

**Fourth Advent: It is all about love!**

During the first three Advent Sundays we prepared the way to celebrate the birth of Jesus. We spread the Light of the world, Jesus Christ, by sharing his hope, peace and joy through our teaching and our lives. In the end we spread God's light by sharing God's love.

God shared his love for us, and for all of his creation, by "sharing" his Son with us. Giving his Son to become one of us, to be born for us, teach us and guide us, to die for us and conquer in our place, is God's amazing love declaration to an entire human race in need of the light of the Lord.

God *loved so much* that he gave his only begotten Son...

Advent is a season that reminds us to do what Jesus is coming to do when he returns. We are reminded to be kind, selfless and caring. It is a time to practice how to love as God loved us when giving the most precious gift, his eternal Son. God is love. May we become love, too.

As we light the last Advent candle, we express our desperate need for God to love us, whatever and whoever we are. We celebrate the love that reconciled us with God and each other, in Christ Jesus, our Redeemer.

*Come, Lord Jesus, come!*

*Make us whole again - through your divine love and mercy.*

*Come to us in love and have mercy on us!*