



LOVE: THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

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LEADER:

This is the Fourth Sunday of Advent and today we celebrate **LOVE**. Over the last three Sundays we lit the candles of Hope, Peace, and Joy. Today we prepare to light the candle of Love. God is love, He created love. God gave us love and He is its only source. In our Gospel reading today from Matthew, Chapter 1, we read of God's gift of love to us through the birth of His Son, Jesus Christ. We believe that as God has given us His love, in turn we should love Him with heart, soul, mind, and strength – and also love each another. As we pause to look in the manger of our hearts, resting within them is Jesus our Savior, who was born to die and come again for us. This is love, an undying love.

The four candles are lit.

LET US PRAY TOGETHER:

O God of Love, we unite our hearts today as brothers and sisters joined together through our love for You. Father, pour into us that we may share Your love with those who hunger and thirst for fullness of life. We rejoice in the coming of this Christmas Season where we will celebrate the birth of Your Son, and share His love with our family and friends. Give us opportunity too, to share our presence with the lonely and unloved. Thank you for Jesus, Your gift to us. We look for Him to come again as King of Kings and Lord of Lords. In His mighty Name we pray. *Amen.*