

A Hymn for the Second Sunday of Advent

We Gather Here at Advent Time

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Suggested melody: *Seven Joys of Mary*

Theme: The continued journey through Advent to Christmas

We gather here at Advent time; in praise to God we sing,  
And in our worship stop and ask, 'What are the prayers we bring?'  
When, week by week, we journey closer to the joy of Christmas Day,  
We turn to God, and seek his Light to guide us on our way.

We gather here as Advent starts and Hope becomes our light.  
When prophets spoke, your light shone clear and hopefulness burned bright.  
So now we pray for strength for those who struggle every day to cope.  
May we become God's prophets here and lift the light of Hope.

We journey on through Advent time and Peace becomes our light.  
Against oppression, rage and strife, this flickering flame burns bright.  
So now we pray that wars will end and every act of violence cease.  
May we join others on this day and lift the light of Peace.

We journey on our Advent way and Love becomes our light –  
For closest friends; for enemies; for those beyond our sight.  
So now we pray our love will join the Grace that comes from heaven above.  
May we respond to God's command and lift the light of Love.

We journey to our Advent's end and Joy becomes our light.  
Let each new dawn help us emerge from sorrow's darkest night.  
So now we pray that laughter's song will misery and gloom destroy.  
May we, in praise, rejoice once more and lift the light of Joy.

We gather here to worship Christ, who is the world's true Light.  
Our Lord is near! God's gift has come – Emmanuel, our delight!  
So now, in faith, we'll journey on, believing Jesus comes to stay!  
Our God is with us! Let's rejoice this glorious Christmas Day.