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# The Fourth Sunday in Advent Family Christmas Project:



# Making room for Love

## Welcome

Prayer For Our Work

**God of us all, may everything we do  
begin with your inspiration,  
and continue with your help.**

**Let our work always find its beginning in you,  
and through you, reach its end.**

**We ask this in the name of Jesus who shows us your way. Amen**

# Lighting the Candles

*In the beginning God said, "Let there be light." In these days of gathering darkness we light the candle of love.*

## Hope Waits for Us at Advent

Verse 4

Amanda Udis-Kessler

The musical score is written in treble clef with a key signature of two sharps (D major) and a 4/4 time signature. It consists of four staves of music with lyrics underneath. Chord symbols are placed above the notes. The lyrics are: "Love waits for us at Ad-vent. Love waits for us to care. Love waits for our com-pas-sion, free-ly off-ered, ful-ly shared. In this time of pre-par-a-tion for the work of co-cre-a-tion, for the birth-ing of a world where faith shapes all we do. Love is born in us a-new."

**Prayer: Stir up our lives, O Lord, show us what is truly important in these busy days. Help us to prepare the way for Jesus now as we follow your command to love one another as you have loved us. Amen.**

**Bible Reading: Luke 1:39-45 [46-55]**

<sup>39</sup>In those days Mary set out and went with haste to a Judean town in the hill country, <sup>40</sup>where she entered the house of Zechariah and greeted Elizabeth. <sup>41</sup>When Elizabeth heard Mary's greeting, the child leaped in her womb. And Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit <sup>42</sup>and exclaimed with a loud cry, "Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb. <sup>43</sup>And why has this happened to me, that the mother of my Lord comes to me? <sup>44</sup>For as soon as I heard the sound of your greeting, the child in my womb leaped for joy. <sup>45</sup>And blessed is she who believed that there would be a fulfillment of what was spoken to her by the Lord." [

<sup>46</sup>And Mary said,

"My soul magnifies the Lord,

<sup>47</sup>and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior,

<sup>48</sup>for he has looked with favor on the lowliness of his servant.

Surely, from now on all generations will call me blessed;

49for the Mighty One has done great things for me,  
and holy is his name.

50His mercy is for those who fear him  
from generation to generation.

51He has shown strength with his arm;  
he has scattered the proud in the thoughts of their hearts.

52He has brought down the powerful from their thrones,  
and lifted up the lowly;

53he has filled the hungry with good things,  
and sent the rich away empty.

54He has helped his servant Israel,  
in remembrance of his mercy,

55according to the promise he made to our ancestors,  
to Abraham and to his descendants forever.”

## Message

### Make of My Heart A Stable By Amanda Udis-Kessler

Make of my heart a sta-ble, a house for the Ho-ly, a warm and stur-dy  
 Make of my life a sta-ble, a house for the Ho-ly, a warm and stur-dy  
 Make of our church a sta-ble, a house for the Ho-ly, a warm and stur-dy

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place for love to live and grow.  
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## PRAYERS

O God, we pray today for those among your people who will receive these gifts. **May it be a sign to them that they are not far from your care. So many have been through so much. They may have gotten lost in the system, they may have searched for a place out of sight, they may feel utterly alone and forgotten. Help them to know that no matter how far they go, no matter how deep the darkness that surrounds them, you are there with them and that you rejoice over them.**

God of earth and air, water and fire, height and depth, on this day we pray also for first responders and for the volunteers sent to help in time of disaster. We pray for those who work in danger, who rush in to bring hope and help and comfort when others flee to safety, whose mission is to seek and save, serve and protect, and whose presence embodies the protection you our, Good Shepherd. **Give them caution and concern for one another, so that in safety they may do what must be done, under your watchful eye. Support them in their courage and dedication that they may continue to save lives, ease pain, and mend the torn fabric of lives and social order.**

We pray for those who have asked for our prayers: *(prayers may be made aloud or silently)*

Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Let us pray as Jesus taught us:

**Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name;  
thy kingdom come, thy will be done,  
on earth as it is in heaven.**

**Give us this day our daily bread;**

**and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.**

**And now, let's get to work!**

Blessing for the gifts of love: ***May God bless those who receive these gifts that have come through our hands. Surround these people with your love, O God, and hold them with your care. Amen.***

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