



# **Class Advent Mass**

St Michael and St John's  
Clitheroe

Year 3 and Year 5

Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> December 2024



## Entrance Hymn – Light the Advent Candle

Light the Advent candle **one**  
Now the waiting has begun  
We have started on our way  
Time to think of Christmas day.

Chorus:  
Candle, candle burning bright  
Shining in the cold winter night  
Candle, candle burning bright  
Fill our hearts with Christmas light.

Light the Advent candle **two**  
Think of humble shepherds who  
Filled with wonder at the sight  
Of the child on Christmas night.

Chorus:  
Candle, candle burning bright  
Shining in the cold winter night  
Candle, candle burning bright  
Fill our hearts with Christmas light.

Light the Advent candle **three**  
Think of heavenly harmony  
Angels singing "Peace on Earth"  
At the Blessed Saviour's birth.

Chorus:  
Candle, candle burning bright  
Shining in the cold winter night  
Candle, candle burning bright  
Fill our hearts with Christmas light.

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## A reading from Numbers

When Balaam looked out and saw Israel encamped tribe by tribe, the Spirit of God came on him and he spoke his message:

"The prophecy of Balaam son of Beor,  
the prophecy of one whose eye sees clearly,  
the prophecy of one who hears the words of God,  
who sees a vision from the Almighty,  
who falls prostrate, and whose eyes are opened:

"How beautiful are your tents, Jacob,  
your dwelling places, Israel!

"Like valleys they spread out,  
like gardens beside a river,  
like aloes planted by the LORD,  
like cedars beside the waters.

Water will flow from their buckets;  
their seed will have abundant water.

"Their king will be greater than Agag;  
their kingdom will be exalted.

Then he spoke his message:  
"The prophecy of Balaam son of Beor,  
the prophecy of one whose eye sees clearly,  
the prophecy of one who hears the words of God,  
who has knowledge from the Most High,  
who sees a vision from the Almighty,  
who falls prostrate, and whose eyes are opened:  
"I see him, but not now;  
I behold him, but not near.  
A star will come out of Jacob;  
a scepter will rise out of Israel.  
He will crush the foreheads of Moab,  
the skulls of all the people of Sheth.

**The word of the Lord**  
**Thanks be to God.**

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### **Bidding Prayers**

The response is: Hear our prayer

Dear Lord,  
Support our church and community as they help us to grow in faith together during Advent. May the first, second and third candles of hope, faith and joy guide us through this stage of waiting and preparing for Christ to come.

Lord in your mercy.

**Hear our prayer.**

We pray for all the people who look forward to the celebration of Christmas, that Christ's words and values may find a place in their hearts.

Lord in your mercy.

**Hear our prayer.**

We pray for courage. The courage to bring joy to those around us, here at home and across the world, as we all wait for the celebration of Jesus' birthday.

Lord in your mercy.

**Hear our prayer.**

**We pray with Mary, the Mother of Jesus as we say... Hail Mary, Full of Grace**

## Final Hymn - Away in a Manger

Away in a manger  
No crib for a bed  
The little Lord Jesus  
Laid down His sweet head

The stars in the bright sky  
Looked down where He lay  
The little Lord Jesus  
Asleep on the hay

The cattle are lowing  
The Baby awakes  
But little Lord Jesus  
No crying He makes

I love You, Lord Jesus  
Look down from the sky  
And stay by my side  
Until morning is nigh

Be near me, Lord Jesus  
I ask You to stay  
Close by me forever  
And love me I pray

Bless all the dear children  
In Your tender care  
And fit us for heaven  
To live with You there

**Following the example of Jesus, together we learn, love and respect one another to be the best we can be.**