

4th Sunday of Advent

Faith Seeking Understanding

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It's all about Love!

This week we arrive at the fourth Sunday of Advent which has the theme of Love. This is a wonderful time for us to stop and reflect on God as love. Our God is not distant and unresponsive or uninterested. God loves with an intensity beyond our imagination. Humble enough to be born in a stable in poverty, not in a wealthy palace with riches and servants. God has come to be with us, part of our every day lives, not distant like a wealthy King might be.

Our God is ever present to us, always ready to listen to our prayers and walk with us both in good times and in bad. Our God is not just a concept or an ideology: God dwells amongst us and we respond to a living and loving person in Jesus.

The fourth Sunday of Advent leading us into Christmas is the perfect time to reflect on the amazing Love that is the driving force behind the birth of our Saviour. The reckless love that allowed Jesus to be born in such a risky and vulnerable state. Jesus is the human face of God Who shows us the way to love without limits. As we prepare for Christmas we can follow the example of Jesus to be vulnerable and take risks with our loving. It is easy to love those who love us and are kind to us, but to love those who are not so loveable is a challenge that we are asked to take up. Perhaps this Christmas is the time for us to be a bit reckless and vulnerable and go outside our comfort zone and into the Jesus mindset that has no limits on love.

The Fourth Sunday of Advent Love



Advent Prayer

Dear Lord, we pray that we may learn to love with the same reckless generosity that You love with. Help us to love, not only those who think or act like us, but also those who are not so easy to love. Teach us to really love like Jesus loves.

Amen