

ADVENT: CANDLE OF JOY

Monday, December 15

Reading: Luke 2:1-20

Luke 2:10 *The angel said to them, "Do not be afraid. I bring you good news that will cause great joy for all the people.*
11 *Today in the town of David a Savior has been born to you; he is the Messiah, the Lord."*

The word Advent means "coming." It is a season filled with expectation.
It's a time when we remember a world that was waiting for a coming Savior.

In a world that finds pleasure in the abundance of material possessions, we find our true joy in Jesus Christ.
We experience joy this Christmas season as we look forward to His glorious return,
when He will set us free from this broken world.

This week we lit the candle of joy. And His joy—a deep, unmatched, life-changing joy—is better
than anything else we might be anticipating this Christmas season.

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May we experience the joy of God as we wait for Christ's return.

PRAYER

God, give us joy in our hearts now and forever. Help us to tell other people about this joy too. Amen.

CHRISTMAS CAROL

"How Great Our Joy"

Traditional German Carol

V 1 While by our sheep we watched at night / Glad tidings brought an angel bright

CHORUS

How great our joy! / Great our joy!

Joy, joy, joy! / Joy, joy joy!

Praise we the Lord in heaven on high!

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V 2 There shall be born so he did say / In Bethlehem a Child today

CHORUS

V 3 There shall the Child lie in a stall / This Child who shall redeem us all

CHORUS

V 4 This gift of God we'll cherish well / That ever joy our hearts shall fill

CHORUS