

LOVE

Advent 4

Love came down at Christmas,
Love all lovely, Love divine;
Love was born at Christmas,
Star and angels gave the sign.

Worship we the Godhead,
Love incarnate, Love divine;
Worship we our Jesus:
But wherewith for sacred sign?

Love shall be our token,
Love be yours and love be mine,
Love to God and all men,
Love for plea and gift and sign.

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And Mary said, "My soul magnifies the Lord,
and my spirit rejoices in God my Saviour, for he has looked
with favour on the lowliness of his servant.
Surely, from now on all generations will call me blessed;
for the Mighty One has done great things for me,
and holy is his name.

Luke 1 46-55

God of the faithful and trusting,
Thank you for the example of those who have walked with you,
The knowledge you are there, and will guide and guard us.
Help us to trust you, even when the world around us seems dark,
To say "I don't understand, but I will believe,
I cannot see the way, but I will follow you.
I may be afraid, but I will trust you."
Bring us to the place of understanding
Where, with Mary, we may praise and glorify your name.
Amen.

By this everyone will know that
you are my disciples, if you have
love for one another." *John 13:35*