



Love

St Aidan's Uniting Church
Fourth Sunday in Advent
24th December 2023

Call to Worship*

Here we meet.

Here we encounter.

Here we worship God.

Here we will encounter Christ,
the One who is Love for all of creation.

Here we will celebrate what it means,
to be the people of God in this place.

**Here we will give thanks for the Word made Flesh. Here we will experience
the Love of Christ.**

Here we will worship God.

Candle*

As we light our fourth Advent Candle,
we celebrate Your Love.

We light the Advent Candle
and remind ourselves that You are Love.

You Love the world,
and we live in the Hope
that You will use us to continue
building Your Love in our world this Advent Season.

Prayers†

Lord forgive us when we limit you to a building on a Sunday and neglect to
take you with us everywhere we go

Lord forgive us

Lord forgive us when we look to point the finger and blame the blameless

Lord forgive us

Lord forgive us when we don't see you in everyone

Lord forgive us

Lord forgive us for the ease with which we judge others

Lord forgive us. Amen.

Prayer of Intercession‡

Loving God, how can we thank you enough for the hope for renewal, the
love to forgive and the song of joy in our hearts.

Thank you for the pleasure of gathering together with family and friends at
this time of the year.

We remember the lonely, the sick, bereaved and those who feel sadness by
the absence of those they love.

Thank you for our homes and that we live in a safe and prosperous
community.

We remember those who do not share in this safety or prosperity.

We remember the homeless and the hungry.

Thank you that we live where there is peace.
We remember those living with war, conflict, violence and poverty.
We remember those impacted by natural disasters.
We remember and thank the humanitarian and emergency responders to these crises.

We remember that our plans may not be God's Plan.

David planned to build a temple. God's Plan was for the enduring House of David.

Mary rejoiced at God's unexpected plan told to her by the Angel Gabriel.
" nothing will be impossible with God" (Luke 1:37)

We ask that God's will be done.

Amen.

Benediction & Blessing*

Go from this place filled with joy
for how God is Loving our world.
Go now, as people of God.

We go assured that God loves us and all of creation.

We go to love our neighbour as ourselves.

Go now, held in the loving hands
of God Most High.
Go now, and follow Christ in all things.
Go now, in the love and fellowship of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

* From Christmas Bowl resources 2023: [Fourth Sunday in Advent](#)

† Prayer written by Rob Andrews

‡ Prayer written by Margaret Banks