

Advent thoughts

Advent 1 (Colours: purple for Advent; black for darkness)

In the beginning
darkness covered the face of the deep
And God was present in that darkness.

When the sun is shadowed
when the moon and stars are hidden from our eyes
**we trust that darkness
to be full of newness and hope.**

God of light and darkness
we light this first Advent candle
to affirm the presence of God as hope

Advent 2 (Colours: purple for Advent; red for desert; blue for water)

In the beginning
darkness covered the face of the deep
And God was present in that darkness.

God of light and darkness
we light this first Advent candle
to affirm the presence of God as hope

In the wilderness
beneath a canopy of stars
we confront our deepest fears
**we trust that darkness
to hold the abundance of your peace.**

God of light and darkness
we light this second Advent candle
to affirm the presence of God as peace

Advent 3 (Colours: purple for Advent; gold for light)

In the beginning
darkness covered the face of the deep
And God was present in that darkness.

God of light and darkness
we light this first Advent candle
to affirm the presence of God as hope

God of light and darkness
we light this second Advent candle
to affirm the presence of God as peace

The brokenhearted and oppressed hear the good news
all who mourn shall be comforted
**we trust that darkness
to hold the presence of God as justice**

God of light and darkness
we light this third Advent candle
to affirm the presence of God as justice

Advent 4 (Colours: purple for Advent; red for pregnancy)

In the beginning
darkness covered the face of the deep
And God was present in that darkness.

God of light and darkness
we light this first Advent candle
to affirm the presence of God as hope

God of light and darkness
we light this second Advent candle
to affirm the presence of God as peace

God of light and darkness
we light this third Advent candle
to affirm the presence of God as justice

Fear not
we are invited say yes
to nurture God in human flesh (smuggle?)
**We trust that darkness within
to hold the presence of God as love**

God of light and darkness
we light this fourth Advent candle
to affirm the presence of God as love

Christmas Eve/Day (Colours: white, black, purple, gold, blue, red)
(add)

In the darkness, we wait in expectation
the night sky is alive with stars
**as if in a dream, we hear the good news of hope,
of peace, justice and love**
there is a light brimming over, spreading out over the world,
joining the darkness in celebration
**We trust that light and darkness
to hold the presence of God.**