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**Confession and Forgiveness**

L: Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✠ one God, Wonderful Counselor, Mighty Savior, Prince of Peace.

**C: Amen.**

L: Trusting in God's steadfast love and faithfulness, let us confess our sin.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

L: Reconciling God,

**C: We yearn for your presence to transform our grief, pain, and despair. We confess that we have not always prepared room in our hearts for your love; we have not always recognized your presence among us; we have not always embraced your message of peace. We cry out, weary with the burden of violence, oppression, and fear.**

**We confess our failure to make room for those seeking refuge; our participation in violent systems that harm your innocent ones; our reluctance to embody your good news.**

**Be born in us today and teach us to sing the joyful song of your salvation.**

**Amen.**

L: God's grace upon grace flows over you. Christ's presence redeems the whole creation. ✠ Your sins are forgiven. Let the earth rejoice and be glad!

**Amen.**

**C: Glory to God in the highest heaven!  
Glory to God here and now.  
Alleluia!**

**Amen.**

## **Advent Candle Lighting**

### **To you is born a Savior!**

**L:** There were shepherds living in the fields, keeping watch over their flock by night.

**C:** Then an angel of the Lord stood before them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified.

**L:** But the angel said to them, “Do not be afraid; for see—I am bringing you good news of great joy for all the people: to you is born a Savior, who is the Messiah, the Lord.”

**C:** Suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host, praising God and saying, “Glory to God in the highest heaven, and on earth peace among those whom he favors!”

**L:** We light the Christ candle to remind us that the Savior is born!

**Gathering:                      Angels We Have Heard On High                      (ELW #289)**

### **Prayer of the Day**

**L:** Let us pray.

*A brief silence is kept before prayer.*

Almighty God, you made this holy night shine with the brightness of the true Light. Grant that here on earth we may walk in the light of Jesus’ presence and in the last day wake to the brightness of his glory; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C:** Amen.

**First Reading: Isaiah 9:2a-7**

A reading from Isaiah

(Reader: Doug)

R   <sup>2</sup> The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who lived in a land of deep darkness— on them light has shined.

<sup>3</sup> You have multiplied the nation, you have increased its joy; they rejoice before you as with joy at the harvest, as people exult when dividing plunder.

<sup>4</sup> For the yoke of their burden, and the bar across their shoulders, the rod of their oppressor, you have broken as on the day of Midian.

<sup>5</sup> For all the boots of the tramping warriors and all the garments rolled in blood shall be burned as fuel for the fire.

<sup>6</sup> For a child has been born for us, a son given to us; authority rests upon his shoulders; and he is named Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.

<sup>7</sup> His authority shall grow continually, and there shall be endless peace for the throne of David and his kingdom. He will establish and uphold it with justice and with righteousness from this time onward and forevermore. The zeal of the LORD of hosts will do this.

R: The word of the Lord

C: **Thanks be to God.**

## **Jesus, What a Wonderful Child**

**(ELW #297)**

### **Second Reading: Titus 2:11-14**

A reading from Titus.

(Reader: Juanita)

R:   <sup>11</sup> The grace of God has appeared, bringing salvation to all, <sup>12</sup> training us to renounce impiety and worldly passions, and in the present age to live lives that are self-controlled, upright, and godly, <sup>13</sup> while we wait for the blessed hope and the manifestation of the glory of our great God and Savior, Jesus Christ. <sup>14</sup> He it is who gave himself for us that he might redeem us from all iniquity and purify for himself a people of his own who are zealous for good deeds

R: The word of the Lord

C: **Thanks be to God.**

**France Melchor**

**Go Tell It on the Mountain  
The Christmas Story Begins**

**ELW #290, v. 1,3)**

**R: We begin with the Gospel of Luke 2:1-7**

(Reader: Jennifer)

<sup>1</sup> In those days a decree went out from Emperor Augustus that all the world should be registered. <sup>2</sup> This was the first registration and was taken while Quirinius was governor of Syria. <sup>3</sup> All went to their own towns to be registered. <sup>4</sup> Joseph also went from the town of Nazareth in Galilee to Judea, to the city of David called Bethlehem, because he was descended from the house and family of David. <sup>5</sup> He went to be registered with Mary, to whom he was engaged and who was expecting a child. <sup>6</sup> While they were there, the time came for her to deliver her child. <sup>7</sup> And she gave birth to her firstborn son and wrapped him in bands of cloth, and laid him in a manger, because there was no place for them in the inn.

### **Away in a Manger (ELW #277, v. 1)**

**R: We continue with the Gospel of Luke 2:8-14**

(Reader: Linda)

<sup>8</sup> In that region there were shepherds living in the fields, keeping watch over their flock by night. <sup>9</sup> Then an angel of the Lord stood before them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. <sup>10</sup> But the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid; for see—I am bringing you good news of great joy for all the people: <sup>11</sup> to you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is the Messiah, the Lord. <sup>12</sup> This will be a sign for you: you will find a child wrapped in bands of cloth and lying in a manger." <sup>13</sup> And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host, praising God and saying,  
<sup>14</sup> "Glory to God in the highest heaven,  
and on earth peace among those whom he favors!"

### **Hark the Herald Angels Sing (ELW #270, v. 1)**

**L: We finish with the Gospel of Luke 2:15-20**

<sup>15</sup> When the angels had left them and gone into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, "Let us go now to Bethlehem and see this thing that has taken place, which the Lord has made known to us." <sup>16</sup> So they went with haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the child lying in the manger. <sup>17</sup> When they saw this, they made known what had been told them about this child; <sup>18</sup> and all who heard it were amazed at what the shepherds told them. <sup>19</sup> But Mary treasured all these words and pondered them in her heart. <sup>20</sup> The shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen, as it had been told them.

**L: This has been the gospel of the Lord.**

**C: Praise to you, O Christ.**

### **It Came Upon the Midnight Clear (ELW #282, v. 1,4)**

**Sermon**

**Arlin Scott**

**Hymn of the Day**

**O Come, All Ye Faithful**

**(ELW #283)**

**Prayers of Intercession.**

**L:** Lord in your mercy,

**C:** Hear our prayer.

**Affirmation of Faith**

**ALL:**

**We believe that on a night like this one, a baby was born and placed in a manger.**

**We believe that baby was God's love in the flesh, who grew up to love the outcast and change the world.**

**We believe that Jesus' love was so big and so personal that the world will never be the same.**

**So, despite the mystery of this holy night, we believe that a star shone, that the shepherds ran, that the angels sang, and that love was born.**

**Yes, we believe it when the prophets say that unto you, unto *us*, a savior is born.**

**Glory to God in the highest heaven!**

**We believe.**

**Peace.**

**L:** The peace of Christ be with you always.

**C:** And also with you.

**Offertory:**

**Voices of Praise**

**Jesus, the Light of the World**

**OFFERING PRAYER**

L: God of glory,

great are your wonders among us and many are the blessings you bestow.

Use us and these your gifts for the needs of the world, that all the ends of the earth may rejoice in your saving grace, through Christ our Savior.

C: Amen.

## **Great Thanksgiving**

L: The Lord be with you.

C: **And also with you.**

L: Lift up your hearts.

C: **We lift them to the Lord.**

L: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C: **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

L: It is indeed right, our duty and our joy... we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

**Holy, Holy, Holy                      Infant Holy, Infant Lowly                      (ELW #276, v. 1)**

## **Words of Institution**

### **Lord's Prayer**

**Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the Kingdom, power, and the glory are yours, now and forever.**

**Amen**

**Communion Song                      O Come, O Come, Emmanuel                      (ELW #257, v. 1)**

## **Prayer after Communion**

**L:** Incarnate God, you are among us at this table. May we treasure this gift and ponder in our hearts the mystery of your presence.

Move us to discover the wonders of your love in the everyday moments of our lives,  
through Christ born in us.

**C:** Amen.

### **Last Reading**

(Lights Out, Candles Lit during reading)

**Isaiah 42:1-7**

(Reader: Tim)

#### *The Servant, a Light to the Nations*

<sup>1</sup> Here is my servant, whom I uphold, my chosen, in whom my soul delights; I have put my spirit upon him; he will bring forth justice to the nations.

<sup>2</sup> He will not cry or lift up his voice, or make it heard in the street.

<sup>3</sup> a bruised reed he will not break, and a dimly burning wick he will not quench; he will faithfully bring forth justice.

<sup>4</sup> He will not grow faint or be crushed until he has established justice in the earth; and the coastlands wait for his teaching.

<sup>5</sup> Thus says God, the LORD, who created the heavens and stretched them out, who spread out the earth and what comes from it, who gives breath to the people upon it and spirit to those who walk in it:

<sup>6</sup> I am the LORD, I have called you in righteousness, I have taken you by the hand and kept you; I have given you as a covenant to the people, a light to the nations,

<sup>7</sup> to open the eyes that are blind, to bring out the prisoners from the dungeon, from the prison those who sit in darkness.

**Silent Night (ELW #281, v. 1,2)**

## **Blessing**

L: The triune God, glorious Mystery, holy Incarnate One, abiding Comforter, ✝ bless you with endless grace, peace, and joy.

C: Amen.

## **Sending:**

**Silent Night (ELW #281, v 3)**

## **Sending**

L: Glory to God in the highest!

C: **And peace to God's people on earth!**

L: Go in joy. Embody God's redeeming grace.

C: **Thanks be to God**

## **(Lights On, Candles Out)**

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## **Memorial Poinsettia's**

### **From Teddy Ipock**

-In memory of Cary Ipock; -In Honor of Albert & Pearl Ipock

### **From Linda & Dennis Lefler**

-In memory of Les & Linda Lefler and Wayne & Kathry Dimmitt.

### **From Karina Hernandez**

-In memory of Grandma Mela