

Advent Wreath Lighting - Week 3

Opening Song

PEOPLE, LOOK EAST

BESANÇON



1. Peo - ple, look East. The time is near Of the
2. Fur - rows, be glad, though earth is bare. One more
3. Stars, keep the watch when night is dim. One more
4. An - gels, an - nounce on this great feast: Him who



1. crown - ing of the year. Make your house fair as you are
2. seed is plant - ed there; Give up your strength the seed to
3. light the bowl shall brim. Shin - ing be - yond the frost - y
4. com - eth from the East. Set ev - 'ry peak and val - ley



1. a - ble. Trim the hearth and set the ta - ble. Peo - ple, look
2. nour - ish, That in course the flow'r may flour - ish. Peo - ple, look
3. weath - er, Bright as sun and moon to - geth - er. Peo - ple, look
4. hum - ming With the word, the Lord is com - ing. Peo - ple, look



1. East, and sing to - day: Love, the Guest, is on the way.
2. East, and sing to - day: Love, the Rose, is on the way.
3. East, and sing to - day: Love, the Star, is on the way.
4. East, and sing to - day: Love, the Lord, is on the way.

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Greeting

In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

AMEN

May God, who enlightens every heart, be with you.

AND WITH YOUR SPIRIT.

My brothers and sisters, we gather during this holy season of Advent and open our hearts to God's love as we prepare to welcome Christ more deeply into our lives and homes. The candles of this wreath remind us that Jesus Christ came to conquer the darkness of sin and to lead us into the light of his glorious kingdom.

Lighting of the Wreath

The family comes forward and lights the wreath as the leader prays:

Lord our God,

We praise you for your Son, Jesus Christ:

He is Emmanuel, the hope of the peoples, he is the wisdom that teaches and guides us, he is the Savior of every nation.

Lord God, let your blessing come upon us as we light the candles of this wreath. May the wreath and its light be a sign of Christ' promise to bring us salvation. May he come quickly and not delay.

Scripture Reading

1Thessalonians 5:16-24

Rejoice always. Pray without ceasing. In all circumstances give thanks, for this is the will of God for you in Christ Jesus. Do not quench the Spirit. Do not despise prophetic utterances. Test everything; retain what is good. Refrain from every kind of evil.

May the God of peace make you perfectly holy and may you entirely, spirit, soul, and body, be preserved blameless for the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. The one who calls you is faithful, and he will also accomplish it.

MY SOUL REJOICES

Owen Alstott

Refrain

My soul re-joic-es in God, my Sav-ior. My spir-it finds its

Verses

joy in God, the liv-ing God.

1. My soul pro-claims your
2. Your mer-cy flows through-
3. You cast the might - y
4. You fill the hun - gry
5. Just as you prom - ised

to Refrain

1. might-y deeds. My spir - it sings the great-ness of your name.
2. out the land and ev - 'ry gen - er - a - tion knows your love.
3. from their thrones and raise the poor and low - ly to new life.
4. with good things. With emp-ty hands you send the rich a - way.
5. A - bra - ham, you come to free your peo-ple, Is - ra - el.

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Reflection

Advent Litany

O Sapientia - O Wisdom, O holy word of God, you govern all creation with your strong yet tender care:

Come and show your people the way to salvation.

Come, Lord Jesus

O Adonai - O sacred Lord of ancient Israel, who showed yourself to Moses in the burning bush, who gave him the holy law on Sinai mountainL

Come, stretch out your mighty hand to set us free.

Come, Lord Jesus

O Radix Jesse - O flower of Jesse's stem, you have been raised up as a sign for all peoples; rulers stand silent in your presence; the nations bow down in worship before you.

Come, let nothing keep you from coming to our aid.

Come, Lord Jesus

O Clavis David - O key of David, O royal power of Israel, controlling at your will the gate of heaven:

Come, break down the prison walls of death for those who dwell in darkness and the shadow of death, and lead your captive people into freedom.

Come, Lord Jesus

O Oriens - O radiant dawn, splendor of eternal light, sun of justice:

Come, shine on those who dwell in darkness and the shadow of death.

Come, Lord Jesus

O Rex Gentium - O ruler of all the nations, the only joy of every human heart, O keystone of the mighty arch of humankind:

Come and save the creature you fashioned from the dust.

Come, Lord Jesus

O Emmanuel - O Emmanuel, ruler and lawgiver, desire of the nations, savior of all people:

Come and set us free, Lord our God.

Come, Lord Jesus.

Lord's Prayer

Closing Prayer – Collect of the Day from the Roman Missal

O God, who see how your people faithfully await the feast of the Lord's Nativity, enable us, we pray, to attain the joys of so great a salvation and to celebrate them always with solemn worship and glad rejoicing. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

AMEN

Blessing and Dismissal

May the light of Christ lead you to the joy of his kingdom, now and forever. **AMEN**

And may almighty God bless you all, the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit.