

Lighting of the Advent Candles (Isaiah Year A)

This set of readings for the lighting of the Advent candles is based on the Old Testament lessons of the Revised Common Lectionary in Year A.

At each successive lighting of the Advent candles, all texts from the preceding lightings are read in addition to the text introduced that day.

On the First Sunday of Advent and following Sundays:

In days to come, the mountain of the Lord's house
shall be established as the highest of the mountains;
all the nations shall stream to it.

Isaiah 2:1-5

And on the Second Sunday of Advent, and at successive lightings:

They shall not hurt or destroy on all God's holy mountain;
for the earth will be full of the knowledge of the Lord
as the waters cover the sea.

Isaiah 11:1-10

And on the Third Sunday of Advent, and at successive lightings:

And the ransomed of the Lord shall return with singing;
everlasting joy shall be upon their heads,
and sorrow and sighing shall flee away.

Isaiah 35:1-10

And on the Fourth Sunday of Advent, and at successive lightings:

Look, the young woman is with child,
and shall bear a son,
and shall name him Immanuel: God is with us.

Isaiah 7:10-16

And on the eve of Christmas, or on Christmas Day:

A child has been born to us, a son given to us;
and he is named Wonderful Counselor,
Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.

Isaiah 9:2-7

On each occasion the lighting of the candles is concluded with:

Come, let us walk in the light of the Lord!

Isaiah 2:1-5