

# REDEMPTION EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH AND SCHOOL

## Advent Candlelight Service



# CANDLELIGHT SERVICE



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# Service of the Word

## Opening Prayer

## Opening Hymn

TLH 102 Oh Come, All Ye Faithful

## Invocation

### Responsive Reading:

P: Oh Lord, Open my lips:

**C: And my mouth shall show forth Your praise.**

P: Make haste, O God, to deliver me:

**C: Make haste to help me, O Lord.**

**Spoken: Glory be to the Father, and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost, as it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end. Amen. Hallelujah!**

P: O Lord, our Lord, How excellent is Your name in all the earth,

**C: Who have set Your glory above the heavens!**

1. Now are the days fulfilled, God's Son is manifested,  
Now His great majesty In human flesh is vested.  
Behold the mighty God, By whom all wrath is stilled,  
The woman's promised Seed - Now are the days fulfilled.

2. Now are the days fulfilled, Lo, Jacob's Star is shining;  
The gloomy night has fled Wherein the world lay pining.  
Now, Israel, look on Him Who long thy heart hath thrilled;  
Hear Zion's watchmen cry: Now are the days fulfilled.

P: Out of the mouth of babes and nursing infants You have ordained strength,

**C: Because of Your enemies, That You may silence the enemy and the avenger.**

1. What Child is this Who laid to rest, On Mary's lap is sleeping?  
Whom angels greet with anthems sweet,  
While shepherds watch are keeping.

This, this, is Christ, our King, Whom shepherds guard and angels sing;  
Haste, haste to bring Him laud, The Babe, the Son of Mary.

2. Why lies He in so mean estate, Where ox and ass are feeding?  
Good Christian, fear, for sinners here, The silent Word is pleading.  
Nails, spear, shall pierce Him through, The cross be borne for me, for  
you,  
Joy, joy for Christ is born, The Babe, the Son of Mary.

P: When I consider Your heavens, the work of Your fingers,

**C: The moon and the stars, which You have ordained,**

1. While shepherds watched their flocks by night,  
All seated on the ground,  
The angel of the Lord came down,  
And glory shone around.  
"Fear not," said he, for mighty dread  
Had seized their troubled minds;  
"Glad tidings of great joy I bring  
To you and all mankind.

2. "To you, in David's town, this day,  
Is born of David's line  
A Savior, who is Christ the Lord;  
And this shall be the sign:  
The heavenly Babe you there shall find  
To human view displayed,  
All meanly wrapped in swaddling-clothes  
And in a manger laid."

P: What is man that You are mindful of him,

**C: And the son of man that You visit him?**

1. Praise God the Lord, ye sons of men,  
Before His highest throne;  
Today He opens heaven again  
And gives us His own Son.  
2. He leaves His heavenly Father's throne,  
Is born an infant small,  
And in a manger, poor and lone,  
Lies in a humble stall.

3. He veils in flesh His power divine  
A servant's form to take;  
In want and lowliness must pine  
Who heaven and earth did make.

P: For You have made him a little lower than the angels,

**C: And You have crowned him with glory and honor.**

1. Angels we have heard on high,  
Sweetly singing o'er the plains,  
And the mountains in reply,  
Echoing their joyous strains. Refrain

ref Gloria in excelsis Deo.  
Gloria in excelsis Deo.

2. Shepherds, why this jubilee?  
Why your joyous strains prolong?  
What the gladsome tidings be  
Which inspire your heav'nly song? Refrain

## **Devotion: You are the Reason For Advent**

### **Offering of Thankful Hearts**

#### **Reading from Luke:**

The following was put together by Professor Mike Sydow while he was professor at Immanuel Lutheran High School, College, and Seminary in Eau Claire, Wisconsin. It is readings from Luke 2 interspersed with hymn stanzas from TLH 84 Christians, Wake, Salute the Happy Morn. Please open your hymnals to #84. The organ will prompt you when to sing.

#### **Prayer & Lord's Prayer**

#### **Quartet: Ye Sons of Men, Oh, Harken**

#### **Benediction**

#### **Silent Night**