

Advent 2006

Seekers Church

A Christian Community

In the Tradition of the Church of the Saviour

Advent 2006 – The Days are Surely Coming

CIRCLE TIME

ENTRANCE

LIGHTING THE ADVENT CANDLE

REFLECTION

Our own fear-ridden era may more accurately mirror Jesus' description of the days before his return than did any previous period in human history. While we do not know the times and the seasons, we can at least refuse to be deceived by the current obsession with physical security. In the midst of apparent confusion and incompleteness, Christ will come again.

Based on "The Dangers of
Advent," J. B. Phillips

Watch For The Light: Readings for Advent and Christmas

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: The days are surely coming
 when God will fulfill the promise
 to bring justice and righteousness
 throughout the world.

People: There will be signs and wonders.

Leader: The days are surely coming
 when all creation will rejoice.

People: There will be signs and wonders.

Leader: The days are surely coming.

All: The reign of God is near!

INVOCATION

HYMN

WORD FOR THE CHILDREN

SILENCE

RESPONSIVE READING

Leader: My soul magnifies the Lord.

People: And my spirit rejoices in God my Savior.

Leader: To you, O Lord, I lift up my soul.

People: O my God, I trust in you. I will not be afraid.

Leader: Restore us, O God.

All: Let your face shine that we may be saved.

SILENCE

PRAYERS

CONFESSION

Leader: O God, you promise

that the days are surely coming
yet we suffer from conflicting emotions
and dissipation of our faith.

Voice 1: Our hope is mingled with dread.

Voice 2: Our anticipation mingles with despair.

Voice 1: We are content with candles,
carols, and good food.
We miss the point.

Voice 2: We bask in the warmth of familiar traditions,
and general goodwill.
We miss the point.

All: Compassionate Counselor, forgive us
and let us hear your message.

ASSURANCE

Leader: Redemption is near.

God shows us steadfast love and
faithfulness.

All: Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE COMMUNITY

JESUS PRAYER

All: Eternal One, Father and Mother of us all,
Holy is your name.

Let justice and mercy fill all Creation
and let us recognize
that every thought and thing belongs to you.

Feed us with the bread we need for today.

Forgive our sins

as we forgive those who sin against us.

Stand with us in trial and temptation.

Free us from the grip of all that is evil.

For you invite us into creation with you,
now and forever.

Amen.

HYMN

THE WORD

SCRIPTURE

SERMON

SILENT REFLECTION

OFFERING

The first Sunday of each month we switch to a [Communion Liturgy](#) here.

SHARED REFLECTIONS

ANNOUNCEMENTS

HYMN

BENEDICTION

Leader: The days are surely coming, says the Lord,

when the people of God
bring justice and righteousness.

All: Amen.

WORSHIP RESOURCES

Responsive Reading: Luke 1, Psalm 25, Isaiah 12, Psalm 80

Benediction: Based on Jeremiah 33:14-16

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