



Class Advent Mass

St Michael and St John's
Clitheroe

Year 1 & Year 4

Tuesday 5th December 2023



Entrance Hymn – Light the Advent Candle

All Year Groups sing this:

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.

Y5 & Y2, Y6, Y3 & EYFS sing this too:

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.

Y6, Y3 & EYFS sing this too:

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.

A reading from the Prophet Isaiah

A shoot springs from the stock of Jesse,
a scion thrusts from his roots:
on him the spirit of the Lord rests,
a spirit of wisdom and insight,
a spirit of counsel and power,
a spirit of knowledge and of the fear of the Lord.

He does not judge by appearances,
he gives no verdict on hearsay,
but judges the wretched with integrity,
and with equity gives a verdict for the poor of the land.
His word is a rod that strikes the ruthless,
his sentences bring death to the wicked.
Integrity is the loincloth round his waist,
faithfulness the belt about his hips.

The wolf lives with the lamb,
the panther lies down with the kid,
calf and lion feed together,
with a little boy to lead them.
The cow and the bear make friends,
their young lie down together.
The lion eats straw like the ox.
The infant plays over the cobra's hole;
into the viper's lair
the young child puts his hand.
They do no hurt, no harm,
on all my holy mountain,
for the country is filled with the knowledge of the Lord
as the waters swell the sea.
That day, the root of Jesse shall stand as a signal to the peoples.
It will be sought out by the nations and its home will be glorious.

The word of the Lord

Thanks be to God.

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 candle of hope guide us through this stage of waiting and preparing for Christ to come.

Lord in your mercy.

Hear our prayer.

We pray for the school during advent. Help each of us to realise we are a special part of our big school family. We pray for the school as this most special time of the year comes to us. When we sing hymns in your honour, pray for us Lord.

Lord in your mercy.

Hear our prayer.

We pray for our ourselves and each other as we enter this important and magical time of year when we are waiting for the birth of Jesus.

We pray that we do not take important things for granted as we remember how fortunate we are. Help us to put others before ourselves, just as Jesus did, and help us to be the best that we can be.

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 – How Lovely on the Mountains

How lovely on the mountains are the feet of Him
Who brings good news, good news
Proclaiming peace, announcing news of happiness:

Our God reigns, our God reigns

Our God reigns, our God reigns

Our God reigns, our God reigns

You watchmen lift your voices joyfully as one
Shout for your King, your King
See eye to eye the Lord restoring Zion :

Our God reigns, our God reigns

Our God reigns, our God reigns

Our God reigns, our God reigns

Waste places of Jerusalem break forth with joy
We are redeemed, redeemed
The Lord has saved and comforted His people:

Our God reigns, our God reigns

Our God reigns, our God reigns

Our God reigns, our God reigns

Ends of the earth, see the salvation of your God
Jesus is Lord, is Lord
Before the nations He has bared His holy arm:

Our God reigns, our God reigns

Our God reigns, our God reigns

Our God reigns, our God reigns

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