

CROSS+CROWN ADVENT BOOKLET 2022



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Dear Cross+Crown Family,

Christmas is one of my favorite times of the year! From the yummy food to the carol singing and roaring fireplaces, it is an opportunity to create moments of joy.

Beginning the year Andrea and I were married, we wanted to establish family traditions that would be joyous staples of the Christmas season. Our kids look forward to these traditions every year!

We are happy to share one of our favorite traditions that is at the heart of our Christmas celebration: Advent.

Each of the four Sundays leading up to Christmas Day, we have a specific tradition. On the first Sunday in Advent, for example, we enjoy Cheese Fondue as a family. Andrea and I have pictures of each year's celebration of First Advent from the last twenty years that show part of the history of our growing family.

Each Sunday we celebrate a different attribute of God's character.

Hope, because Jesus is our hope.

Love, because God so loved the world that he gave His Son.

Faith, because without faith it is impossible to please God.

And finally, Peace, a reminder that we have been made at peace with God and have been given the privilege of sharing the message of Peace with a world in desperate need of the Savior.

Advent is about the joy of anticipation and the joy of celebration. It is a perfect season to establish meaningful traditions and make lasting memories. It is a time to slow down and reflect on the birth of Christ.

We hope that this booklet and the tradition and memories of Advent will become a lasting part of Christmas, a little gift from our family to yours!

Matthias

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**HOPE**

Our hope is fulfilled in Jesus.

**LOVE**

God loves the world so much that He gave us His Son.

**FAITH**

Whoever would draw near to God must believe that He exists.

**PEACE**

The gift of peace is found in Jesus alone.

WEEK ONE

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HOPE



# Reading Plan

Day 1 · Genesis 1:26-31

Day 2 · Genesis 3:1-24

Day 3 · Genesis 3:15

Day 4 · Deuteronomy 18:15-19

Day 5 · Isaiah 2:2-5

Day 6 · Isaiah 9:2-7

Day 7 · Isaiah 7:10-14

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The first week of Advent we celebrate that our hope is in Jesus. Hope is an expectation of what is sure or certain. Our hope is fixed on Jesus, our sure and certain Savior.



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“Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! According to His great mercy, He has caused us to be born again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead.” 1 Peter 1:3

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“For the grace of God has appeared, bringing salvation for all people, training us to renounce ungodliness and worldly passions, and to live self-controlled, upright, and godly lives in the present age, waiting for our blessed hope, the appearing of the glory of our great God and Savior Jesus Christ, who gave himself for us to redeem us from all lawlessness and to purify for himself a people for his own possession who are zealous for good works.” Titus 2:11-14

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# O Holy Night

O holy night, the stars are brightly shining  
It is the night of our dear Savior's birth  
Long lay the world in sin and error pining  
Till He appeared and the soul felt its worth  
A thrill of hope, the weary world rejoices  
For yonder breaks a new and glorious morn

Fall on your knees, O hear the angel voices  
O night divine, O night, O night divine

Truly He taught us to love one another  
His law is love and His gospel is peace  
Chains shall He break for the slave is our brother  
And in His name all oppression shall cease  
Sweet hymns of joy in grateful chorus raise we  
Let all within us praise His holy name

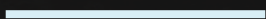
Christ is the Lord, O praise His Name forever  
His power and glory evermore proclaim  
His power and glory evermore proclaim



# HOPE

Our hope is fulfilled in Jesus.

WEEK TWO



LOVE



# Reading Plan

Day 8 · Isaiah 11:1-5

Day 9 · Isaiah 19:19-25

Day 10 · Isaiah 40:9-11

Day 11 · Isaiah 42:1-4

Day 12 · Isaiah 49:1-7

Day 13 · Isaiah 53:1-12

Day 14 · Isaiah 61:1-3

# L O V E

The second week of Advent, we celebrate the love of God that was shown to us through the birth of Jesus. We are recipients of God's unending and sacrificial love. He chose to love us and save us by sending Jesus to be our Savior. We also celebrate the love that God has given us by loving others.

"...If we love one another, God abides in us and his love is perfected in us. By this we know that we abide in him and he in us, because he has given us of his Spirit... So we have come to know and to believe the love that God has for us. God is love, and whoever abides in love abides in God, and God abides in him." 1 John 4:12b-16

"And above all these put on love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony."  
Colossians 3:14



# Come and Stand Amazed

Come and stand amazed, you people  
See how God is reconciled  
See His plans of love accomplished  
See His gift, this newborn child  
See the Mighty, weak and tender  
See the Word who now is mute  
See the Sovereign without splendor  
See the Fullness destitute

See how humankind received Him  
See Him wrapped in swaddling bands  
Who as Lord of all creation  
Rules the wind by His commands  
See Him lying in a manger  
Without sign of reasoning  
Word of God to flesh surrendered  
He is wisdom's crown, our King

O Lord Jesus, God incarnate  
Who assumed this humble form  
Counsel me and let my wishes  
To Your perfect will conform  
Light of life, dispel my darkness  
Let Your frailty strengthen me  
Let Your meekness give me boldness  
Let Your burden set me free

O Emmanuel, my Savior  
Let Your death be life for me



# LOVE

God loves the world so much  
that He gave us His Son.

WEEK THREE

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FAITH





# Reading Plan

Day 15 · Jeremiah 23:5-6

Day 16 · Jeremiah 33:14-16

Day 17 · Micah 5:2

Day 18 · Zephaniah 3:14-17

Day 19 · Zechariah 9:9-10

Day 20 · Malachi 3

Day 21 · Psalm 146

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The third week of Advent, we celebrate the faith we have in Jesus. Faith is a gift from God. We rely on faith to move our heart and mind from doubt to belief. God gives faith generously to all who ask.

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“Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen... Without faith it is impossible to please Him, for whoever would draw near to God must believe that he exists and that he rewards those who seek Him.” Hebrews 11:1, 6

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“For everyone who has been born of God overcomes the world. And this is the victory that has overcome the world—our faith. Who is it that overcomes the world except the one who believes that Jesus is the Son of God?” 1 John 5:4-5

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# Come Thou Long Expected Jesus

Come Thou long expected Jesus  
Born to set Thy people free  
From our fears and sins, release us  
Let us find our rest in Thee

Israel's strength and consolation  
Hope of all the Earth Thou art  
Dear desire of every nation  
Joy of every longing heart

Born Thy people to deliver  
Born a child and yet a King  
Born to reign forever  
Now Thy gracious kingdom bring

By Thine own eternal spirit  
Ruling all our hearts alone  
By Thine all sufficient merit  
Raise us to Thy glorious throne

Come Thou long expected Jesus

# FAITH

Whoever would draw near to God  
must believe that He exists.

WEEK FOUR

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PEACE



# Reading Plan

Day 22 · Luke 1:1-25

Day 23 · Luke 1:26-38

Day 24 · Luke 1:39-56

Day 25 · Luke 1:57-80

Day 26 · Luke 2:1-20

Day 27 · Luke 2:21-38

Day 28 · Psalms 96 & 98

P

The fourth Advent we celebrate the peace that is found in Jesus. The Hebrew word 'shalom' is translated as peace. Peace is God's gift of wholeness to his people. Jesus came to bring wholeness to a world that is broken. Jesus restores peace between man and God. Our brokenness is made whole in the birth, burial and resurrection of Jesus.

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"Jesus said to them again, 'Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, even so I am sending you.'" John 20:21

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"For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, and through him to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, making peace by the blood of his cross."

Colossians 1:19-20

E

"May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that by the power of the Holy Spirit you may abound in hope."

Romans 15:13





# Silent Night

Silent night, holy night  
All is calm, all is bright  
Round yon virgin mother and child  
Holy infant, so tender and mild  
Sleep in heavenly peace  
Sleep in heavenly peace

Silent night, holy night  
Shepherds quake at the sight  
Glories stream from Heaven afar  
Heavenly hosts sing alleluia  
Christ the Savior is born  
Christ the Savior is born

Silent night, holy night  
Son of God, love's pure light  
Radiant beams from Thy holy face  
With the dawn of redeeming grace  
Jesus, Lord, at Thy birth  
Jesus, Lord, at Thy birth



# PEACE

The gift of peace is  
found in Jesus alone.

# Go Tell It On the Mountain

Go, tell it on the mountain  
Over the hills and everywhere  
Go, tell it on the mountain  
That Jesus Christ is born!

While shepherds kept their watching  
O'er silent flocks by night  
Behold throughout the heavens  
There shone a holy light

The shepherds feared and trembled  
When lo! Above the Earth  
Rang out the angel chorus  
That hailed our Savior's birth

Down in a lowly manger  
Our humble Christ was born  
And God sent us salvation  
That blessed Christmas morn





# CHRISTMAS

## EVE

“She will bear a son, and you shall call his name Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins.’ All this took place to fulfill what the Lord had spoken by the prophet: ‘Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and they shall call his name Immanuel’ (which means, God with us).” Matthew 1:21-23



“I thank my God always when I remember you in my prayers, because I hear of your love and of the faith that you have toward the Lord Jesus and for all the saints, and I pray that the sharing of your faith may become effective for the full knowledge of every good thing that is in us for the sake of Christ. For I have derived much joy and comfort from your love, my brother, because the hearts of the saints have been refreshed through you.” Philemon 1:4-7



# O Come All Ye Faithful

O come, all ye faithful, joyful and triumphant  
O come ye, O come ye to Bethlehem  
Come and behold him  
Born the King of angels  
O come, let us adore Him  
O come, let us adore Him  
O come, let us adore Him  
Christ the Lord

Sing, choirs of angels, sing in exultation  
Sing, all ye citizens of Heaven above  
Glory to God, glory in the highest  
O come, let us adore Him  
O come, let us adore Him  
O come, let us adore Him  
Christ the Lord

Yea, Lord, we greet Thee, born this happy morning  
Jesus, to Thee be glory given  
Word of the Father, now in flesh appearing  
O come, let us adore Him  
O come, let us adore Him  
O come, let us adore Him  
Christ the Lord

# Joy to the World

Joy to the world, the Lord has come  
Let earth receive her King  
Let every heart prepare Him room  
And Heaven and nature sing  
And Heaven and nature sing  
And Heaven, and Heaven and nature sing

Joy to the world, the Savior reigns  
Let men their songs employ  
While fields and floods, rocks, hills,  
and plains  
Repeat the sounding joy  
Repeat the sounding joy  
Repeat, repeat the sounding joy

He rules the world with truth and grace  
And makes the nations prove  
The glories of His righteousness  
And wonders of His love  
And wonders of His love  
And wonders, wonders of His love



# O Come O Come Emmanuel

O come, O come, Emmanuel  
And ransom captive Israel  
That mourns in lonely exile here  
Until the Son of God appear  
Rejoice, rejoice, Emmanuel  
Shall come to thee, O Israel

O come, Thou Dayspring, come and cheer  
Our spirits by Thine advent here  
Disperse the gloomy clouds of night  
And death's dark shadows put to flight  
Rejoice, rejoice, Emmanuel  
Shall come to thee, O Israel

O come, Desire of nations, bind  
All peoples in one heart and mind  
Bid envy, strife, and quarrels cease  
Fill the whole world with Heaven's peace  
Rejoice, rejoice, Emmanuel  
Shall come to thee, O Israel



**Merry Christmas!**

