

**Advent Reading:** *1 John 1:8-9*

## Lighting of the Advent Candle

### Advent Prayer

\* **Call to Worship:** *Isaiah 9:2*

*The people walking in darkness have seen a great light;*

***On those living in the land of the shadow of death***

***A light has dawned.***

\* **God's Greeting**

\* ***O Come, All Ye Faithful***

#340:1,2 (PH)

O come, all ye faithful, joyful and triumphant!

O come ye, O come ye to Bethlehem!

Come and behold Him, born the King of angels;

*Refrain:* O come, let us adore Him,

O come, let us adore Him,

O come, let us adore Him, Christ the Lord!

God of God, Light of Light eternal,

Lo, he abhors not the virgin's womb;

Son of the Father, begotten, not created; *Refrain*

\* ***Praise the LORD! Sing Hallelujah***

#146:1,2,4 (PH)

Praise the LORD! Sing hallelujah!

Come, our great Redeemer praise.

I will sing the glorious praises

Of my God through all my days.

Put no confidence in princes,

Nor on human help depend.

They shall die, to dust returning;

All their thoughts and plans shall end.

Happy is the one who chooses

Jacob's God to be his aid.

They are blest whose hope of blessing

On the LORD their God is stayed.

Heaven and earth the LORD created,

Seas and all that they contain.

He delivers from oppression;

Righteousness he will maintain.

Praise the LORD! Sing hallelujah!

Come, our great Redeemer praise.

I will sing the glorious praises

Of my God through all my days.

Over all God reigns forever;

Through all ages he is King.

Unto him, your God, O Zion,

Joyful hallelujahs sing.

\* ***The King of Glory Comes***

#370:1,2,3 (PH)

*Refrain:* The King of glory comes, the nation rejoices.

Open the gates before him, lift up your voices.

Who is this King of glory? What shall we call him?

He is Immanuel, the promised of ages. *Refrain*

In all of Galilee, in city or village,

He goes among his people, curing their illness. *Refrain*

He gave his life for us, the pledge of salvation;

He took upon himself the sin of the nations. *Refrain*

He conquered sin and death, he truly has risen,

And he will share with us his heavenly kingdom. *Refrain*

**Call to Confession: *Out of the Depths I Cry*** #256:1,2 (PH)

Out of the depths I cry to you on high; Lord, hear my call.

Bend down your ear and listen to my sigh, forgiving all.

If you should mark our sins, who then could stand?

But grace and mercy dwell at your right hand.

I wait for God, I trust his holy word; he hears my sighs.

My soul still waits and looks unto the Lord; my prayers arise.

I look for him to drive away my night,

Yes, more than those who watch for morning light.

### Prayer of Confession

**Song of Assurance: *Out of the Depths I Cry***

(Children 3 years old – 2<sup>nd</sup> grade are invited to

Children's Church in the Ed. Building during this song.)

Hope in the Lord: un failing is his love; in him confide.

Mercy and full redemption from above He does provide.

From sin and evil, mighty through they seem,

His arm almighty will his saints redeem.

### Offertory Prayer

**Offering:** First CRC Youth Ministries

### ***Come, Behold the Wondrous Mystery***

Come behold the wondrous mystery,

In the dawning of the King;

He the theme of heaven's praises,

Robed in frail humanity.

In our longing, in our darkness,

Now the light of life has come;

Look to Christ, who condescended,

Took on flesh to ransom us.

Come behold the wondrous mystery,

He the perfect Son of man;

In His living, in His suffering

Never trace nor stain of sin.

See the true and better Adam,

Come to save the hell-bound man;

Christ, the great and sure fulfillment

Of the law, in Him we stand.

### Morning Prayer

\* **Scripture:** *John 1:1-14 (ESV)*

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<sup>1</sup> *In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.*

<sup>2</sup> *He was in the beginning with God.*

<sup>3</sup> *All things were made through him, and without him was not any thing made that was made.*

<sup>4</sup> *In him was life, and the life was the light of men.*

<sup>5</sup> *The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it.*

<sup>6</sup> *There was a man sent from God, whose name was John.*

<sup>7</sup> *He came as a witness, to bear witness about the light, that all might believe through him.*

<sup>8</sup> *He was not the light, but came to bear witness about the light.*

<sup>9</sup> *The true light, which gives light to everyone, was coming into the world.*

<sup>10</sup> *He was in the world, and the world was made through him, yet the world did not know him.*

<sup>11</sup> *He came to his own, and his own people did not receive him.*

<sup>12</sup> *But to all who did receive him, who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God,*

<sup>13</sup> *who were born, not of blood nor of the will of the flesh nor of the will of man, but of God.*

<sup>14</sup> *And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we have seen his glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father, full of grace and truth.*

This is the Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**Message:** *The Incarnation: A Riches to Rags Story*  
~ *The Word Became Flesh*

**Prayer**

\* ***And Can It Be*** #267:2 (PH)

He left his Father's throne above,  
So free, so infinite his grace!  
Emptied himself of all but love,  
And bled for Adam's helpless race!  
What mercy this, immense and free,  
For, O my God, it found out me.  
Amazing love! How can it be  
That You, my Lord, should die for me!

\* **God's Blessing**

\* ***Christmas Doxology***

Praise to God the Father sing,  
Praise to God the Son, our King,  
Praise to God the Spirit be ever and eternally.  
Gloria, in excelsis Deo! Gloria, in excelsis Deo!

***The Incarnation: A Riches to Rags Story***  
***The Word Became Flesh***  
*John 1:1-14*



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