Today the Episcopal Church celebrates the first Sunday of the season of Advent, which will continue for four Sundays, until Christmas Day. The word “advent” is derived from the Latin word adventus, which means “coming,” and during this season, the church enters a time of preparation and expectation for the coming of Christ “in power and glory” (Mark 13:26).

This year, The Episcopal Church’s Advent campaign will focus on daily themes highlighting cultural practices and traditions around planning, preparing, and enjoying food special to the holiday season. Each day of Advent, recipes will be posted to a new blog, Make Ready the Feast, https://makereadythefeastblog.wordpress.com/.

This blog will feature recipes offered by members and friends of The Episcopal Church from around the world – Turkey Gumbo and Chicken & Sausage Jambalaya from Louisiana, Roast Buffalo from First Nations’ Kitchen in Minnesota, Buckeye Candy from Ohio, Fried Pork and Plantains from Haiti, Coffee Cake and Leek & Potato Pie from New York, Pralines from
Savannah, and many more. Prepare to cook and eat well this Advent season!

Additional Advent Resources:

- “Liberated by God’s Grace” 2016 Advent devotions prepared by the leaders of the Anglican Church of Canada, the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Canada, and the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America: http://www.episcopalchurch.org/posts/advent/liberated-gods-grace-2016-advent-devotions
- The Episcopal Church maintains an Advent blog here: http://www.episcopalchurch.org/blog/Advent
- Society of St. John the Evangelist #AdventWord: http://ssje.org/adventword
- Episcopal Relief & Development Advent Toolkit: http://www.episcopalrelief.org/church-groups/advent-toolkit
- d365.org Advent reflections: http://d365.org/
- Advent resources, including books, films, and curriculum from the Resource Center for Churches: http://rcc-mn.org/2016/10/24/new-and-notable-for-advent-and-christmas/