

# Advent Resources

Katherine Hawker  
www.liturgyoutside.net

---

## Incarnation (Year A - Isaiah)

<u>Theme</u>	Exploring the Advent of Incarnation
Isaiah 2:1-5	Preparing for the Paradoxical When swords and plowshares interchange, know the blacksmith.
Isaiah 11:1-10	Preparing for the Offensive Lying with the lion is easier when its caged.
Isaiah 35:1-10	Preparing for the Ordinary Beware of losing the tree in the forest.
Isaiah 7:10-16	Preparing for the Vulnerable If diamonds and crystal both glitter, why choose crystal?

## Candle Lighting Prayers (2007)

### Advent 1 - Peace

#### Reading:

On this first Sunday of Advent, we light a candle for peace. Peace comes not with the destruction of the tools of war, the creator flows through relationships creating unity.

(one candle is lit)

#### Prayer:

Creating One, may we have minds limber enough to receive your coming in that which appears paradoxical.

### Advent 2 - Hope

#### Reading:

On this second Sunday of Advent, we light a candle for hope. Hope comes not from the absence of conflict, the sacred is revealed in the presence of the enemy.

(two candles are lit)

#### Prayer:

Sacred One, may we have hearts seasoned enough to receive your coming in that which appears offensive.

### Advent 3 - Joy

#### Reading:

On this third Sunday of Advent, we light a candle for joy. Joy rarely appears with neon signs and blinding lights, the divine rests as a radiant strand in an intricate tapestry.

(three candles are lit)

#### Prayer:

Divine One, may we have eyes focused enough to receive your coming in that which appears ordinary.

### Advent 4 - Love

#### Reading:

On this fourth Sunday of Advent, we light a candle for love. Love surpasses the secure locations we would choose, the holy nests in precarious places and roots in the fragile.

(four candles are lit)

#### Prayer:

Holy One, may we have hands gentle enough to receive your coming in that which appears vulnerable.

---