

One: And the Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen his glory, the glory as of a father's only son, full of grace and truth.

All: The Light still shines! Glory! Glory! The Light of the Ages shines on! Come, let us walk in the light of the Lord!

(The Christ Candle is lit, as we continue to sing)

*HYMN #88 "O Come, O Come Emmanuel" Verses 6, 7

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

On this night, O God – on this night we confess that we do not want to confess. We do not want to examine our hearts before you and admit to the dark places. We want you to warm us in candlelight, carols, and communion. We desire soft light tonight; not the blinding shining of your glory that terrified the shepherds. We cannot stand in that light. God among us, forgive us. Help us hear your angel saying, "Do not be afraid." Flood our hearts with the light that drives out all our darknesses. Straighten our backs and loose our timid tongues that we might sing, "Glory!" Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

One: Friends, hear the Good News of the Gospel:

All: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven, healed and made whole!

PROCLAIMING

Prophecy: Isaiah 9:2-7 Pg. 555

Carol #133 "O Come, All Ye Faithful" Verses 1, 4

Lesson Luke 2: 1-5 Pg. 832

Carol #121 "O Little Town of Bethlehem" Verses 1, 4

Lesson Luke 2: 6-7 Pg. 832

Carol #134 "Joy to the World!" Verse 1

Lesson Luke 2: 8-14 Pg. 833

Carol #119 "Hark! The Herald Angels Sing" Verses 1, 3

Lesson Luke 2: 15-20 Pg. 833

REFLECTION

RESPONDING

SACRAMENT OF COMMUNION
(Intinction)

One: The Lord be with you!

All: And also with you!

One: Let us give thanks to the Lord.

All: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

(The minister will continue the liturgy. You will be invited to offer any prayers you may wish to name, and to join in the Lord's Prayer. Communion tonight will be served by intinction – you will be invited to come forward and receive the elements).

*Lighting of Individual Candles

*Carol

“Silent Night”

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