

Understanding Episcopal Liturgy

#18. Why do we use purple as the color for Advent?

It was very expensive to create purple cloth in the ancient world. Purple cloth was most often worn by queens, kings, princes, and princesses. In some places, only members of the royal family were permitted to wear the color purple. So we wear purple stoles and cover the altar with purple cloth during Advent because we are preparing for the coming of our king, Christ Jesus.

*If you have a question about something in our liturgy, I will be happy to answer it. Please ask in person, or send an email to me at revmajor@stpaulsyr.org.
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