

Fourth Sunday of Advent

Advent is preparation to celebrate our oneness with God in Jesus. All four candles are lit. The final purple candle is lit after the pink candle to signify the darkest hours before dawn.

Action: Look at your life: is there anything in it that is against God's will for you?

Year 'B' Reflection: *David's descendants will rule for ever: Jesus is our eternal king, and we sing his praises. We give God glory and praise through Jesus.*

Let us ask our heavenly Father to bless us. (All pause for a moment of silent prayer.)

**Blessed are you, Holy Father:
You have sent your Son to be our Lord,
And have made him our king for ever.
Help us to love him and follow him each day.**

We ask this blessing through Christ our Lord,

(All answer) ***Amen!***

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

Response (R.): All answer: ***Come, Lord Jesus.***

**You are light in our darkness. R.
Son of God, save us from our sins. R.
Bring hope into the lives of all people. R.
Give your peace to all nations. R.
Be the joy of all who love you. R.
Bless us as we gather here in your name. R.
Lord Jesus, stay with us. R.**

**May Christ give us his peace and joy, and let us share them with others. All
praise and glory are his forever.**

(All answer) ***Amen!***

All may sing a verse of "O come, O come, Emmanuel" or another Advent Hymn.

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