



THE WAY OF LOVE
Practices for Jesus-Centered Life

**Journeying the Way of Love:
Advent Curriculum**

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The Way of Love invites us to a rule of life that leads to incarnating Divine Love in the world, so it is appropriate to initiate a journey on the Way of Love during Advent, the season we slow down to get ready to welcome Jesus, God incarnate, anew. The Way of Love Calendar you'll notice each week follows a pattern.

Week 1: The Annunciation: Saying "Yes" to the Journey as an Individual (Luke 1:26-38)

Week2: Mary and Elizabeth: Journeying with Family and Friends (Luke 1:39-56)

Week3: Birth of John the Baptist: Journeying with Community (Luke 1:57-80)

Week4: Birth of Jesus: Journeying in the World (Luke 2:1-20)

Program for Advent Sunday is as follows:

Readings

Jeremiah 33:14-16

Psalm 25:1-9

1 Thess 3:9-13

Luke 1:26-38

Processional hymn: #56

**Great Spirit, God, Creator of all, we receive you into our hearts, our minds, our Souls:
Grant us Mary's wisdom to heed the inner voice that we know is you. Guide us to
accept your invitation to serve and to do so with strength and courage. Amen.**

LIGHTING THE ADVENT WREATH

Let your light shine on us, Lord, and overcome the darkness of our hearts,
that we may attain to the light which is Christ.

All: **Amen**

(A person lights the First Candle here)

Leader: I look from afar, and lo, I see the power of God coming and a cloud covering
the whole earth

All: **Go out to meet him and say "Tell us, are you the one who should come to
reign over your people Israel?"**

Leader: High and low, rich and poor, one with another go out to meet him, and say
"Hear, O shepherd of Israel, you who lead Joseph like a sheep tell us, are you
the one who should come?"

All: **Stir up your strength, O Lord and come to rule over your people Israel.**

Leader: Glory to the Father, and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit

All: **I look from far away, and lo, I see the power of God coming and a cloud
covering the whole earth.**

Sequence hymn: #66

Choir Anthem: How beautiful upon the mountains John Stainer

Offertory hymn: #59

The Great Thanksgiving - Eucharistic Prayer B (BCP367)

Communion hymns: #324

#62

Recessional hymn: #58

All okay for the Advent Candle/wreath?

After Holy Communion - The Closing Prayer

Holy One, who makes the impossible possible, open our ears to hear you calling us to birth new life into the world. Grant us, through the power of the Spirit, the courage of Mary to respond with "yes" so that your Word may dwell in our hearts; through your son Jesus Christ, to whom with you and the same Spirit be honor and glory, now and forever. Amen.