

# FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

20<sup>th</sup> DECEMBER 2020



by Margaret Stevens and Friends

## OPENING PRAYER

Loving Father,  
we come to give thanks for the season.  
to hear again The Greatest Story Ever Told,  
**to rejoice at your great love in sending your Son.**

We come asking you to use us,  
**just as you used your servant Mary to enter our world.**

Take our faith, small though it is,  
**take our gifts, few though they are**  
take our love, poor though it seems.  
Speak to us today; draw us closer to you  
**and so may the message of Christmas**  
**come alive in our hearts**  
**to the glory of your name.**

Amen

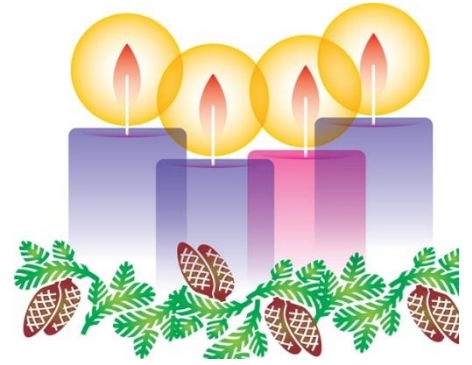
# Lighting of the Advent Candles

We light the first candle as a sign of Hope.  
**The hope we have because of your birth, Lord Jesus.**

We light the second candle as a sign of Peace.  
**The peace that fills the hearts of all who believe in you.**

We light the third candle as a sign of Joy.  
**The joy of knowing you and knowing that we are loved.**

We light the fourth candle as a sign of Love.  
**The love that came down to earth at Christmas.  
The love we share with one another.**



## SCRIPTURE

*Luke 1 : 26-33*

## THE WOODEN SPOON NATIVITY

## OUR PRAYERS FOR THE WORLD

## THE LORD'S PRAYER

## CLOSING PRAYER

Gracious God,  
we thank you for this time, this season which speaks so powerfully of your love,  
which reveals so wonderfully your purpose  
and which demonstrates so clearly your grace.

A time for praise,  
a time for joy,  
a time for thanksgiving,  
a time to share.

**For unto us a Saviour is born, which is Christ the Lord!**

**Thanks be to God.**

**Amen**

## BLESSING