

Advent

(Latin *ad-venio*, to come to).

According to present [1907] usage, Advent is a period beginning with the [Sunday](#) nearest to the feast of

[St. Andrew the Apostle](#)

(30 November) and embracing four Sundays. The first

[Sunday](#)

may be as early as 27 November, and then Advent has twenty-eight days, or as late as 3 December, giving the season only twenty-one days.

With Advent the ecclesiastical year begins in the [Western churches](#). During this time the [faithful](#)

are admonished

- to prepare themselves worthily to celebrate the [anniversary](#) of the Lord's coming into the world as the incarnate

[God](#)

of

[love](#)

- , - thus to make their [souls](#) fitting abodes for the Redeemer coming in [Holy](#)

[Communion](#)

and

through

[grace](#)

, and

- thereby to make themselves ready for His final coming as judge, at [death](#) and at the [end of the world](#)

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