

Advent Litany: Week 4

[the candles of hope, love and joy are already lit]

- L: Beloved in the Lord Jesus, today is the fourth Sunday of Advent!
P: So, we gather eager to celebrate Christ's birth.
L: We also gather in expectation of his return.
P: Indeed, one without the other is only half of the gospel.
L: In the beginning the Spirit of God hovered over the formless deep.
P: God decided to create.
L: Light was separated from darkness and water from dry land.
P: Animals were spoken into existence and humanity was formed.
L: In God's image, we were created – both male and female.
P: Despite our created perfection, we choose to sin,
L: Yet God remained faithful.
P: Over the centuries, our sin continued to increase,
L: Yet God remained faithful.
P: Finally, when the time was right, Jesus was born.
L: He ministered among us; died to save us; and ascended to heaven to prepare a place for us.
P: God is faithful!
L: When the time is right, the trumpets will sound and Christ will return.
P: God is faithful!
L: When the time is right, the dead will rise and we will enter into the new heavens and new earth.
P: God is faithful!
L: This morning, we light the fourth Advent candle; it is the candle of peace.

[the fourth candle is lit]

- L: As God's chosen people, our peace is an assured reality, not something left only to our imagination.
P: It is a peace that surpasses all human understanding and limits!
L: Let us pray...

Advent Litany: Week 1

- L: Beloved in the Lord Jesus, today is the first Sunday of Advent!
P: So, we gather eager to celebrate Christ's birth.
L: We also gather in expectation of his return.
P: Indeed, one without the other is only half of the gospel.
L: In the beginning the Spirit of God hovered over the formless deep.
P: God decided to create.
L: Light was separated from darkness and water from dry land.
P: Animals were spoken into existence and humanity was formed.
L: In God's image, we were created – both male and female.
P: Despite our created perfection, we choose to sin,
L: Yet God remained faithful.
P: Over the centuries, our sin continued to increase,
L: Yet God remained faithful.
P: And finally, when the time was right, Jesus was born.
L: He ministered among us; died to save us; and ascended to heaven to prepare a place for us.
P: God is faithful!
L: When the time is right, the trumpets will sound and Christ will return.
P: God is faithful!
L: When the time is right, the dead will rise and we will enter into the new heavens and new earth.
P: God is faithful!
L: This morning, we light the first Advent candle; it is the candle of hope.

[the first candle is lit]

- L: As God's chosen people, our hope is not in our own accomplishments or human goodness.
P: It is in Jesus, the firstborn from the dead and savior of the world.
L: Let us pray...

Advent Litany: Week 2

[the candle of hope is already lit]

- L: Beloved in the Lord Jesus, today is the second Sunday of Advent!
P: So, we gather eager to celebrate Christ's birth.
L: We also gather in expectation of his return.
P: Indeed, one without the other is only half of the gospel.
L: In the beginning the Spirit of God hovered over the formless deep.
P: God decided to create.
L: Light was separated from darkness and water from dry land.
P: Animals were spoken into existence and humanity was formed.
L: In God's image, we were created – both male and female.
P: Despite our created perfection, we choose to sin,
L: Yet God remained faithful.
P: Over the centuries, our sin continued to increase,
L: Yet God remained faithful.
P: Finally, when the time was right, Jesus was born.
L: He ministered among us; died to save us; and ascended to heaven to prepare a place for us.
P: God is faithful!
L: When the time is right, the trumpets will sound and Christ will return.
P: God is faithful!
L: When the time is right, the dead will rise and we will enter into the new heavens and new earth.
P: God is faithful!
L: This morning, we light the second Advent candle; it is the candle of love.

[the second candle is lit]

- L: As God's chosen people, the love we proclaim is entirely unlike every form of human love.
P: It is divine love: Selfless, sacrificial, and always concerned for the wellbeing of others.
L: Let us pray...

Advent Litany: Week 3

[the candles of hope and love are already lit]

- L: Beloved in the Lord Jesus, today is the third Sunday of Advent!
P: So, we gather eager to celebrate Christ's birth.
L: We also gather in expectation of his return.
P: Indeed, one without the other is only half of the gospel.
L: In the beginning the Spirit of God hovered over the formless deep.
P: God decided to create.
L: Light was separated from darkness and water from dry land.
P: Animals were spoken into existence and humanity was formed.
L: In God's image, we were created – both male and female.
P: Despite our created perfection, we choose to sin,
L: Yet God remained faithful.
P: Over the centuries, our sin continued to increase,
L: Yet God remained faithful.
P: Finally, when the time was right, Jesus was born.
L: He ministered among us; died to save us; and ascended to heaven to prepare a place for us.
P: God is faithful!
L: When the time is right, the trumpets will sound and Christ will return.
P: God is faithful!
L: When the time is right, the dead will rise and we will enter into the new heavens and new earth.
P: God is faithful!
L: This morning, we light the third Advent candle; it is the candle of joy.

[the third candle is lit]

- L: As God's chosen people, our joy is not in the fulfillment of personal wishes or worldly desires.
P: Rather, it is a God-given delight, regardless of life's circumstances.
L: Let us pray...