

Advent 2020 – Candle lighting and CTW

November 29: Hope – Looking for Home

Where you go I will go, and where you stay I will stay. Your people will be my people and your God my God.

When Ruth returned to Bethlehem with her mother-in-law, Naomi, she was leaving the only home she had known. But in Bethlehem she found another home and she became an ancestor of Jesus. God gave her much more than she was looking for: hope, a home and a place in his kingdom.

As we light the first advent candle, we remember the Hope of our salvation through the birth, death and resurrection of Christ. When we look for our home with Him, we will find it.

Come, let us worship God.

December 6: Love – Longing for Home

One thing I ask from the LORD, this only do I seek:
that I may dwell in the house of the LORD all the days of my life,

In Psalm 27, David asks for this one thing: to dwell in God's house. Love came down at Christmas in the person of the Son of God so that we would always have a home with him.

Today as we light the candle of Love, we are overwhelmed by the mercy of God who sent his son to us in human form so that He could lead us home to His Father's house.

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December 13: Peace – Living at Home

And I will provide a place for my people Israel and will plant them so that they can have a home of their own.

The LORD declares to you that the LORD himself will establish a house for you:

God's promise to David and the Israelites for a home and a house is fulfilled through the birth of Jesus, the Messiah.

As we light the third advent candle we remember the words of Isaiah – “he will be called Prince of Peace”. As we long for peace in a broken world we remember God's promise fulfilled with the birth of His son.

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December 20: Joy – Light up Your Home

The angel said to them, “Do not be afraid. I bring you good news of great joy that will be for all the people. For unto you is born this day, in the city of David, a Savior who is Christ the Lord.”

When light filled the sky, the shepherds were first afraid and then filled with joy. So may our homes be filled with light and joy at the birth of our Savior.

On this fourth Sunday of Advent we light the candle of Joy, and we pray that people around the world will experience the Hope, Love, Peace and Joy that comes with having Jesus as our Savior.

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