

Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> December @ 10am

Readings

Micah 5 2-5a

Hebrews 10 5-10

Luke 1 39-45

Collect for The Fourth Sunday of Advent

God our redeemer, who prepared the Blessed Virgin Mary to be the mother of your Son: grant that, as she looked for his coming as our saviour, so we may be ready to greet him when he comes again as our judge; who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

Thought for the Week In The Beginning . . .

In the beginning, 'darkness covered the face of the deep' (Genesis 1:2), and God had to push it back for the light of his day to dawn.

In a way, this is what we need to do: God offers us the Light this Christmas; but to accept it, keep it, use it, benefit from it, needs a positive effort on our part, to push out the dark places in our lives, so that the Light of Christ can enter.

If we are prayerfully, trustingly willing and open to make this effort, this Christmas will not only bless us, but also those whom God causes us to meet.