Meditations for Advent 2026

The Advent readings for this year are from Cycle 6.

WEEK ONE:
The meditations for the first week center on watchfulness, repentance, and the Lord's mercy and restoration.

Sun. 11/29 | Mk 13:33-37
Shortly before his death and resurrection, Jesus urges his disciples to take care, to watch, and to pray, as the preparation for the coming of his kingdom.

Mon. 11/30 | Hos 1
Hosea embodies in his life and marriage the Lord's dealings with Israel: those who are not his people will become his people through God's mercy and forgiveness.

Tues. 12/1 | Hos 2-3
Faithless Israel is wooed by the Lord to return to him: God espouses in faithfulness the people who have proved faithless to him.

Wed. 12/2 | Hos 13-14
In the face of a sentence of judgment, Israel is called to repent and return to the Lord who promises to heal their faithlessness.

Thurs. 12/3 | Joel 2:18 – 3:21
Following a call to repentance, the Lord promises restoration for his people and the pouring out of his Spirit. Following days of battle and judgment, the Lord promises a time of feasting and rejoicing with him in the land.

Fri. 12/4 | Amos 9
Following a season of shaking and great judgment, the Lord promises a messianic restoration of abundance that will include all the nations (see Acts 15:15-18)

Sat. 12/5 | Jonah 1-4
This is the whole story of Jonah: a narrative of calling, disobedience, reproof, repentance, and fulfilment of a mission that reveals God's heart for repentance.

WEEK TWO:
The meditations for the second week focus on preparing the way of the Lord and his promise to dwell with his people.

Sun. 12/6 | Mk 1:1-8
The preaching of John the Baptist begins with a call to "prepare the way of the Lord" (Is 40), a call that still applies to us today as we seek the Lord's coming.

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Mon. 12/7 | Micah 4
The mountain of the house of the Lord is established as the highest and most glorious throne. To it Israel and all the nations will come and give worship to the Lord.

Tues. 12/8 | Micah 5:1 – 6:8
The promise of a ruler who will arise from Bethlehem—the Messiah the Son of David. Micah also draws the people to repentance, to walk in the way of the Lord.

Wed. 12/9 | Hab 2:1-14, 20
The Lord promises a day that will hasten, and the righteous one shall live by his faith; the Lord will bring peace and spread the knowledge of himself through all the earth.

Thurs. 12/10 | Zeph 3
The Lord, the righteous one, will judge all the nations, but will restore his people: a call to rejoice because the Lord is in their midst to show love to his people.

Fri. 12/11 | Hag 1-2
Through Haggai the Lord calls the returned exiles to build his house rather than their own—and they do. And the Lord promises to shake all the nations so that "the treasure of all nations shall come in."

Sat. 12/12 | Zech 1-2
The beginning of Zechariah's visions (visions 1-3) for Jerusalem and Judah: the Lord is rousing himself and will being a blessing upon his people.

WEEK THREE:
The meditations for the third week consider the promises of cleansing, holiness, and the Lord's coming.

Sun. 12/13 | John 1:6-8, 19-28
John further prepares the way for Jesus by acknowledging who Jesus is—the one who will come and baptize not just with water but with the Holy Spirit (v. 33).

Mon. 12/14 | Zech 3-6
The remaining visions (visions 4-8): the cleansing of Jeshua, the promise of the 'Branch', the Lord's servant, and the power of God's Spirit.

Tues. 12/15 | Zech 14
The Day of the Lord's coming and the great battle on that day: Jerusalem will dwell in security and the nations will be gathered together around the holy city.

Wed. 12/16 | Mal 3-4
The coming of the Lord's messenger to prepare his way; the sun of righteousness rising with healing; and the promise of the coming of Elijah (fulfilled in John the Baptist, Matt 11:14).

Thurs. 12/17 | 2 Pet 1
The provision of God and the great promises for those in Christ (partakers of the divine nature), and the recalling of the Transfiguration and the surety of God's revelation found in the inspired Scriptures.

Fri. 12/18 | 2 Pet 2
In contrast to this, the warning against the arising of false prophets who do not have the word of the Lord.

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Sat. 12/19 | 2 Pet 3
Reminder of the promise of the Lord's return that will arrive like a thief in the night, and the strong exhortation to holiness while waiting for the Lord's return.

WEEK FOUR:

Sun. 12/20 | Lk 1:26-38
The angel Gabriel announces to Mary that she will bear the Son of God by means of the Holy Spirit who will overshadow her—and Mary agrees by opening herself to this word.

Mon. 12/21 | Zech 9
The promise of Israel's king riding on a donkey—fulfilled by Jesus on Palm Sunday (Matt 21:4-5; Jn 12:14-15).

Tues. 12/22 | Zech 10
The Lord of hosts caring for his flock and bringing back to the land all the exiles from where they have been scattered.

Wed. 12/23 | Zech 11
The shepherd of the flock doomed to slaughter: the breaking of the staffs of Grace and Union as a sign of God's judgment on his people.

Thurs. 12/24 | Zech 12
The triumph of Judah and Jerusalem; and the mourning in Israel for the "one whom they have pierced" (fulfilled in Jesus, Jn 19:34-37; Rev 1:7)

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