

# 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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