

# Christ the King Abbey

(Traditional Benedictines)

(St Francis of Assisi Chapel)

Cullman, Alabama

Every Sunday

6:00 A.M. and 10:00 A.M.

6:00 A.M. Daily

Holy Days:

6:00 A.M.; 8:00 A.M.; 7:00 P.M.

Our Lady of Lourdes Chapel  
Montgomery, Alabama  
10:45 A.M.  
Only on first Sunday  
of each month

St Pius V Chapel  
Birmingham, Alabama  
9:30 A.M.  
Every Sunday except  
first Sunday of each month

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

December 19, 2004 – Purple

Mass of Sunday; no Gl; Cr; Pref: Trinity

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## Season of Advent

### The Fourth Sunday of Advent

+++ Merry Christmas! +++ Merry Christmas! +++ Merry Christmas! +++

IT WAS LOVE

that made man and all existing things that they might be at man's service!

IT WAS LOVE

that moved the Father to give His Son for man's salvation which through his own fault he had lost.

IT WAS LOVE

that caused a Virgin who was but a child to renounce the charms of life in the Temple and consent to become the Mother of God, thereby accepting all the suffering involved in the Divine Maternity.

IT WAS LOVE

that caused God – the Second Person of the Blessed Trinity – to be born as a man-child in the inclemency of winter and poor and destitute of everything normally made use of by the family of man.

IT WAS LOVE

that kept Jesus Christ hidden as a carpenter for thirty years, in complete obscurity and humble work.

IT WAS LOVE

that made Jesus Christ live in solitude and silence and poverty.

IT WAS LOVE

that made Jesus Christ voluntarily submit to the commands of Mary and Joseph – who were both creatures like all others who people the earth.

IT WAS LOVE

that made the God-Man embrace all the miseries, conditions, vicissitudes, and adversities of our life on earth.

IT WAS LOVE

It was the power of love that brought the Word down to His sacred knees to wash and kiss the feet of His Apostles.

IT WAS LOVE

that shed bloody sweat in Gethsemane, when Christ looked down through the ages and saw all those who would fall headlong into hell because of sin and hatred and unbelief.

IT WAS LOVE

that made our Blessed Lord suffer the most ignominious and horrible contempt and tortures at the hand of man.

IT WAS LOVE

that caused the Lord Jesus to stand still and quiet while savage men spat in His sacred Face.

IT WAS LOVE

that made Jesus Christ shed all His Blood and die on the Cross in complete ignominy in order to save mankind.

IT IS LOVE

that now cries out to teach all men how far-reaching is the love of God – Father, Son, and Holy Ghost – a love that asks for nothing more than that man loves Him in return.