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room*



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HOW DOES A WEARY WORLD REJOICE?

There is room for you here.
If you're weary and worn,
or hopeful and patient.
If you're tired and lost,
or wrapped up in hope.
If you're new to this place,
or have been here before.
Come in, come in.
There is room for you here.
The angels are singing,
"Be not afraid."
The angels are singing,
"Good news and great joy!"
So come in, come in!
There is room for us here.

PRELUDE	Of the Father's Love Begotten	Wilbur Held
WELCOME		
*CAROL	<i>O Come, All Ye Faithful</i>	Hymnal, No. 133
<u>THE FIRST LESSON</u>	Isaiah 11:1-10	Tracy L. Evans
CAROL	<i>It Came Upon a Midnight Clear</i> verses 1, 3, and 5	Hymnal, No. 123
<u>THE SECOND LESSON</u>	Isaiah 35:1-10	Jim Rodriguez
CAROL	<i>Joy to the World</i>	Hymnal, No. 134
<u>THE THIRD LESSON</u>	Matthew 1:1-6, 16-17	Joan Cole
CAROL	<i>Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming</i>	Hymnal, No. 129
<u>FOURTH LESSON</u>	Luke 1:26-38	Nicholas Lindley
CAROL	<i>The Angel Gabriel from Heaven Came</i> Vince Leseney, soloist	
<u>FIFTH LESSON</u>	Matthew 1:18-25	Charlotte Lovett
*CAROL	<i>O Come, O Come, Emmanuel</i> verses 1, 5, 6, 7	Hymnal, No. 88

SIXTH LESSON

Luke 1:39-58

John Beck

CAROL*Canticle of the Turning*
verses 1, 2, and 4

Hymnal, No. 100

SEVENTH LESSON

Luke 2:1-7

Erica Phelps

CAROL*O Little Town of Bethlehem*
verses 1,2, and 4

Hymnal, No. 121

EIGHTH LESSON

Luke 2:8-20

Vince Leseney

CAROL*Angels We Have Heard on High*

Hymnal, No. 113

NINTH LESSON

Matthew 2:1-12

Tracy L. Evans

CAROLThe First Noel*
verses 1, 2, and 4

Hymnal, No. 147

***BENEDICTION**

In the beginning and in the midst of the darkness, God spoke.

Let there be light.

In the beginning was the Word. And the Word came and dwelt among us.
And the Word was the light of all peoples.

Let there be light.

We light our candles, knowing that the One who is the source and promise of all light is the One whose birth we celebrate.

Let there be light.

We are here to seek a little light by which we can see, by which we can live, by which we can love.

Let there be light.

We need to know that we are part of something greater than the flicker of our own little candles.

We long to be assured that the light of Christ is with us even in the moment.

Let there be light.

So we light our candles in gratitude for the love and light that shine through the babe born in Bethlehem who became the Redeemer of us all.

Let there be light.

May we be so emboldened as to share the love of God with a world longing for light and hope, purpose, and love. May our actions and generosity shine in a world under the shadow of despair.

Let there be light.

We join the chorus of those whose carols have echoed through the years— "O come to us, abide in us, our Lord, Emmanuel."

Let there be light.

***SHARING THE LIGHT**

***CAROL**

Silent Night, Holy Night

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.

Silent night, holy night! Shepherds quake at the sight;
Glories stream from heaven afar, heavenly hosts sing "Alleluia:
Christ the Savior is born; Christ the Savior is born!"

Silent night, holy night! Son of God, love's pure light
Radiant beams from Thy holy face, with the dawn of redeeming grace,
Jesus, Lord, at thy birth, Jesus, Lord, at thy birth.

Silent night, holy night! Wondrous star, lend thy light;
with the angels let us sing Alleluia to our King:
Christ that Savior is born; Christ the Savior is born.

***POSTLUDE**

Silent Night

Brian Būda

*Please rise in body or spirit.