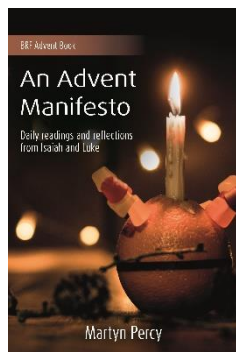


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An Advent Manifesto

Daily readings and reflections from Isaiah and Luke

Martyn Percy

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Praise for An Advent Manifesto

'Martyn brings together his passion for justice, biblical scholarship, contemporary analysis and deep spirituality. In doing so he still manages to invite us into the conversation, encouraging us into the art of contemplation and to discover the familiar Advent and Christmas narratives afresh.' – *Maggie McLean, canon missionary, York Minster*

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