

ADVENT AND CHRISTMAS WITH WALTER RAUSCHENBUSCH

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Scripture readings from the Revised Common Lectionary Year A

WE BESEECH THEE THAT IN THESE DAYS
WHEN ALL THE WORLD REMEMBERS
THE LOWLY BIRTH OF JESUS,
HE MAY BE BORN ONCE MORE IN OUR LIVES
AND MAY TRANSFORM US BY HIS PRESENCE.



from his undated prayer "Before Christmas"

First Sunday of Advent

Isa. 2:1-5; Psalm 122; Rom. 13:11-14; Matt. 24:36-44

Monday	Isa. 2:1-5	WR	<i>The Prophets</i>	95
Tuesday:	Psalm 122	WR	<i>Solidarity of Hate and Horror</i>	188
Wednesday	Rom. 13:11-14	WR	<i>Hate and War</i>	189
Thursday	Matt. 24:36-44	WR	<i>A Prayer in Time of War, 1914</i>	190f
Friday:			<i>God of the Nations, Near and Far</i>	139

Second Sunday of Advent

Isa. 11:1-10; Psalm 72:1-7, 18-19; Rom. 15:4-13; Matt. 3:1-12

Monday	Isa. 11:1-10	WR	<i>If Prophets Lived Today</i>	98
Tuesday	Psalm 72:1-7, 18-19	WR	<i>Not Only Mercy, but Justice</i>	208
Wednesday	Rom. 15:4-13	WR	<i>The Reign of Fear is Never the Reign of God</i>	165
Thursday:	Matt. 3:1-12	WR	<i>Unhorsing Privilege</i>	169
Friday			<i>Commit You All that Grieves You</i>	84

Third Sunday of Advent

Isa. 35:1-10; Psalm 146:5-10; Luke 1 46b-55; James 5:7-10; Matt. 11:2-11

Monday	Isa. 35:1-10	WR	<i>Wherever Jesus Looked</i>	150
Tuesday	Psalm 146:5-10	WR	<i>Those Jesus Ridiculed</i>	64
Wednesday	Luke 1:46b-55	WR	<i>Hymns of Social Redemption</i>	136
Thursday	James 5:7-10	WR	<i>Let Us Counsel Patience</i>	185
Friday	Matt. 11:2-11	WR	<i>Pronunciamento and Platform of Christianity</i>	179

Fourth Sunday of Advent

Isa. 7:10-16; Psalm 80:1-7, 17-19; Rom. 1:1-7; Matt. 1:18-25

Monday	Isa. 7:10-16	WR	<i>The Heart of Jesus's Heart</i>	90
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Tuesday	Psalm 80:1-7, 17-19	WR	<i>Responsive Prayer for Those Who Labor</i>	141
Wednesday	Rom. 1:1-7	WR	<i>Soon the Silvery Light will Rest on It All</i>	23
Thursday	Matt. 1:18-25	WR	<i>This is Indeed the Life Eternal</i>	40
Friday	<i>O Power of Love, All Else Transcending</i>			21

Twelve Days of Christmas

Christmas	Isa. 9:2-7	WR	<i>The Rarest Secret of All</i>	61
C2	Psalm 96	WR	<i>Sharing the Secret</i>	62
C3	Titus 2:11-14	WR	<i>Knowledge and the Eternal Life</i>	32
C4	Luke 2:1-14	WR	<i>Christmas and the Cross</i>	112
C5	Isa. 62:6-12	WR	<i>Dare We?</i>	209
C6	Psalm 97	WR	<i>The Measure of the Eternal Life in Us</i>	35
C7	Titus 3:4-7	WR	<i>True Christianity</i>	28
C8	Luke 2:15-20	WR	<i>Christmas and Purposeful Suffering</i>	113
C9	Isa. 52:7-10	WR	<i>The Corruption of Christmas</i>	114
C10	Psalm 98	WR	<i>The Real Thing</i>	67
C11	Heb. 1:1-12	WR	<i>Learn to Know God</i>	27
C12	John 1:1-14	WR	<i>The Only God Whom We Can Know</i>	37

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