



Class Advent Mass

St Michael and St John's
Clitheroe

Year 2 & Year 5

Tuesday 12th December 2023



Entrance Hymn – Light the Advent Candle

All Year Groups sing:

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

Comfort, give comfort to my people,
says your God.
Speak tenderly to Jerusalem, and proclaim to her
that her service is at an end,
Indeed, she has received from the hand of the LORD
double for all her sins.

A voice cries out:

In the desert prepare the way of the LORD!
Make straight in the wasteland a highway for our God!
Every valley shall be filled in,
every mountain and hill shall be made low;
The rugged land shall be made a plain,
the rough country, a broad valley.
Then the glory of the LORD shall be revealed,
and all people shall see it together;
for the mouth of the LORD has spoken.

A voice says, "Cry out!"
I answer, "What shall I cry out?"
"All flesh is grass,
and all their glory like the flower of the field.
The grass withers, the flower wilts,
when the breath of the LORD blows upon it.
So then, the people is the grass.
Though the grass withers and the flower wilts,
the word of our God stands forever."

Go up onto a high mountain,
Cry out at the top of your voice,
Jerusalem, herald of good news!
Fear not to cry out
and say to the cities of Judah:
Here is your God!
Here comes with power
the Lord GOD,
who rules by his strong arm;
Here is his reward with him.

Like a shepherd he feeds his flock;
in his arms he gathers the lambs,
Carrying them
and leading the ewes with care.

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 and second candles of hope and faith guide us through this stage of waiting and preparing for Christ to come.

Lord in your mercy.

Hear our prayer.

We pray for children around the world who are not looking forward to Christmas due to poverty, war or other problems. May we always remember to pray for them and may your love shine upon them.

Lord in your mercy.

Hear our prayer.

We pray for the gift of patience as we approach the season of Christmas. May we always remember to be patient with others and with ourselves.

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 – Sing it in the Valleys

Chorus:

Sing it in the valleys,
Shout it from the mountain tops;
Jesus came to save us,
And his saving never stops.
He is King of Kings,
And new life he brings,
Sing it in the valleys,
Shout it from the mountain tops, (Oh!)
Shout it from the mountain tops.

Jesus You are by my side,
You take all my fears.
If I only come to You,
You will heal the pain of years. *Chorus*

You have not deserted me,
though I go astray.
Jesus take me in Your arms,
help me walk with You today. *Chorus*

Jesus, You are living now,
Jesus, I believe.
Jesus, take me, heart and soul,
Yours alone I want to be. *Chorus*

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