

## Eternity in Our Hearts: Worshiping God in the Church Year

First Sunday of Advent ♦ December 1, 2024 ♦ Melody Schwarting

### The Meanings of the Seasons

*For everything there is a season, and a time for every matter under heaven.*

Season	Meaning	Scripture Passages
<b>Advent</b>	<p>Latin <i>adventus</i>, Greek παρουσία, coming</p> <p>Three Advents of Christ: in the Incarnation, in the Second Coming, and in our hearts</p> <p>A time to look for Jesus Christ's appearances with hope</p> <p><i>A time to seek and a time to lose; A time to keep and a time to throw away</i></p>	<p>Matthew 1, Luke 1 1 Thessalonians 4 Revelation 20</p>
<b>Christmas</b>	<p>Middle English <i>Christemasse</i>, Christ's mass A time to celebrate the birth of Christ</p> <p><i>A time to be born and a time to die</i></p>	<p><b>Christmas Holy Name</b> Matthew 1-2 Luke 2</p>
<b>Epiphany</b>	<p>Greek ἐπιφάνεια, manifestation or appearance Manifestation of Christ to the Gentiles A time to behold the glory of God</p> <p><i>A time to keep silent and a time to speak</i></p>	<p><b>Epiphany</b> Matthew 2</p>
		<p><b>Presentation (Candlemas)</b> Luke 2</p>
		<p><b>Baptism</b> Matthew 3, Mark 1, Luke 3</p>
		<p><b>Transfiguration</b> Matthew 17, Mark 9, Luke 9</p>
<b>Lent Holy Week</b>	<p>Middle English <i>lente</i>, springtime</p> <p>A time to repent, fast, and pray</p> <p>A time to mourn Jesus' death</p> <p><i>A time to be born and a time to die; A time to kill and a time to heal; A time to break down and a time to build up</i></p>	<p><b>Lent</b> Matthew 4, Mark 1, Luke 4</p>
		<p><b>Holy Week</b> Matthew 21-27 Mark 11-15 Luke 19-23 John 12-19</p>
<b>Easter</b>	<p>Middle English <i>estre</i>, east</p> <p>A time to celebrate Jesus Christ, risen and ascended</p>	<p><b>Resurrection</b> Matthew 28, Mark 16, Luke 24 John 20 1 Corinthians 15</p>

		<b>Good Shepherd</b> Psalm 23 John 10
	<i>A time to weep and a time to laugh;          A time to mourn and a time to dance          A time to embrace          and a time to refrain from embracing</i>	<b>Ascension</b> Mark 16, Luke 24, Acts 1

## Eternity in Our Hearts: Worshiping God in the Church Year

First Sunday of Advent ♦ December 1, 2024 ♦ Melody Schwarting

<b>Pentecost</b>	Greek πεντηκοστή, fiftieth Also called “Whitsun,” meaning white  Sunday A time to celebrate the Holy Spirit  <i>A time to love and a time to hate;          A time for war and a time for peace</i>	<b>Pentecost</b> John 16 Acts 2
<b>Ordinary Time</b>	Latin <i>ordinalis</i> , ordinal number  A time to work and grow    <i>A time to plant          and a time to pluck up what is planted;          A time to break down and a time to build          up; A time to throw away stones          and a time to gather stones together</i>	<b>Trinity Sunday</b> Matthew 3, Mark 1, Luke 3 John 14-17 Romans 8 Ephesians 2-3  <b>Transfiguration</b> Matthew 17, Mark 9, Luke 9  <b>Allhallowtide</b> Hebrews 11-12 Revelation 4  <b>Christ the King</b> John 18 Revelation 1, 21

## Resources for the Liturgical Year

### Devotionals

Sarah Arthur’s *Literary Guide to Prayer* Series  
 SPCK’s *The Art of...* Series

### Lifestyle

Sacred Ordinary Days (liturgical year planners)  
 Artandtheology.org (visual art & music)  
 Malcolm Guite’s *A Poem a Day* Series

### Topical Books

Bobby Gross, *Living the Christian Year*  
 Danielle Hitchen, *Sacred Seasons: A Family  
 Guide to Center Your Year around Jesus*  
 John Keble, *The Christian Year*  
 Esau McCaulley, ed., *Fullness of Time* Series

Christina Rossetti, *Poems: Feasts and Fasts*  
Sylvie Vanhoozer, *The Art of Living in Season*  
Tish Harrison Warren, *Liturgy of the Ordinary*

*Signs + Seasons: A Liturgical Living Guild*  
(newsletter)