

Solo: "Refugee King"

Collect

PEOPLE Keep watch, dear Lord, with those who work, or watch, or weep this night, and give your angels charge over those who sleep. Tend the sick, Lord Christ; give rest to the weary, bless the dying, soothe the suffering, pity the afflicted, shield the joyous; and all for your love's sake. Amen.

LEADER Guide us waking, O Lord, and guard us sleeping,
PEOPLE that awake we may watch with Christ,
and asleep rest in his peace.

Light of the World

Scripture *Isaiah 60:1-3; John 1:4,5,9*

*Song: "O Come, All Ye Faithful" *LUYH 76:1,3*

*Benediction

*Carol: "Peace, Peace/Silent Night" *Powell/Bock*
Please join in singing st.1 of "Silent Night" when directed: LUYH 85:1

Silent night! Holy night! All is calm, all is bright
'round yon virgin mother and child!
Holy infant, so tender and mild,
sleep in heavenly peace, sleep in heavenly peace.

Advent Candlelight Service

December 17, 2023



Isaiah 9:6

For to us a child is born,
to us a son is given,
and the government will be on his shoulders.

And he will be called
Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God,
Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.

Worship Participants

Pastor: Dr. Joel Kok ♦ Organ/Piano: Donna Brue ♦ Violin: Amie Smit
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Third Sunday of Advent December 17, 2022

Words of Welcome

Opening Scriptures

Genesis 1:3; John 1:1a,4,5

LEADER God said, 'Let there be light,' and there was light."
In the beginning was the Word. In him was life, and
that life was the light of all mankind. The light shines in
the darkness and the darkness has not overcome it.

Silence is kept.

Carol: "Once in Royal David's City"

LUYH 87

St.1—Soloist; St.2-5—Congregation

*God's Greeting

*Opening Sentences at the Entrance of the Light

LEADER Our help is in the name of the Lord;

PEOPLE **the maker of heaven and earth.**

LEADER Jesus Christ is the light of the world,

PEOPLE **the light no darkness can overcome.**

LEADER Stay with us, Lord, for it is evening

PEOPLE **and the day is almost over.**

LEADER Let your light scatter the darkness

PEOPLE **and illumine your church.**

*Song: "My Soul in Stillness Waits"

LUYH 63:1

Advent Candle Lighting for the Weary

LEADER In this Advent season, we light the candle of hope.
Tonight, we light it for all who feel hopeless. Tonight,

The Names Used in Jesus' Life & Ministry

Shepherd

Scripture

Isaiah 40:10-11; John 10:11, 14-16

Carol: "O Shepherd, Hear and Lead Your Flock"

LUYH 64:1-2

"O Little Town of Bethlehem"

LUYH 88:3-4

Scripture

John 3:16-18

Song: "Meekness and Majesty"

LUYH 157

The Names Used in Jesus' Death & Resurrection

Savior Redeemer

Scripture

Isaiah 41:13-14; 63:16

Carol: "Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus"

LUYH 56

Lamb of God

Scripture

Isaiah 53:7; Revelation 5:12

Choral Anthem: "See Amid the Winter's Snow"

D. Forrest

The Names Used in Jesus' Reign

King of Glory, King of Kings

Scripture

Psalms 24:7-10; Revelation 19:11, 15-16

Song: "Savior of the Nations, Come"

LUYH 74:1-4,7

St.1-2—all; St.3—women; St.4—men; St.7—all

Scripture

Matthew 1:18-25

Carol: “O Come, O Come, Emmanuel”

LUYH 61:1,3,4

Scripture

Luke 1:30-33

Canticle: “Holy Is Your Name”

Words: Luke 1:46-55; David Haas; Music: Irish traditional; arr. David Haas
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Soloist:

My soul is filled with joy as I sing to God my Savior:
you have looked upon your servant,
you have visited your people.

Chorus:

*And holy is your name through all generations!
Everlasting is your mercy to the people you have chosen,
and holy is your name.*

Congregation:

I proclaim the power of God,
you do marvels for your servants;
Though you scatter the proud-hearted
and destroy the might of princes. *(to chorus)*

To the hungry you give food,
send the rich away empty.
In your mercy you are mindful
of the people you have chosen. *(to chorus)*

In your love you now fulfill
what you promised to your people.
I will praise you, Lord, my Savior,
everlasting is your mercy. *(to chorus)*

Son of David, Branch of Jesse

Scripture

Isaiah 11:1-2, 6-12; Revelation 22:16

Song: “Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming”

LUYH 79

this light shines bright for prisoners, for patients with chronic illness, for individuals fighting to get out of debt, for refugees waiting for a safe place to rest, and for relationships that have no clear way forward. Tonight, we light this candle for the hopeless.

PEOPLE

May God’s hope find them now.

LEADER

In this season, we light the candle of peace.

Tonight, we light the candle of peace again for all who need peace. This light shines bright for the anxious and unsettled—for those in seasons of transition and discernment, for all who struggle with mental health, and for people navigating rocky, new beginnings.

PEOPLE

May God’s peace find them now.

LEADER

In this season, we light the candle of joy.

Tonight, we light the candle of joy for all who need it. May this light shine for those who are overburdened, overstretched, worn out, and worn down. May this candle shine for those who need a good laugh, even in seasons of grief.

PEOPLE

May God’s joy find them now.

LEADER

In this season, we light the candle of love.

Tonight, we light the candle of love again for all who need it. May this light shine for loved ones lost, for love that has been betrayed, for love that has been neglected or forgotten, and for all who long for love and find themselves lonely.

PEOPLE

May God’s love find them now.

Scripture

Isaiah 9:6

Trio: “Jesus, Jesus, Oh, What a Wonderful Child”

The Names of Jesus in the Prophets

Immanuel

Scripture

Isaiah 7:14