

Fourth Sunday of Advent 22nd December 2024

(The first, third and fourth red candles are lit)

As we light our fourth advent candle
We thank you God for the joy you give.

As we prepare for Christmas time

Light of the world, shine on us.

In the midst of sorrow
Bring joy to our hearts.

To all the people who don't know you,

Light of the world, shine through us.

In this world of pain and darkness,
Help us to find joy in serving you.

In our service here today, and in our lives,

Light of the world, light the way.



CHILDREN DEDICATION

Jaedon Acha Kalu

&

Florence Onyinyechi Kalu



**Jesus took a little child
and put it among them;
and taking it in his
arms, he said to them,
'whoever welcomes
one such child in my
name welcomes me'**

– Mark 9:36-37



The Declaration

Jaedon Acha Kalu
&
Florence Onyinyechi Kalu



The Promise of the parents

Do you, here this day,
recognise your children
as a gift of God and give
heartfelt thanks for
God's blessing?

Parents: We do.



The Promise of the parents

Do you pledge, as parents, that with God's help you will bring up your children in the discipline and instruction of the Lord; making every reasonable effort, with patience and love, to build the Word of God, the character of Christ and the joy of the Lord into their life?

Parents: We do



The Promise of the parents

Looking to your own Heavenly Father for the wisdom, love and strength, will you set an example of a Godly life and provide for their physical, emotional, intellectual and spiritual needs?

Parents:

With God's help, we will.



The Promise of the parents

Will you make it your regular prayer that, by God's grace, your children will come to trust in Jesus Christ alone for the forgiveness of their sins and for the fulfilment of God's promises in their life?

Parents: With God's help, we will.



The Promise of the Godparents

Will you care and pray
for Jaedon and Florence
regularly and help them
to take their place within
the life and worship of
Christ's church?

Godparents:

With God's help, we will.



Will you set an example of Christian living, help them in their journey of faith, offer encouragement to follow Christ and to fight evil, and help them to one day look forward to Baptism.

Godparents:

With God's help, we will.

The Promise of the Godparents



The Promise of the people

Members of the body of Christ, will you surround this family with your love, and support them with your prayers, so that they will grow in grace and in the knowledge and the love of God, and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord?

All:

With God's help, we will.



The Dedication

**Jaedon Acha Kalu
&
Florence Onyinyechi
Kalu**



All say:

The Dedication

The Lord bless you and
keep you;
the Lord make his face
to shine on you
and be gracious to you;
the Lord look on you
with kindness
and give you peace.
Amen.





THE JOURNEY **to** Bethlehem



THE JOURNEY from Bethlehem

