

## SECOND WEEK OF ADVENT



*"May each one of us, Lord, open our life so that You may come forth, so that You may flourish, so that You may be born and keep the flame of hope burning in our hearts. Come soon, Lord! Come, Savior!"*

We read together or each one reads a paragraph:

Today a flame is lit  
on the Advent wreath.  
Let our hope burn  
in the awakened heart.  
And let us journey this season  
in the warmth of our Mother.

A first star lights up  
announcing to the coming King.  
Let us prepare our hearts,  
and make the pathways level.

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on the Advent wreath.  
Let our hope burn



in the awakened heart.  
And let us journey this season  
in the warmth of our Mother.

Our yearnings grow when we see  
the second flame born.  
As sweet dew will come  
the Messiah as a Child.

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on the Advent wreath.  
Let our hope burn  
in the awakened heart.  
And let us journey this season  
in the warmth of our Mother

*"Lord Jesus, grant us peace and unity, do not allow us to go away from You, give us a heart capable of loving as you love us, and help us to serve for love".*

**Candle:** We light the second candle. We sing (song of the country or region).

### Gospel of St. Mark 10:43-45

Not so with you. Instead, whoever wants to become great among you must be your servant, and whoever wants to be first must be slave of all. For even the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many."

Let us reflect with the following reading:

*We are not called to magnify ourselves or to be the first, but to serve and help those who are in need, and to do so always, not only in this time of preparation, because Jesus comes to serve humanity, especially the disinherited and invisible of the earth. Those of us who call ourselves and are his disciples have to follow the same path of humility, charity and service. He is the first to give us an example: He has come to serve us and to give his own life to save us.*

**Silence.** Let us ask ourselves:

- How can we relate this reading to the Gospel?
- In our community, how do we serve others?
- How does Jesus ask me to serve others?
- Which is my commitment for this week of Advent?

**Song.**



"The grandeur of the mystery of God is known only in the mystery of Jesus, and the mystery of Jesus is really a mystery of lowering oneself, abasing oneself, humiliating oneself, and bringing salvation to the poor, to those who are destroyed" by sickness, sins and difficult situations."

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