

Christmas Eve 2018

December 24, 2018

Reflection

Reader: On this night of nights the Promised One appears, full of grace and truth.

For those who trust the power of God, a new way of living is made possible.

Isaiah foretells it. Luke tells what happened.

We are offered an opportunity to join the celebration.

. . to join ourselves to the zeal of the Lord of hosts

. . . to go with the shepherds to the place where Love is born

. . . . to join the heralds of redemption in praise of God for this holy birth.

On Christmas Eve we are offered a sacred treasure.

. . Let us come to the Light of lights.

. . . Let us be upheld in hope, peace, joy, and love.

. . . . Let us bow before the manger.

. Let us prepare to become good news in a weary world.

May Christ be born in us this night, and forevermore.

Candle Lighting Liturgy

Reader: Unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given!

[Light Advent Candles 1, 2, 3, and 4]

People: God has brought light into every darkness.

Reader: The promises of God are fulfilled! Wonderful Counselor! Mighty God!

Everlasting Father! Prince of Peace!

People: We hear, even today, a chorus of angels bringing good news of great joy to all the people.

Reader: We light the Candle of Christ -- witness to the Savior who is Christ the Lord.

[Light Christ Candle]

People: Glory to God in the highest Heaven, and on earth peace among those whom he favors.