

Our Celebration of Advent

Sunday 22 December 2019

On this Sunday before Christmas, it occurred to me we might consider the traditional advent symbol set. The wreath and candles are pregnant with meaning, which I hope you will help me deliver in the barn, whilst we consume more palpable gifts provided by those committed to follow Jesus' dictum to show love by feeding his sheep. May I suggest you draw on your gifts to share thoughts, feelings, and experiences related to one or more advent themes?



We may begin with the wreath, a symbol of the eternal God and God's endless mercy or the wreath's colour representing new life, renewal, and eternal life.

We may include one or more candles representing hope, peace, love, joy, and of course the fifth candle of Jesus—the light of the world.

There are so many ways to link these symbols to a meaningful page in chapter 2019 of our life's narratives. Thus, I only suggest categories of meaning and leave it to your creativity to enable us to bask in the glory of a moment from 2019.

In the list that follows, I suggest some sharable items, but please do not let me stifle your own contributions. A/an...

historical work	biography
nonfiction essay or book	novel
poem	news report
painting	Song Bruce Springsteen or The Beatles?
play	hymn
sculpture	architectural work
relationship experience	role model qua illustration
short video clip	photograph
musical	quilt
travel experience	personal object
social media post	worship experience

In the event, nothing comes to mind, count on others to fill the void.

Best wishes for a Happy Christmas!

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