

## **ADVENT LITURGY KS2**

### **SING** CREATOR OF THE STARS OF NIGHT

#### **R1** INTRODUCTION

This is a special time of the year. We call it Advent.

It is a time for us to prepare to celebrate the most important birthday that ever was : the coming of God's Son.

He came 2000 years ago, but every year we celebrate because He still comes to us now, in 20..... and every year.

#### **R2**

He does not come to us as a little child. He comes to us as our friend and brother, to help us grow strong in his Father's way.

He comes as our leader and King .....for ever.

Advent is 4 weeks long. In our service tonight we will light four candles.

#### **R3**

During the four weeks of Advent we think extra carefully about why God sent Jesus to us and why we and our whole world need Him.

Tonight we are going to think and pray about what we can do to prepare for the coming of Jesus.

**CANDLE DANCE** ( Circle Dance. Children enter from 4 points bringing one candle, the wreath to the altar and lots of votive lights)  
(music ends. Dancers stand in position)

### **SING Like a sea without a shore**

#### **R4/5** . Isaiah

In those days, John the Baptist started preaching in the desert.  
He said, "Repent! Turn back to God! The Kingdom of God is very close!"

The prophet Isaiah told the people about John.

He said, "A voice cries in the desert. Prepare a way for the Lord! Make a straight path for him."

John wore clothes made of camel's hair and a leather belt around his waist.

He ate grasshoppers and wild honey.

John said to the people,

"I baptise you with water,

but someone is more powerful is coming

and I am not worthy even to untie His sandals.

He will baptise you with the Holy Spirit

And with fire!"

## **ALLELUIA**

## **GOSPEL**

John the Baptist was in prison when he heard what Christ was doing.  
So he sent some of his followers to ask Jesus,  
"Are you the one who is coming or are we to wait for another?"  
Jesus answered,  
"Go and tell John what you see and hear.  
The blind see,  
the lame walk,  
the lepers are healed,  
the dead are raised to life,  
and the poor have the good news proclaimed to them.  
God will bless those who do not reject me because of what I do!"  
As John's disciples went away, Jesus spoke to the crowds about John,  
"What did you go in the desert to see?  
A reed shaken by the wind?  
Someone in fine clothing?  
Those who wear such, live in palaces.  
So what did you go out to see?  
A prophet? Yes indeed! And much more than a prophet!  
He is the one whom scripture says,  
"See, I send my messenger ahead of me to prepare the way before  
me."  
Amen, I tell you, no one ever born on this earth is greater than John the  
Baptist and yet the least in the Kingdom of Heaven is greater than he!"

## **HOMILY**

## **1<sup>ST</sup> WEEK OF ADVENT**

### **R6**

The circle of the Advent wreath, without a beginning or end, is a symbol for god's unending love for us.

The evergreen leaves represent growth and the hope of eternal life.

The four candles stand for the four weeks before Christmas as well as the thousands of years people waited for the coming of the Messiah.

### **R7/8**

O Jesus Christ,  
Emmanuel, come and dwell with us.  
Desire of all nations;  
Gift to every generation,  
Come, make your home with us.

All nations, everybody,  
is waiting for you,  
Indians and Eskimos  
are waiting for you,  
People in New York and London are waiting for you.  
People in Preston are waiting for you.  
Jesus, come to us.

### **R9**

As we light the candle for the first week of Advent,  
Let us reflect on the birth of Jesus.

### **(LIGHT 1<sup>ST</sup> CANDLE)**

### **R10**

The Lord brings the light of peace to his people,  
a light that no darkness of violence or trouble can put out.  
Let us walk in the light of peace.

**SING    Like a sea without a shore**

## **2<sup>ND</sup> WEEK OF ADVENT**

### **R11**

The Advent wreath candles remind us that this is a time for getting ready.

### **R12/13**

What can we do to be ready?  
Throughout the world, and even right next to us,  
People are bringing hope and so preparing the way for the Lord.  
So many people try to build peace,  
To fight against hunger  
To relieve poverty  
To teach  
To console  
To tell about the happiness which comes from God.  
Let's pay attention, take a look around.  
Look at the world and we will see the people who are making hope grow.

Jesus said 'I am the light of the world.  
Whoever follows me will not walk in the darkness,  
But will have the light of life.'

**R14/15**     O Jesus Christ, Prince of Peace,  
come and save your people.  
Joy of every heart,  
Strength of those who are poor,  
come quickly to help us.

Prince of Peace,  
teach the lion and the little lamb,  
teach the cat and the mouse,  
the hawk and the tiny bird,  
teach everyone who doesn't get along  
to live in peace.

### **R16**

We light this candle today to remind us that Jesus came, and is coming, so that all people might have a happy and peaceful life.

We thank God for the hope he gives us, for the peace he gives, and for the joy he pours into our hearts.

(light the 2<sup>nd</sup> candle)

**SING : Stay awake**

**3<sup>RD</sup> WEEK OF ADVENT**

**R17**      O Jesus Christ,  
Key of David,  
come and set your people free.  
Open the gates of heaven for us;  
come, deliver us from evil.

**R18**      King David was a mighty king  
who built a city long ago.  
He left a key  
that Jesus found in the manger hay.  
Key of David, Jesus Christ,  
open heaven's gates for us

**R19**  
We light this candle today to remind us that Christ  
came, and is coming, so that all people might have a  
rich and abundant life. We thank God for the hope he  
gives us, for the peace he bestows, and for the joy he  
pours into our hearts.

(Light 3<sup>rd</sup> candle)

**SING : When is he coming**

## **4TH WEEK OF ADVENT**

**R20/ 21**            O Jesus Christ, Holy Wisdom  
come and teach us your way;  
Word of life, Word made flesh,  
come, speak your truth.

Jesus, come and teach me,  
how to sing and play,  
how to learn new words;  
tell me what to say.  
Teach me how to be a child,  
for you know the way.

### **R22**

We light this candle today to remind us that God is love.  
We thank God for hope he gives us, for the peace he  
bestows, for the joy he pours into our hearts, and for  
the love that redeems us and shows us the way.

(light 4<sup>th</sup> candle)

## **SING LITANY OF THE WORD ( Farrell).....(bring forward banners)**

### **PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION**

### **BLESSING OF WREATH**

P. Blessed are you, O Lord our God, king of the universe. You sent your Son to be the Light of the world and to spread his light of love to all. Bless us and accept + this wreath of light. May its ever increasing brightness be a sign to us of the approaching nearness of your Son, that we might prepare in joy for his humble birth in a manger and be ready to receive him at his coming again in glory; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

### **LORD'S PRAYER**

### **BLESSING**

### **SING Christ be our light**