COLLECTS FOR ADVENT

Advent 1 --- Hope Hope-bringer,

you in whom we live and move and have our being, may your advent revive our waning spirits, so that we may embody your hope anew to a fearful and weary world.

We ask this in the name of God with us, Jesus the Christ. Amen.

Advent 2 --- Peace

Peace-maker,

you gave breath to a voice in the wilderness calling us to prepare, clothe us in the beauty of your compassion and swaddle us against all fear, so that we may rest in your arms of love and share in your way of shalom.

We ask this in the name of the one who was, and who is, and who is to come, Jesus the Christ. Amen.

Advent 3 --- Joy
Joy-giver,
you rejoice over us with gladness
and renew us in your love,
fashion us into an Advent people,
baptized in your power,
and making way for the joyous light
that no darkness could overcome,
so that all might see your goodness.
We ask this in the name of your incarnate Word,
Jesus the Christ. Amen. iii

Advent 4 --- Love
Love-bearer,
you called a faithful handmaiden
to carry the essence of love,
make room in our hearts for your arrival,
amidst the winter chill,
so that we, warmed by your presence,
may share the good news of your coming with all.
We ask this in the name of our brother and friend,
Jesus the Christ. Amen. iv

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