



22 December 2024
Fourth Sunday of Advent – C



Introduction:

Every Eucharist gives us an opportunity to recognise Jesus our Lord in the word and in the breaking of bread. Like Mary, we celebrate our identity as disciples who believe in the fulfilment of God's promise to us of a Messiah.

Readings:

First Reading: Micah 5: 2-5a
Psalm: Ps 80: 2ac&3b,15-16,18-19
Second Reading: Hebrews 10: 5-10
Gospel: Luke 1: 39- 45

Prayers of the Faithful

Celebrant: As we inch closer to the celebration of the birthday of Jesus, let us place our needs before God who blessed us with the gift of Jesus as our shepherd and Lord. **Our response is: HEAR OUR PRAYER O LORD**

For the Holy Father, Bishops, Clergy, Religious and Lay Faithful; that like Mary we may celebrate every encounter in our lives by proclaiming the good news of God's abiding presence... we pray...

For our government and its leaders; that they may be compassionate and caring in the plans and programmes they make for the people entrusted to their care... we pray...

For all of us gathered here; that like Mary, we may reach out in love to all those who are in need, especially those in our families and communities... we pray...

For our children and youth; that like John the Baptist they may recognise Jesus in every experience and encounter they have as his disciples in the world... we pray...

For the days ahead; that our preparations during the season of Advent may bring us hope, joy, peace & love as we celebrate Christmas... we pray...

Celebrant: Loving Father, we thank you for letting your face shine on us as you listen to our prayers through Christ our Lord, Amen.