

## Lighting the Advent Candles (Epistle Year B)

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

*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 following Sundays:*

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

With the Lord, one day is like a thousand years, *2 Peter 3*  
and a thousand years are like one day.

**But the day of the Lord will come like a thief;  
therefore, be ready!**

God is faithful, and will strengthen us to the end, *1 Cor. 1*  
so that we may be found blameless on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ.

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

With faith in the promise of God *2 Peter 3*  
we wait for new heavens and a new earth,  
where righteousness will be at home.

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

May the God of peace make us holy *1 Thess. 5*  
and keep us whole in body and spirit,  
until the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.

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

In Christ, the mystery of the ages is revealed. *Romans 16*  
Let us proclaim this good news to all the nations!

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

Now the grace of God has appeared, bringing salvation to all. *Titus 2*

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

**To God be the glory forever! Amen.** *Romans 16*