



A Family Prayer Advent / Aweneti --- Week 1 / He Wiki Kotahi

All *Ki te ingoa ō te Matua me te tamaiti me te Wairua Tapu. Amene.*

Child What is Advent?

Adult Advent marks the beginning of the year of prayer for the Church. We pause at the beginning of this journey and pray to God whose holiness will be revealed in the year ahead.

Child What does the Bible say to do?

Adult The readings for Advent tell us to hope; they call us to live Christian lives. They focus in a beautiful way on the child of God whose birth will be celebrated at Christmas. We wait and we hope.

Child What is our story?

Adult Our story is the story of Jesus the Redeemer; the sacred story of our Christian tradition. We are pledged to keep this story alive until he comes again.

Child When will Jesus come again?

Adult We are between two times: between the first coming, when Jesus was born in Bethlehem, and his second coming on the last day. We remember the first, we wait for the second. Today's Gospel tells us how to wait: we must wait together and stay awake to the times that we live in.

Child Who will read for us?

Adult I will. From Luke chapter 21
"Beware that your hearts do not become drowsy. Be vigilant at all times, **The Gospel of the Lord.**

All Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.

Child Shall we sing the Advent Litany ?

Lord Jesus, you are the light of the world,
come, Lord Jesus.

You are light in our darkness,
come, Lord Jesus.

Son of God, save us from our sins,
come, Lord Jesus.

Son of Mary, deepen our love,
come, Lord Jesus.

Bring hope into the lives of all people,
come, Lord Jesus.

Give your peace to all nations,
come, Lord Jesus.

Be the joy of all who love you,
come, Lord Jesus.

Lord, Jesus, stay with us always,
come, Lord Jesus.

Adult Let us pray.

God our maker, whose name is our Redeemer from of old:
tear open the heavens and come down! Keep us faithful to building your kingdom, alert to your presence in those around us, and blameless in our actions until you come again. We make this prayer through Jesus your Son who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God for ever and ever.

All Amen!

All *sing City of God (find on youtube)*

Adults Thank you for coming to prayer everyone.





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Child Who is Advent about?

Adult The Gospels all point towards Jesus. He is the One who will come at the end of time. He is the One for whom John prepared the way. He is the One whose coming was made known to Mary.

Child Who is John the Baptist?

Adult The Gospels of Matthew, Mark and Luke tell us about the two great figures that stand at the beginning of the Christian story: Jesus, and John the Baptist. It is the towering figure of John that introduces the adult Jesus in all the Gospels.

Child What happened when people listened to John?

Adult People respond to the lively preaching of John by confessing their sins and undergoing a baptism of repentance. The Word of God is spoken through John. People give their own word or promise to change their lives. It is a time of personal renewal, when we aim for a life of faithfulness to God.

Child Who will read for us?

Adult I will. From Luke Chapter 3.

*'Prepare the way of the Lord,
make straight his paths.*

Every valley shall be filled

and every mountain and hill shall be made low.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

All Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.

Child We should pray now.

Adult For the Church, that we may herald the glad tidings of God's coming to gather and comfort all people.

All Lord hear our prayer.

Adult For the world, that all leaders may strive for peace

based on justice.

All Lord hear our prayer.

Adult For the oppressed, that the downtrodden may be lifted up and the difficulties of life eased.

All Lord hear our prayer.

Adult For the Eucharistic community of our parish, that by leading lives of holiness, we may wait for the day of God and hasten its coming.

All Lord hear our prayer.

We make our prayer through Jesus your Son who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God for ever and ever.

All Amen!

All sing **O Emmanuel** by Michael Mangan (*find on spotify*) or **Come Lord Jesus** (*find on youtube*)

Adults Thank you for coming to prayer everyone.



For instructions on how to make your own Jesse tree, go to Cathfamily.org

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Child *What should we do in Advent?*

Adult Like John, we are asked to make way for the light. We look firstly at ourselves and work quietly on the darkness that hides within us – the selfishness, the unforgiveness, and the lack of love that keeps the light of good news from so many people.

Child *What else do we do?*

Adult Throughout the season of Advent we reconnect with family and friends, building stronger ties in our communities. We support and visit people who are finding life hard.

Child *Why do we do that?*

Adult Jesus calls us to be one. We care for each other as though we are caring for ourselves. All the time we learn to hope and trust. We hope that he who names our fears will also grant us peace.

Child *What else do we think about?*

Adult On the larger social issues – like justice and peace – which require the witness of a caring community, we are challenged by the Gospel to work together.

Child *Who will read for us?*

Adult I will. From Luke Chapter 3.

*The crowds asked John the Baptist,
“What should we do?”*

*He said to them in reply,
“Whoever has two cloaks*

should share with the person who has none. And whoever has food should do likewise.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

All Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.

Child We should pray now.

Adult God of peace, whose word is good news to the oppressed, healing for the brokenhearted and freedom for all who are held bound, gladden our hearts and fashion the earth into a garden of righteousness and praise!

All Lord hear our prayer.

Adult May we learn from Jesus. May we reflect the goodness and light of Jesus in the world.

All Lord hear our prayer.

Adult We pray for the coming of the One who even now is among us, your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, who was, who is and who is to come, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God for ever and ever.

All Amen!

All *sing O Come O Come Emmanuel* (find on youtube <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7xtpJ4Q-Q-4>)

Adults Thank you for coming to prayer everyone.



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Child Does Advent change?

Adult Advent opens with the end of time, and it ends at a manger in Bethlehem. It takes us, on a journey through time.

Child How does Advent help us?

Adult It names our fears and brings us hope. It will not take away the forces that frighten us, but it makes them irrelevant before the saving mission of Christ.

Child What do we celebrate on the fourth Sunday of Advent?

Adult In today's Gospel we celebrate the extravagant love of God who freely chose Mary to be the mother of his beloved Son. God's choice of Mary made her "full of grace".

Child Why is Mary important?

Adult Because of God's mysterious preference, because God has freely chosen to look on Mary in such a way, because God made Mary full of grace, all generations call her blessed. God graced Mary for a mission that was not for herself: it was to give Jesus to every generation of the human family.

Child What can we learn from Mary?

Adult Like Mary, we face God's choice of us. We are the result of God's choice -God has chosen each of us to be. God has a role for each of us. He waits for our decision to make a choice to freely love God.

Child Who will read for us?

Adult I will. From Luke Chapter 1.
*When Elizabeth heard Mary's greeting,
the infant leaped in her womb,
and Elizabeth, filled with the Holy Spirit,*

*cried out in a loud voice and said,
"Blessed are you among women,
and blessed is the fruit of your womb. "*

The Gospel of the Lord.

All Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.

Child We should pray now.

Adult For the people of God, the house the Lord is building: may we be like Mary and say 'yes' to God's call for us.

All Lord hear our prayer.

Adult For all the peoples of earth, one kingdom of God: may all who love peace be sheltered from violence.

All Lord hear our prayer.

Adult For those in doubt or fear, perplexed by life's mystery: may their anxiety yield to trust in God's plan and purpose.

All Lord hear our prayer.

Adult For those persons who await the birth of a child: like the Virgin Mary may they joyfully ponder God's power and goodness.

Adult We make our prayer thorough Jesus your Son who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God for ever and ever.

All Amen!

All *sing Hail Mary - Gentle Woman*

Adults Thank you for coming to prayer everyone.