

## Liturgical Seasons and Life Cycles

### Background Information:

*Advent*, a season to recollect the hope brought by the coming of Christ, and to look forward to the Lord's coming again;

*Christmas*, a celebration of the birth of Christ;

*Epiphany*, a day for commemorating God's self manifestation to all people;

*Lent*, a season of spiritual discipline and preparation, beginning with Ash Wednesday, that anticipates the celebration of the death and resurrection of Christ;

*Holy Week*, a time of remembrance and proclamation of the atoning suffering and death of Jesus Christ;

*Easter*, the day of the Lord's resurrection and the season of rejoicing, which commemorates his ministry until his *ascension*, and continues through

*The day of Pentecost*, the celebration of the gift of the Holy Spirit to the Church

*The church also observes other days such as Baptism of the Lord, Transfiguration of the Lord, Trinity Sunday, All Saints Day, and Christ the King.*

### *Liturgical colors:*

*White: Christmas Day through Epiphany(January6), Easter Day until Pentecost, and other special days of the church year that mark the redemptive work of Jesus Christ, such as the Baptism of the Lord, The Transfiguration of the Lord(the Sunday before Lent), Trinity Sunday(the Sunday after Pentecost), All Saints Day (November1), and Christ the King(Sunday before Advent)*

*Purple: Advent, the seasons of preparation; Lent and Holy Week, the season of penitence*

*Red: Pentecost*

*Red or Purple; Passion/Palm Sunday*

*Green: Ordinary Time, and all time periods not marked by a specific season at the end of Maundy Thursday, the church is stripped of color and remains bare until the Easter Vigil or Easter (although some congregations use black or deep scarlet to mark this time).*