
Advent Wreath Ceremony 2019

The Advent wreath ceremony this year will have a sung response, based on Hymn Number 279 - Advent Litany. This hymn should be played as Entrance Processional on the first Sunday of Advent, and the two responses (Alleluia and Maranatha) should be taught in preparation for the wreath ceremony. On the remaining Sundays, it can be played at any appropriate time, but can be particularly useful for communion. The length can be extended by simply playing a single instrumental verse after every second verse, if you have a particularly large congregation.

When the priest begins the mass, he will ask people to greet each other before moving to the wreath ceremony.

1st Sunday of Advent:

Priest (or cantor): All-powerful God, increase our strength of will for doing good that Christ may find an eager welcome at his coming.

Response (sung): Alleluia!

(Lighting of candle.)

Priest (or cantor): Call us to his side in the kingdom of heaven, where he lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit forever.

Response (sung): Maranatha!

2nd Sunday of Advent:

Priest (or cantor): God of power and mercy open our hearts in welcome. Remove the things that hinder us from receiving Christ with joy.

Response (sung): Alleluia!

(Lighting of candle.)

Priest (or cantor): May we share his wisdom and become one with him when he comes in glory, for he lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit.

Response (sung): Maranatha!

3rd Sunday of Advent:

Priest (or cantor): Lord God, may we, your people, who look forward to the birthday of Christ experience the joy of salvation.

Response (sung): Alleluia!

(Lighting of candle.)

Priest (or cantor): May we celebrate that feast with love and thanksgiving through Christ our Lord.

Response (sung): Maranatha!

4th Sunday of Advent:

Priest (or cantor): Father, all-powerful God, your eternal Word took flesh on our earth when the Virgin Mary placed her life at the service of your plan.

Response (sung): Alleluia!

(Lighting of candle.)

Priest (or cantor): Lift our minds in watchful hope to hear the voice which announces his glory and open our minds to receive the Spirit who prepares us for his coming.

Response (sung): Maranatha!