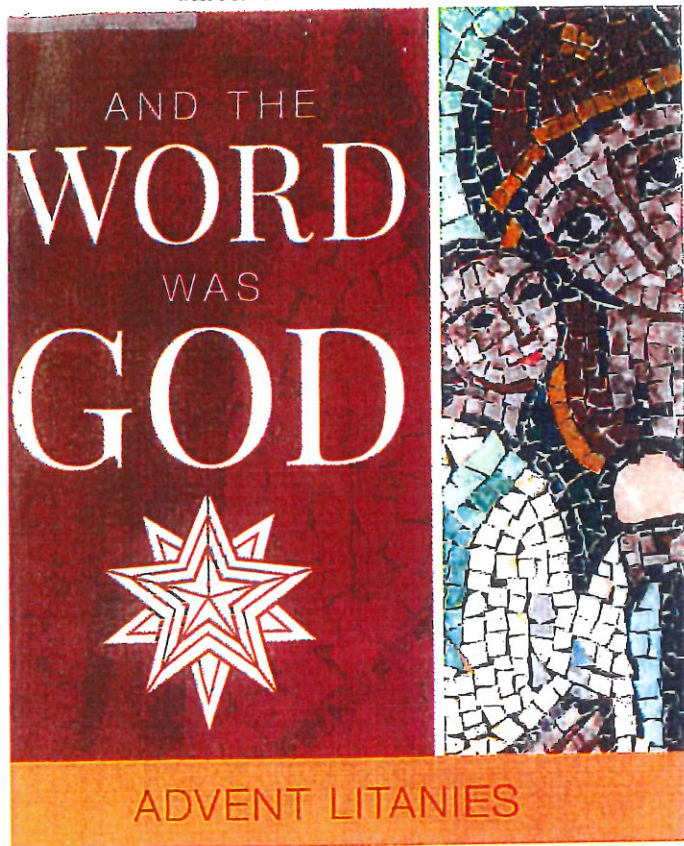


## Lighting Advent Candle

*"And The Word Was God" – Week Four [insert]*



## WEEK FOUR

Melody..... Puer Nobis

Behold, the gifts of God made flesh  
To stir the heart, the soul refresh.  
The presence of the Lord is known;  
In Bethlehem his gift is shown.

- P** *Stir up.*
- C** *Stir up your might, O God.*
- P** *Let the heavens spill forth with glorious light.*
- C** *Let our lives declare your heart-changing power.*
- P** *Open the stable of Bethlehem to meet you.*
- C** *Open our hearts with joy to greet you.*

Oh, come, oh, come, dear Prince of Peace;  
Almighty God, grant us release.  
With wondrous counsel guide our way.  
Eternal Father, come today!

- P** *Stir up within the hearts of your people, O God, the love you sent, enfleshed, to Bethlehem's stable—*
- C** *The love you showed at point of thorn, at snap of whip, at cruelty of cross.*
- P** *Teach us such selfless, lasting love.*
- C** *Send us to love a loveless world.*

Your love, O God, on earth was born,  
It suffered whip and cruel thorn,  
It died a crim'nal's death and then  
Your strong love rose to life again.

- P** *Four flames now burn where darkness once prevailed—a sign of light and life and love.*
- C** *Come, Lord Jesus. Come quickly.*

Thus present-laden cause the shift  
That changes "gifted" into "gift"  
Let us your "present presence" be—  
Rich gifts of love for all to see.

## THE GIFT OF LOVE

*(Daily Bible readings for the fourth week in Advent.)*

- Sunday..... Genesis 2:18-25
- Monday..... Deuteronomy 6:4-9
- Tuesday..... Psalm 31
- Wednesday..... 1 Corinthians 13
- Thursday..... John 3:16-21
- Friday..... John 15:12-17
- Saturday..... 1 John 4:7-8

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