

First Sunday of Advent: Nov. 27, 2022

Lord, we are not ready!
We are confused by what we already have in you,
and what we are waiting for in your future.
Help us to look back at our pasts
with eyes of faith to see how you have moved.
Help us to trust your way into an eternal future.
Help us to live in the crazy and chaotic now
with purpose and in peace.
So be it. Amen.

Second Sunday of Advent: Dec. 4, 2022

Lord, we are not ready!
Yet, you are the perfect coach.
Encouraging us. Disciplining us.
Showing us how to focus on the now,
what we can do to help team people of God.
Help us to be engaged athletes of faith,
ready to worship you each Sunday,
and practicing our faith every day.
So be it. Amen.

Third Sunday of Advent: Dec. 11, 2022

Lord, we are not ready!
We are scared of all the reversals.
We really want equal opportunity,
and justice and mercy for all.
But deep down, we fear what that
will mean for us, for me and mine.
Grant me that wisdom, that courage,
and that serenity to live into your Gospel.
So be it. Amen.

Fourth Sunday of Advent: Dec. 18, 2022

Lord, we are not ready!
We are languishing in moral decisions.
Every day we mull over what is right
or what is less wrong.
We long for a simpler, easier path.
Make us brave and generous
towards others and ourselves
so all will know the heart of the God we serve.
So be it. Amen.

Christmas Eve: Dec. 24, 2022

Lord, we are ready!
We are still confused and overwhelmed.
We are still scared and languishing.
But we are ready to celebrate
Your birth—the One we can trust
with our minds and our spirits,
with our hearts and our bodies.
You entered the world at night.
Enter us, enter me, and make a home
in every aspect of my being.
So be it. Amen.