

## Lighting the Advent Candles (Gospel Year C)

*This set of readings for the lighting of the Advent candles is based on the gospel lessons of the Revised Common Lectionary in Year C.*

*At each successive lighting of the Advent candles, all texts from the preceding lightings are read in addition to the text introduced that day.*

*On the First Sunday of Advent,  
and at successive lightings:*

We light this candle [these candles]  
as a sign of the coming light of Christ.

**In Christ there is life and light for all people.** (John 1)

Now lift up your heads and rejoice:  
your redeemer is drawing near. (Luke 21)

*And on the Second Sunday of Advent,  
and at successive lightings:*

Prepare the way of the Holy One!  
All flesh will see the salvation of God. (Luke 3)

*And on the Third Sunday of Advent,  
and at successive lightings:*

Christ has come to baptize us with the Holy Spirit  
and with fire. (Luke 3)

*And on the Fourth Sunday of Advent,  
and at successive lightings:*

The Mighty One has done great things for us;  
holy is the name of God. (Luke 1)

*And on the Eve of Christmas, or on Christmas Day:*

Behold, there is good news of great joy for all people:  
to us is born a Savior, the Messiah. (Luke 2)

*On each occasion the lighting of the candles is concluded with:*

**Glory to God in the highest,  
and peace to God's people on earth!** (Luke 2)