**Resources for Advent & Christmas**

Below are a few resources you may find useful for Advent and Christmas in the church, home, or online.

***Free Music Resource for Advent and Christmas Online Worship***

Here is a resource with free material some of you may find very helpful for your online offerings, especially if your congregation is among those who will be closing their buildings sometime over the Advent-Christmas-Epiphany cycle.

<https://emumusic.com/collections/downloadable-lyric-videos-for-online-church?fbclid=IwAR35DO51Ar4UEf_c4w_5KVlC3ESDwm2G_pv43ThwETc5_UlfhTeIt80uscY>

***A Draft "Blue Christmas" Service***

This resource comes from. Kelly Baetz has made some adaptations to it in light of the COVID-19 pandemic.

*[Link to Kelly’s resource]*

Original Source: <http://www.mentalhealthministries.net/resources/worship_resources.html>

***Lutheran Resource for Advent and Christmas Liturgies***

This resource has been prepared and shared by the ‘Task for the Resumption of In-person Worship’ of the Eastern Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Canada. The Rev. Brad Mittleholtz, Pastor of Zion Lutheran Church in Sault Ste. Marie, and a regular participant in the Algoma Deanery Clericus, is one of the contributors.

*[Link to PDF called “Advent Worship Package”]*

*If you are still looking for specifically Advent resources, here are a few…*

***Simple Celtic Advent Wreath***

A great design for use in your home during Advent! You don't need coloured tea lights for this. The use of white tea lights is quite acceptable. So you may want to make this a late afternoon/early evening project today...

<https://www.dropbox.com/s/wm48kzfrbtg3dpg/Simple%20Celtic%20Advent%20Wreath.pdf?dl=0&fbclid=IwAR1u0JVEJrTqnPrEHp2o9dj1mRXnwqv7b4WneDg6EfEyyTWlA8jn5nR3Wvw>

You use this with the following as a daily devotion at the start of the day or in the evening before supper:

**Advent Wreath Devotion:**

*The Advent candle(s) is/are) lit.*

*A moment of silence is observed. Then the Leader continues,*

The Spirit and the church cry out as one:

*All:* **O Come, Lord Jesus, come and save us!**

*Leader:* All those awaiting God's salvation pray:

 *All:* **O Come, Lord Jesus, come and save us!**

*Leader:* The whole creation lifts its longing plea:

 *All:* **O Come, Lord Jesus, come and save us!**

*Then the Leader says a favourite household grace, or one of the following prayers.*

***Advent***

Source of all light, send your Son Jesus Christ to shine in our dark world. Help us to prepare our hearts to receive him who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, now and for ever.

***Christmas Eve & Day***

O God, your love was so great for us that you gave us your Son to shine out in our darkness. Help us to make that love known to all the world, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

***Living Compass Advent Devotional for Individual or Group Use***

A free download of this resource as a PDF file is available. The devotions reflect the daily posting from Living Compass that we have been sharing on our Diocesan Facebook page.

<https://www.livingcompass.org/advent>

***Praying and Sharing Around the Advent Wreath at Home***

This is an "Advent at home" resource including suggestions for weekly devotions for families or singles or friends who are connecting online. This resource originally comes from a church in BC (credited in the document). It is shared with permission.

*[Link to Kelly’s resource]*