

ADVENT WREATH LITURGY

Leader: This is the Second Sunday in Advent. During this season, we prepare our hearts afresh for the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. The Son of God became human that we might become children of God. We light this candle as a symbol of this good news. As it was revealed to the prophet Isaiah.

“¹⁴Therefore the Lord himself will give you a sign: The virgin¹ will conceive and give birth to a son, and will call him Immanuel.” Which means God with us. (Isaiah 7:14)

People: “²The people walking in darkness have seen a great light; on those living in the land of deep darkness a light has dawned.

Leader:³ You have enlarged the nation and increased their joy; they rejoice before you as people rejoice at the harvest, as warriors rejoice when dividing the plunder.

⁴For as in the day of Midian’s defeat, you have shattered the yoke that burdens them, the bar across their shoulders, the rod of their oppressor.

People:⁵ Every warrior’s boot used in battle and every garment rolled in blood will be destined for burning, will be fuel for the fire.

All: ⁶For 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.⁷ Of the greatness of his government and peace

there will be no end. He will reign on David’s throne and over his kingdom, establishing and upholding it with justice and righteousness from that time on and forever.

The zeal of the LORD Almighty will accomplish this. (Isaiah 9:2-7)

Sung Response: “Emmanuel, Emmanuel” Red 204, CCLI#12949

– *Lighting the candle of Proclaiming the Good News* –

All: *Almighty God, your love has prepared salvation for us in the sight of all people. May the good news of your Son, our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ fill our hearts to overflowing to the blessing of many.*

