

### Liturgy for Advent Peace

The Lord is coming! We have been expecting Him! We have been waiting, and the time is drawing closer.

***We rejoice at the good news of the Lord's coming. We are ready for the celebration.***

The Lord is coming! He is coming with grace, and righteousness, and peace. He is coming in purity and holiness.

***The one coming is our Lord and Savior. May we, too, embody grace, peace and love.***

The Lord is coming! Prepare the way of the Lord. By the mercy of our God, the dawn from on high will break upon us, to give light to those who sit in darkness and in the shadow of death, to guide our feet into the way of peace.

***O God, prepare us as we journey through this Advent season. Purify us. Cleanse us. Clear a way through the clutter of our lives. Make a path through our doubts and pride. Soften our hearts that we may receive you with humility.***

The Lord is coming! The Father says "I come and dwell with those who are contrite and humble in spirit."

***Hear our humble prayer, O Lord. Fill our hearts anew with your love. Give us strength to serve you in holiness and faith. May we give voice to your presence among us as we await your coming.***

Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight. Every valley shall be filled, every mountain and hill shall be made low, the crooked shall be made straight and the rough ways smooth. All flesh shall see the salvation of our God.

***O come, Lord Jesus. Be with us. We long for your peaceful, purifying and transforming presence.***

You are our heaven-born Prince of Peace and Sun of Righteousness. You bring light and life to all.

***Our coming Christ, in this glorious Advent season, may we more fully know the gifts of your salvation and eternal life. May we experience a second birth, so that we may dwell with you forever and ever. We thank you. We adore you. And today, we sing our praise. Amen.***

*Christ, our Savior, in a stable, promise of eternal joy.*

*You bring peace and light and wonder, gifted in a baby boy.*

*Christ, we honor. God, we worship. May we live a life in you.*

*Kneeling at the manger, praising. Cleanse our hearts, fill us anew.*

*Amen*

*Hymn to Joy*

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