

Advent Wreath



Prayer #2

[Make the Sign of the Cross]

Leader: Lord God, you are the light of the world, the source of all life. Be our light. Be our life.

[Light the Advent candles: 1 for the first week, 2 for the second, 3 (inc. the pink) for the third, and 4 for the fourth]

Leader: Lord God, your Word is light to our lives. We listen with an open heart to your Word.

[Read the scripture passage for the week]

1: Love | The Annunciation | Luke 1:26–38

Act: Do an act of love in secret – place each person's name in a bowl. have everyone draw one name out. Keep it secret and this week do a kind deed.

2: Peace | St John's Message | Luke 3:1–6

Act: Make peace – say sorry to someone you have hurt.

3: Joy | Mary visits Elizabeth | Luke 1:39–45

Act: Make someone smile each day this week.

4: Hope | Joseph's Dream | Matthew 1:18–25

Act: Give hope to someone this week eg contribute to the St Vincent de Paul Christmas appeal, encourage a person feeling hopeless.

[Talk about the stories and think about the corresponding 'Act' for the week.]

Leader: Heavenly Father, we praise you and thank you that you would love us so much as to send your only Son into the world.

All: Come, Emmanuel, come!

Leader: Lord Jesus, with joyful anticipation we await your coming anew into our world and our lives.

All: Come, Emmanuel, come!

Leader: Spirit of God, you fill our hearts with longing and our souls with rejoicing.

All: Come, Emmanuel, come!

Leader: With our Heavenly Mother, Mary, we pray the Magnificat.

The Magnificat

**My soul magnifies the Lord,
And my spirit rejoices in God my Savior.**

**For He has regarded the low estate of His handmaiden,
For behold, henceforth all generations shall call me blessed.**

For He who is mighty has done great things for me, and holy is His name. And His mercy is on those who fear Him from generation to generation.

He has shown strength with His arm:

He has scattered the proud in the imagination of their hearts.

He has put down the mighty from their thrones, and exalted those of low degree.

He has filled the hungry with good things; and the rich He has sent empty away.

He has helped His servant Israel, in remembrance of His mercy; As He spoke to our fathers, to Abraham and to His posterity forever.

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit. As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end.

Amen.

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