### **Christmas Eve**

Prelude

Lighting of the Altar Candles and the Advent Candles

Chiming of the Beginning of Worship

\*Call to Worship

Glory to God in the highest!

And hope to every discouraged heart.

Glory to God in the highest!

And peace to every conflicted soul.

Glory to God in the highest!

And joy to every downcast spirit.

Glory to God in the highest!

And love to everyone.

Let us sing praises to our God.

Let us offer this light against the darkness.

\*Hymn

O Come, All Ye Faithful

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Verses 1-4

Old Testament Reading Isaiah 9:2-7

The Word of God for the people of God; Thanks be to God!

Special Music

Arranged by Richard Walters

Angels We Have Heard on High

Prayer

Epistle Reading Titus 2:11-14

Meditation

Gospel Lesson Luke 2:1-20

Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer UMH 895

Holy Communion

## **Prayer of Confession**

Lord of Christmas Peace, we have done wrong.

We have tarnished the gift you gave freely.

We have buried you so deeply in our hearts,

the world doesn't see you.

We have not followed Christ,

we have ignored your teachings,

we have lived lives of apathy against your love,

we have built fences and fortresses to push people away, and we have silenced the screams of those in need.

Forgive us, we pray. Free us from our sin,

Free us from our captivity,

Free us to a life lived in Joy

through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Great Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is right, and a good and joyful thing,

always and everywhere to give thanks to you,

Almighty God, creator of heaven and earth. ...

And so, with your people on earth and all the company of heaven we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,

heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

Holy are you, and blessed is your Son Jesus Christ.

As Mary and Joseph went from Galilee to Bethlehem... And so, in remembrance of these your mighty acts in Jesus

Christ, we offer ourselves in praise and thanksgiving as a holy and living sacrifice, in union with Christ's offering

for us, as we proclaim the mystery of faith.

Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.

Pour out your Holy Spirit on us gathered here, and on these gifts of bread and wine.

Make them be for us the body and blood of Christ, that we may be for the world the body of Christ, redeemed by his blood.

By your Spirit make us one with Christ, one with each other, and one in ministry to all the world, until Christ comes in final victory, and we feast at his heavenly banquet. Through your Son Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit in your holy Church, all honor and glory is yours, almighty God, now and for ever. **Amen.** 

## Taking the Bread and the Cup

## \*Lighting of the Christ Candle

Advent hope moves us; Advent love leads us; Advent joy stirs us; Advent peace stills us, that we might affirm our King. It is time we set flame to this Advent affirmation by lighting the Christ Candle.

We believe that Jesus is the Son of God.
He was born of the Virgin Mary
in Bethlehem of Judea.
He was the long-awaited Messiah
whose coming was prophesied.
The same Jesus lives today in our hearts.
He deserves our highest loyalty
and total commitment.
In Jesus Christ, our hope is fulfilled;
our love is consummated; our joy is complete;
and our peace is sealed.

Rejoice, a Savior is born.

A savior is born, indeed. Joy to the world!

\*Hymn Silent Night

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\*Benediction

\*Threefold Amen



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