

## **CHRISTMAS DAY**

### **The Last Candle - The Birth of Christ (White Candle) Jesus is born on Christmas Day**



**Priest:** Today we celebrate the birth of Jesus Christ our Lord.

**All:** Thanks be to God.

Today is Christmas Day the day on which we celebrate the gift to us of the birth of Jesus and recall the hope we have in Christ. Today we light again the Candles of Hope, Peace, Joy and Love.

(Each candle will be lit as the reader speaks)

**First Candle** - We speak of Hope - because God keeps his promises to us.

**Second Candle** -We work for Peace - because Jesus is the 'Prince of Peace' and he calls his children to work for peace in his name.

**Third Candle** -We show Joy - because Jesus gave everything for us and led us to know the forgiveness of God.

**Fourth Candle** -We share Love - because the Holy Spirit fills our hearts and minds with the presence the God,

Last Candle -Now we light our last candle to remember the birth of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ which we celebrate this Christmas Day.

**All:** God our Father, today the Saviour is born and those who live in darkness are seeing a great light. Help us, who greet the birth of Christ with joy, to live in the light of your Son and to share the good news of your love. We ask this through Jesus Christ, the light who has come into the world. Amen.

**Priest:** Let us pray

**All:** Holy God you left the glory of heaven to take upon yourself our fragile humanity. You came to us in love and yet we denied you room and you were laid in a manger. We have lit candles of hope, peace, love and joy, may these virtues shine brightly in our lives as we welcome you into our hearts this Christmas.

**Amen.**



**MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A HAPPY NEW YEAR**