we gather tonight, we have begun the Season of Advent, a Season of waiting and preparing for the Lord.

Is there something you are waiting for this Advent? If so, have you been waiting for a long time?

I made to the house of Israel and the house of Judah.

In those days, at that time,

I will make a just shoot spring up for David; he shall do what is right and just in the land.

In those days Judah shall be saved and Jerusalem shall dwell safely, this is the name they shall call her:

"The LORD our justice."

Commentary: In those days. When will those days happen? Many of us find ourselves in chaotic situations because of health crises, or family broken relationships, or political unrest. We definitely need a savior. When will those days be fulfilled?

My Soul in Stillness Waits

Refrain



What practices help you stay focused on the Lord? What could you do this Advent to help you wait with joy for His coming?

The key to any situation in which we find ourselves waiting is to keep our focus on God. Yet it's all too easy to get distracted and sometimes even stray from thoughts about God.

Our world is full of distractions, and we often welcome them. But all too often, distractions take our eyes off the Lord. We start to turn to them to soothe our painful feelings rather than turning to God Himself. Then we risk losing our focus on the Lord and what He is doing in the present moment.

We also risk missing the opportunity He is giving us in these times of waiting to grow closer to Him.

Tonight, let's wait together.

Chant: My Soul in Stillness Waits

Reading: Jeremiah 33:14-16

The days are coming, says the Lord, when I will fulfill the promise

Chant 5x: Wait for the Lord, whose day is near.

Reading: Luke 21:34-36

Jesus said to his disciples:

"Beware that your hearts do not become drowsy from carousing and drunkenness and the anxieties of daily life, and that day catch you by surprise like a trap.

For that day will assault everyone who lives on the face of the earth.

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Be vigilant at all times and pray that you have the strength to escape the tribulations that are imminent and to stand before the Son of Man.

Now we sit in silence for awhile

Prayers of Petition

1. That nations in the midst of turmoil may continually seek ways of renewal and peace, we pray:

2. That those who wait may be comforted and accompanied by Christ's presence, we pray:

3. That those who are with child, who are struggling with an unexpected pregnancy, or who are suffering from infertility or infant loss, may find peace; we pray:

4. That those who have drifted away from God and struggle to know his love, may find their way home, we pray:

You are invited to add other spontaneous prayers as you light a votive on the altar from the Easter Candle.

The Lord's Prayer

Chant 5x: Prepare the way of the Lord

Closing Prayer

Almighty God, as we await the coming of your Son, may we be comforted in the midst of our fear. You make all things new, turning our turmoil into triumph. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Closing Song: Sacred Silence

Thank you for coming. Please join us again on January 2. In the meantime, we invite you to check our Precious Blood Renewal Center website for other opportunities of enrichment.



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O LORD, HEAR MY PRAYER

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