

Season of Advent

These worship resources from Scripture and the confessions are selected for use in the Season of Advent.

Call to Confession

Jesus has appeared once for all
at the end of the age
to remove sin by the sacrifice of himself.
And just as it is appointed for mortals to die once,
and after that the judgment,
so Christ, having been offered once
to bear the sins of many,
will appear a second time,
not to deal with sin,
but to save those who are eagerly waiting for him.
Heb. 9:26-28

Peace

For a child has been born for us,
a son given to us;
authority rests upon his shoulders;
**and he is named Wonderful Counselor,
Mighty God,
Everlasting Father,
Prince of Peace.**
His authority shall grow continually,
and there shall be endless peace
for the throne of David and his kingdom.
**He will establish and uphold it
with justice and with righteousness
from this time onward and forevermore.**
The zeal of the Lord of hosts will do this.
Isa. 9:6-7

Affirmation of Faith

As Christ would have us to be certainly persuaded
that there shall be a day of judgment,
both to deter all people from sin,
and for the greater consolation of the godly in their adversity;
so will he have that day unknown to all,

that they may shake off all carnal security,
and be always watchful,
because they know not at what hour the Lord will come;
and may be ever prepared to say,
Come, Lord Jesus, come quickly. Amen.
Westminster Confession, 6.182

How is Christ to be exalted
in his coming again to judge the world?
**Christ is to be exalted
in his coming again to judge the world,
in that he, who was unjustly judged
and condemned by wicked persons,
shall come again at the last day in great power,
and in the full manifestation of his own glory,
and of his Father's,
with all his holy angels,
with a shout,
with the voice of the archangel,
and with the trumpet of God,
to judge the world in righteousness.**
Westminster Larger Catechism, 7.166

In gratitude to God, empowered by the Spirit,
we strive to serve Christ in our daily tasks
and to live holy and joyful lives,
even as we watch for God's new heaven and new earth,
praying, "Come, Lord Jesus!"
Brief Statement of Faith, 10.4

In Christ God gave us a glimpse of the new creation
he has already begun and will surely finish.
**We do not know when the final day will come.
In our time we see only broken and scattered signs
that the renewal of all things is under way.**
We do not yet see the end of cruelty and suffering
in the world, the church, or our own lives.
**But we see Jesus as Lord.
As he stands at the center of our history,
we are confident he will stand at its end.**
He will judge all people and nations.
Evil will be condemned
and rooted out of God's good creation.
**There will be no more tears or pain.
All things will be made new.**
Declaration of Faith, 10.2