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Section 1. Advent

Advent Propers

Propers Assigned to Days of the Week

Propers Assigned to Fixed Dates

	First Week	Second Week	Third Week		Fourth Week
Sunday	1010 First Sunday of Advent 1011 Advent Lessons and Carols	1020 Second Sunday of Advent	1030 Third Sunday of Advent		1040 Great Advent Antiphons 16 or 17 December 1050 Fourth Sunday of Advent
Monday	1012 Monday in the First Week of Advent	1021 Monday in the Second Week of Advent	1031 Monday in the Third Week of Advent		1044 17 December 1051 22 December
Tuesday	1013 Tuesday in the First Week of Advent	1022 Tuesday in the Second Week of Advent	1032 Tuesday in the Third Week of Advent		1045 18 December 1052 23 December
Wednesday	1014 Wednesday in the First Week of Advent	1023 Wednesday in the Second Week of Advent	1033 Wednesday in the Third Week of Advent	1041 Ember Wednesday of Advent	1046 19 December 1053 Vigil of Christmas I: Day 24 December
Thursday	1015 Thursday in the First Week of Advent	1024 Thursday in the Second Week of Advent	1034 Thursday in the Third Week of Advent	1042 Ember Friday of Advent	1047 20 December
Friday	1016 Friday in the First Week of Advent	1025 Friday in the Second Week of Advent	1035 Friday in the Third Week of Advent		1048 21 December
Saturday	1017 Saturday in the First Week of Advent	1026 Saturday in the Second Week of Advent		1043 Ember Saturday of Advent	

Advent Notes

Advent begins on the Sunday nearest 30 November, whether before or after. Advent is a season of preparation for the coming of Our Lord Jesus Christ. Decorations appropriate to Thanksgiving Day, such as fruits, vegetables, and grains, should be removed from the church before the First Sunday of Advent. Christmas decorations, such as poinsettias and evergreens, should not appear in the church until after the last service on the Fourth Sunday of Advent or the feast of St. Thomas, whichever is later.

An Advent wreath should be placed in the church, but candles should be lighted before the first service and extinguished after the last service each day with no special ceremonial. See *Book of Occasional Services*, p. 28.

An Advent Festival of Lessons and Carols may take place on a Sunday Evening in Advent. This service is included in this book at 1005, but see also *Book of Occasional Services*, pp. 29-32.

Candidates for Baptism on the First Sunday after the Epiphany should be enrolled on the First Sunday of Advent. See *Book of Occasional Services*, pp. 112-125, but especially pp. 120-124.

The Decalogue may be sung in procession at the principal Eucharist on the First, Second, and Fourth Sunday of Advent, followed by a penitential order. It should be omitted on the Third Sunday. An alternate custom is to sing the Great Litany in procession.

During the days immediately preceding Christmas Day, it is recommended that churches which do not normally have set times for the Reconciliation of a Penitent, schedule such times and announce them, so that persons who wish to make confessions may do so without having first to telephone the church office and involve a church secretary or office volunteer in what is normally a private matter.