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# The four candles of advent

將臨節的四支蠟燭

Symbolising: Hope, Love, Joy and Peace

象徵意義：盼望、愛、喜樂與和平

# **The Prophets' Candle, symbolizing hope** 先知蠟燭，象徵希望

The first candle symbolizes a shining light in anticipation of the coming of Christ bringing hope for the world as Gods kingdom comes.

第一支蠟燭象徵著對基督降臨的期待，在上帝的國度來臨之際為世界帶來希望。

## **John 1 約翰福音一章**

V4 & 5 In him was life, and that life was the light of all mankind. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it.

生命在他裡面，這生命就是人的光。這光在黑暗中照耀，黑暗卻沒有勝過這光。(4-5節)

V9 The true light that gives light to everyone was coming into the world.

那光是真光，照亮一切生在世上的人。(9節)

## **Response 回應**

Pray for a re kindling of hope in our own lives. 祈求在我們自己的生活中重燃希望

## **The Bethlehem Candle, symbolizing love** 伯利恆蠟燭，象徵著愛

The second candle symbolises Jesus being born amongst us Gods love entering the world, as Jesus lives out a life of love.

第二根蠟燭象徵著耶穌在我們中間誕生上帝的愛進入世界，因為耶穌過著愛的生活。

**John 1 v14** 約翰福音一章十四節

The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us. We have seen his glory, the glory of the one and only Son, who came from the Father, full of grace and truth.

道成了肉身，住在我們中間，充充滿滿地有恩典有真理。我們也見過他的榮光，正是父獨生子的榮光。

**Response** 回應

Pray that we will carry Gods love to those who we encounter over this Christmas.

祈求我們將上帝的愛帶給我們在這個聖誕節遇到的人。

## **The Shepherd's candle symbolising joy 象徵歡樂的牧羊人蠟燭**

The third candle symbolises the joy that the shepherd's herd and experienced.

第三根蠟燭象徵著牧羊人的牛群所經歷的歡樂。

Luke 2 v 10 路加福音二章十節

But the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid. I bring you good news that will cause great joy for all the people.

那天使對他們說：「不要懼怕，我報給你們大喜的信息，是關乎萬民的。」

Luke 2 v 20 路加福音二章二十節

The shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all the things they had heard and seen, which were just as they had been told.

牧羊的人回去了，因所聽見、所看見的一切事正如天使向他們所說的，就歸榮耀於神，讚美他。

Response 回應

Pray that we will demonstrate the joy that God brings us.

祈求我們能表現出神帶給我們的喜樂。

## The Angel's candle symbolising peace 象徵和平的天使蠟燭

The fourth candle symbolises the peace that the Angels proclaim.

第四根蠟燭象徵著天使宣告的和平。

Luke 2 v 14 路加福音二章十四節

“Glory to God in the highest heaven and on earth peace to those on whom his favour rests.”

「在至高之處榮耀歸於神！在地上平安歸於他所喜悅的人！」

Response 回應

Pray that we will be peace makers locally and those who pray for peace around the world.

祈求我們成為本地的和平締造者，以及那些為世界各地祈禱和平的人。