

# Christmas Eve: Liturgy

## Litany of the Advent Candle

One: Rejoice! Rejoice! My fellow People of the Way, rejoice!

All: Praise the God of Hope, who brightens the dusk of our days with the birds' evening song.

One: Praise the God of Peace, who lights the night sky with ancestral stories that illuminate our place within a more ancient narrative.

All: Praise the God of Joy, who sparks in us the sun's dance of delight and way of being that satisfies.

One: Praise the God of Love, whose glory shines in every cell of our existence, from the dawn of our creation.

All: Rejoice in the God of Christ, the candle who lights every moment of our lives, every season, every experience under eternity. Amen.

## Prayer of Confession

One: Scripture tells us that there was no room in the inn for the Holy Family. In what ways do we put out an energy of "no vacancy," of no space for what God is asking of us?

All: How might we make room for more hope, peace, joy, and love? What might we need to let go of?

One: O God of Many Mansions, full of room for all, help us to joist the walls of our hearts,

All: that we may take loving action to welcome home the Good News in the world. Amen.

## Words of Assurance

Spirit of the Manger, we thank you for the nourishment we need in this moment. For we are not meant to stay here under this star forever. You will call us to leave this stable and journey out to do the work of justice. Grant us the courage we need to birth your spirit in every station and place. Amen.

## Invitation to the Offering

As we enter the Christmastide, a season full of prophets, how might we be called to prophesy today? How might we make an offering that speaks a message of love to us gathered here and for generations to come? How might we envision a community of grace through our faithful loving action today? So let us speak our truth through our gifts offered in this moment and for the good of all that is yet to come. Amen.

## Prayer of Dedication

O God who is with us, who is born in us again and again each day, we dedicate our journeys to be here to you. We have taken this season to gather up as much hope, peace, joy, and love that we could muster. We have shared it. We have received it. We have lit our candles to visualize it. So now, may we offer back all that we have received, that the promise of the Gospel's abundance may be complete. Amen.



*"...THE GLORY OF GOD SHONE AROUND THEM..."*

LUKE 2:9