Advent Week 1

Stay Awake and Be Ready

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Welcome. Today, we celebrate the first week of the Church’s year and the first week of the season of Advent. During Advent we will prepare for the coming of our Saviour at Christmas.

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As we wait, with great expectation, we need to look at our lives and make sure we are ready for the coming of the Lord at Christmas and in the future. Jesus, our Lord, is coming soon.

Please join in with our song, O Emmanuel

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During Advent, we should prepare ourselves so that we are ready when the Lord comes. We reflect now on our lives to see how we might change the way we relate to our God and to other people.

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**THE RESPONSE IS : LORD WE ARE WAITING FOR YOU**

**All: LORD WE ARE WAITING FOR YOU**

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**Reader: Into a world of doubt and worry**

**All: LORD WE ARE WAITING FOR YOU**

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**Reader: When we fail to live and love as we should, you reach out and save us**

**All: LORD WE ARE WAITING FOR YOU**

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Reader: God of peace, as we wait in joyful hope for the Lord, we ask for your blessings and forgiveness. We pray that we will be ready for you and open to your saving power. We ask this through Christ our Lord.

ALL: AMEN

Blessing of Wreath

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Reader: As we wait in hope for the coming of the Lord, we welcome and bless our Advent Wreath which will remind us of the coming of Jesus, our light, into the world.

Our Wreath is in a circle. This is a sign of God’s never ending love for us.

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Loving God, we ask you to bless this wreath. May it be a sign to us of your light and peace coming into our lives. Be with us as we wait in hope for Jesus your son.

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Each week in Advent, we light a candle in our Advent wreath.

Today we light our first candle. This candle reminds us to stay awake and be ready because Jesus our saviour will soon be here.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=AySe5pZnwig>

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Reader: May God bless us all during this time of joyful waiting, in the name of the Father, and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**ALL: AMEN**

Reader: Go in Peace and Love

**ALL:THANKS BE TO GOD**

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As we play a final reflection, each class will file out behind their classroom candle, lit from the advent candle. Please stay silent as your class leaves.