

Candle of Love

Week 4

Scripture: Luke 1:46-55

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Leader: God has brought the powerful down from their thrones and lifted up the lowly. God has filled the hungry with good things and sent the rich away empty.

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All: We light again the first three Advent candles, the candles of hope, peace, and joy. As we light the fourth candle, the candle of love, we open our hearts to God's love. This love waits to fill our hearts so that we may be signs of God's extravagant love for the whole world. Amen.

Luke 1:46-55 New International Version (NIV)

⁴⁶ And Mary said:

“My soul glorifies the Lord

⁴⁷ and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior,

⁴⁸ for he has been mindful

of the humble state of his servant.

From now on all generations will call me blessed,

⁴⁹ for the Mighty One has done great things for me—

holy is his name.

⁵⁰ His mercy extends to those who fear him,

from generation to generation.

⁵¹ He has performed mighty deeds with his arm;

he has scattered those who are proud in their inmost thoughts.

⁵² He has brought down rulers from their thrones

but has lifted up the humble.

⁵³ He has filled the hungry with good things

but has sent the rich away empty.

⁵⁴ He has helped his servant Israel,

remembering to be merciful

⁵⁵ to Abraham and his descendants forever,

just as he promised our ancestors.”