



**ST. PETER CANISIUS INTERNATIONAL CATHOLIC PARISH
JAKARTA, INDONESIA**

ADVENT WREATH RITES

(Performed after the Entrance Hymn, before the Greeting)

4th Sunday of Advent:

Theme : LOVE - MAN'S ACCEPTANCE OF GOD'S COMING!

("... wise men from the east arrived in Jerusalem. They asked, 'where is the newborn king of the Jews? We saw the rising of his star in the east and have come to honor him' " ...Mt 2: 1-2)

Priest Father, as our Advent pilgrimage draws to a close, we relight the candles of hope, peace, and joy. And we light a candle of love. Grant us the courage to share your love: love for life and all creation, love for sinners and saints, love for the poor and the little ones. We thank you for the hope your Son gives us, for the peace he bestows, for the joy your Spirit pours into our hearts, and for your love that redeems us and shows us the way.

All Amen.

LIGHTING OF THE FOUR CANDLES

(While the FOUR CANDLES of the Advent Wreath are being lighted by the father of a selected family, the Choir sings "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel")

O COME, O COME, EMMANUEL

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Rejoice! Rejoice! O Israel
To Thee shall come
Emmanuel!

O come, Desire of nations,
bind in one the hearts of all mankind
Bid every strife and quarrel cease
And fill the world with heaven's peace. (Ref)

Prayer to be led by the father or any male member of the family :

Bless us, **dear Father**, and make us channels of Your peace. Help us to spread the spirit of brotherhood in a world where there is so much distrust and hatred. Let Your light shine from our hearts, and from our homes. **Amen.**

Prayer to be led by the mother or any female member of the family :

Mother Mary, you said, "Yes" when God asked you to give Jesus to us. Help us to say, "Yes" to God now that He is asking us to give Jesus to those around us. Help us to do little acts of thoughtfulness and generosity to everyone we meet. **Amen.**

Prayer to be led by one of the children :

You delight us, **Lord**, with Your many surprises. You bless us and take care of us. Thank you, Jesus, for your coming into this world. Thank you, loving Father, for making us Your children. **Amen.**

Priest We have come a long way from the very first Sunday of Advent. At that time, we lit the very first candle. The next week, there were two lighted candles, then three, and finally four candles today shining very brightly, just like our love for Jesus is shining. Father, show us that if we keep believing in Jesus and loving Him everyday, Christmas too will come everyday. Help us to give to others gifts of love, patience, kindness, and understanding not only this Christmas, but throughout the new year.

All Amen

Glory be to the Father

(The Mass continue with the greeting)