

# ACT OF WORSHIP PLANNER FOR ASSEMBLY

WC 4<sup>th</sup> December 2017  
1<sup>st</sup> Week of Advent Year B

Name of Liturgy Leader		
Date of Liturgy and theme	Date:	ADVENT WEEK ONE – JOURNEY – WAIT FOR THE LORD Year B
Focus	<i>Examples: Wreath, Symbol of Journey</i>	
Gathering	Gather around the wreath and have O Come Emmanuel playing	
Introduction	<p>O God, your son Jesus Christ came to bring us peace and happiness. We pray that we may always welcome Jesus in our hearts, that the light of Jesus may replace sadness and darkness in the world, and that this wreath may remind us of God's everlasting love. God, pour your blessings on us as we light this candle. (Light 1st purple candle) Help us to be light to each other as Christ is the light for us all now and forever.</p> <p>All: Amen.</p> <p>Leader: This is the first week of Advent, the time when the Church begins its new year. For the next four weeks we will prepare our hearts to celebrate Christmas and to welcome Jesus into our lives. This week, we remember that Jesus came to live among us over 2000 years ago and we ponder his promise to return again. Let us listen attentively to the Word of God.</p>	
The Word (Scripture or reflection)	<p><b><i>Psalm 27:14</i></b></p> <p><b><i>Wait for the LORD; be strong, and let your heart take courage; wait for the LORD!</i></b></p>	

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**Meditation or reflection  
on the word**

*Lord God, you listen to us and answer our prayers according to your will.  
We now place before you the needs of our community, trusting in your  
love and care for us.*

*1. For all of us in the \_\_\_\_\_ school community, as  
renew our faith and prepare our hearts during this season of Advent, we  
pray to the Lord.*

*2. For all who are ill, suffering, or grieving the death of a loved one, may  
they know the comfort of God's healing love, we pray to the Lord.*

*Leader: God, we ask that you grant our prayers in the name of your son,  
Jesus.*

*All: Amen.*

*All: Our Father, who art in heaven...*

*At this point in the liturgy, you may want to ask students to consider an  
action or attitude*

*to display for the week. Or you may want to have everyone participate in a  
ritual gesture*

*such as exchanging a sign of peace or a moment of silent reflection.*

Perhaps show the Busted Halo Advent in two minutes clip

**Mission**

**Journey with the Lord this week**

**Closing prayer**

*Leader: Heavenly Father, be with us as we prepare to celebrate the birth of  
Jesus*

*at Christmas time. Make us steadfast in faith, joyful in hope and untiring in  
love all the days of our lives. And may we be blessed today and always.*

*We make this prayer in your most holy name.*

*All: Amen*

**Dismissal**

*A prayerful way to end the time together.*