

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

It's the fourth Sunday of Advent already.

Let's light again the first candle. It stands for **HOPE**, we can trust in what God has made possible in Jesus, a new life which will never end.

(Light one purple candle)

The second candle stands for **PEACE**, because Jesus brings us peace with God.

(Light another purple candle)

The third candle is the **JOY** Candle, and reminds us of Mary's joy, and the joy of all who receive Jesus.

(Light the pink candle)

Let's have the fourth candle stand for **LOVE**. We need to be reminded that God does indeed love us, because sometimes others don't love us, and sometimes we don't act very lovely. But the birth of Jesus, and his death on the cross, are a powerful statement of God's love.

Yes, and he loves each one of us. No one is excluded. Jesus' birth is good news for every single person.

(Light the last purple candle)

Let's pray together. Dear God, thank you for your love. As we watch for the light of Jesus this year, sometimes we find it hard to believe that you love us so much. Help us to see in the crèche and the cross strong signs of your love. And dear God, we love you, too. Through Christ, our Lord, we pray. Amen.