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### Prelude

# **CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God, who opens the heavens and draws near to us with salvation. **Amen.** 

God is patient and merciful, desiring all to come to repentance. Trusting this promise of grace, let us confess our sin.

## Everlasting God,

you love justice and you hate wrongdoing. We confess the fear, greed, and self-centeredness that make us reluctant to work against oppression. We are complicit in systems of exploitation. We choose comfort over courage. We are careless with creation's bounty. Look upon us with mercy. Turn our hearts again to you. Make us glad to do your will and to walk in your ways for the sake of our waiting world. Amen.

Hear these words of assurance: God clothes you with garments of salvation and covers you with robes of righteousness.

In the tender compassion of + Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. God's covenant is eternal, and God's blessing rests upon us all. **Amen.** 

## Hark! The Herald Angels Sing ELW 270 verse 1

1 Hark! The herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn king; peace on earth, and mercy mild, God and sinners reconciled." Joyful, all you nations, rise; join the triumph of the skies; with angelic hosts proclaim, "Christ is born in Bethlehem!"

Refrain Hark! The herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn king!"

## Jingle Bells

Dashing through the snow In a one-horse open sleigh O'er the fields we go Laughing all the way Ha ha ha Bells on bobtail ring Making spirits bright What fun it is to ride and sing A sleighing song tonight

Jingle bells Jingle bells Jingle all the way Oh, what fun It is to ride In a one-horse open sleigh (Repeat)

## Dismissal

Go in peace. Share the Peace of Jesus. **Thanks be to God.** 

- 3 No more let sin and sorrow grow nor thorns infest the ground; he comes to make his blessings flow far as the curse is found, far as the curse is found, far as, far as the curse is found.
- 4 He rules the world with truth and grace and makes the nations prove the glories of his righteousness and wonders of his love, and wonders of his love, and wonders, wonders of his love.

Text: Isaac Watts, 1674-1748

## The Lord's Prayer

## **Christmas Sing Along**

Rudolph the Red Nosed Reindeer

Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer Had a very shiny nose And if you ever saw it You would even say it glows

All of the other reindeer Used to laugh and call him names They never let poor Rudolph Join in any reindeer games

Then one foggy Christmas Eve Santa came to say "Rudolph, with your nose so bright Won't you guide my sleigh tonight?"

Then how the reindeer loved him As they shouted out with glee "Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer You'll go down in history"

## GREETING

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. **And also with you.** 

## **PRAYER OF THE DAY**

Stir up our hearts, Lord God, to prepare the way of your only Son. By his coming strengthen us to serve you with purified lives; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.** 

## LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH

We light three candles on the wreath.

We pray. Come Lord Jesus.

Blessed be God, the eternal One-in-Three, who was, and is, and is to come. Blessed be God forever and ever. As the night grows longer, and the shadows settle in, we ponder your marvelous designing. When our hearts are wintering, weary with grief and woe, we ponder and seek your wisdom beyond our understanding. In each moment fleeting, each fragile life beholding, in each gift of your bestowing, we ponder and trust your promises fully. Come, O Christ, and set us free. Come, Emmanuel, bring in your reign of justice and peace. We wait for a new heaven and a new earth, where righteousness is at home.

## **Advent Reflection & Prayer**

O God, majestic and mysterious: Morning and evening, summer and winter, each beginning and every ending is within your great design. Be present in our joys and in our sorrows; make us to marvel at your wisdom and to trust your loving care for all creation, through Jesus Christ, our Emmanuel.**Amen.** 

## **Offering (Sing Advent Song During Offering)**

### ADVENT SONG: LIGHT A CANDLE FOR PEACE

Light a candle for peace Light a candle for love Light a candle that shines All the way 'round the world Light a candle for me Light a candle for you That our wish for world peace Will one day come true

Light a candle for peace Light a candle for love Light a candle that shines All the way 'round the world Light a candle for me Light a candle for you That our wish for world peace Will one day come true

Sing peace around the world Sing peace around the world Sing peace around the world Sing peace around the world

Light a candle for peace Light a candle for love Light a candle that shines All the way 'round the world Light a candle for me Light a candle for you That our wish for world peace Will one day come true

## **Offering Prayer**

God our provider, by your merciful hand abundance springs up from the earth. Receive and bless these gifts of your own bounty. Let them be a sign of your steadfast love and faithfulness for all people, through Jesus Christ our Savior. **Amen.** 

#### Scene 1 & 2: Jesus is Missing

Scripture: Isaiah & Micah Song: *Angels We Have Heard on High* (Congregation)

> Angels we have heard on high, sweetly singing o'er the plains, and the mountains in reply, echoing their joyous strains.

#### Refrain

Gloria in excelsis Deo; gloria in excelsis Deo.

Scene 3: Jesus is still Missing Scripture: John Song: O Come All Ye Faithful

## Scene 4: The Manger Scripture: Matthew

Song: Away in Manger

Scene 5: Jesus is Found Songs: Silent Night Go Tell it on the Mountain

#### Joy to the World (Congregation)

- Joy to the world, the Lord is come! Let earth receive her king; let ev'ry heart prepare him room and heav'n and nature sing, and heav'n and nature sing, and heav'n, and heav'n and nature sing.
- 2 Joy to the earth, the Savior reigns! Let all their songs employ, while fields and floods, rocks, hills, and plains repeat the sounding joy, repeat the sounding joy, repeat, repeat the sounding joy.

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