This Advent Circle of Greens

A Multiweek Poem for Advent Candle Lightings

I.

This Advent circle of greens, with us,
holds candles for hope, peace, joy, and love.
They narrate a plan for Creation redeemed,
proclaimed by prophets, back centuries.

Isaiah and others declared God would act.
God's power would rescue, bring us back.
Still hearing that purpose of God—to make right—
a candle of hope is what we light.

II.

Our next Advent candle, ready to shine,
brings God's plan to New Testament times,
when, just as Isaiah had made clear,
a new prophet-messenger would appear.

So John cried out from the wilderness,
"Christ is near!" He preached, "Repent!"
and he baptized those who wanted to change.
There's peace in the candle we light today.

III.

The third Advent candle before us now
elaborates what John announced,
as crowds went out to the desert to see
him speak of the One, much better than he,
whose sandals, John felt unfit to untie,
who'd bring, fin'ly, justice among mankind,
who'd mend our connection to God, reunite!
The candle of joy, today, we light.

IV.

A last Advent candle we light today.
The stage is set for what prophets proclaimed
of a Christ, who would fulfill God's acts,
redeeming Creation, bringing us back.

Christ, David's heir and king without end,
yet shepherd-style leader from Bethlehem;
Christ, Mary's son for the whole human race.
Hope, Peace, and Joy…. Now Love is in place
for these plans of God as they come to be,
encircle-ing us and evergreen.

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