‘Christ, be our light!’ liturgy for Advent

ADVENT 1.

Leader: We wait for the coming of Christ, the light of the world
All: Come Lord Jesus

Choir: Longing for light, we wait in darkness.
Longing for truth, we turn to you.
Make us your own, your holy people,
light for the world to see.

All sing: Christ, be our light!
Shine in our hearts.
Shine through the darkness.
Christ, be our light!
Shine in your church gathered today.

Reader: The true light, which enlightens everyone is coming into the world.
All: Come Lord Jesus

Reader: The light shines in the darkness
And the darkness will not overcome it.
All: Christ, shine in your church today

ADVENT 2.

Leader: We long for the peace of Christ in our world
All: Come Prince of Peace

Choir: Longing for peace, our world is troubled.
Longing for hope, many despair.
Your word alone has power to save us.
Make us your living voice.

All sing: Christ, be our light!
Shine in our hearts.
Shine through the darkness.
Christ, be our light!
Shine in your church gathered today.

Reader: Listen for the voice of the prophet crying out in the wilderness:
prepare the way of the Lord.
All: Come Prince of Peace

Reader: The spirit of the Lord shall rest on him
and the earth will be full of the knowledge of the Lord
All: Christ, shine on the earth today

ADVENT 3.

Leader: We wait for the coming of Christ, giving life in abundance
All: Come Giver of Life

Choir: Longing for food, many are hungry.
Longing for water, many still thirst.
Make us your bread, broken for others,
shared until all are fed.
All sing: Christ, be our light!
   Shine in our hearts.
   Shine through the darkness.
   Christ, be our light!
   Shine in your church
   gathered today.

The third candle is lit and this response is used

Reader: The bread of life given for all people
   a sharing in the body of Christ
All:   Come Giver of Life

Reader: The desert shall rejoice and blossom abundantly
   Rejoice and be glad in it.
All:   Christ, shine in our world today

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ADVENT 4.

Leader: We long for the presence of Christ, Emmanuel, God with us
All:   Come Bearer of Hope

Choir:
   Longing for shelter, many are homeless.
   Longing for warmth, many are cold.
   Make us your building, sheltering others,
   walls made of living stone.

All sing: Christ, be our light!
   Shine in our hearts.
   Shine through the darkness.
   Christ, be our light!
   Shine in your church
   gathered today

The fourth candle is lit and this response is used

Reader: Love coming to earth to live among us
   Full of grace and truth
All:   Come Bearer of Hope

Reader: Do not be afraid: see I am bringing you
   good news of great joy for all people
All:   Christ, shine in our hearts today

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CHRISTMAS DAY

Leader: We celebrate the coming of Christ, the light of the world
All:   Emmanuel, God with us

Choir:
   Many the gifts, many the people,
   many the hearts that yearn to belong.
   Let us be servants to one another,
   making your kingdom come

All sing: Christ, be our light!
   Shine in our hearts.
   Shine through the darkness.
   Christ, be our light!
   Shine in your church
   gathered today.

The fourth candle is lit and this response is used

Reader: A child is born for us
   A gift is given to us
All:   Emmanuel, God with us

Reader: Bringing your kingdom of peace
   to all people on earth
All:   Christ, we celebrate you here today!

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