

*PRAYER OF INVOCATION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

The people who walk in darkness will see a great light. For those who live in a land of deep darkness, a light will shine. (Isaiah 9:2)

Redeeming God, born anew to us today, we confess that we have walked in darkness with our eyes closed to your goodness and our hearts clouded by sin and selfishness. Forgive us. Shine on us, light of all lights.

On this Christmas morning, dispel the darkness in our hearts that we may come joyfully into the light that is Christ.
(Silence for personal confession and reflection)

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

*GLORIA PATRI

R. Goodson

**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.**

ACTS OF PRAISE

A Reading from Luke's Gospel with Carols

Act I: Luke 2:1-7

Anthem: Sleep, Little Sweet Jesus

W. Hatch

Act II: Luke 2:8-14

***Carol #189** Angels From the Realms

REGENT SQUARE

Act III: Luke 2:15-16

***Carol # 200** While by the Sheep

JÜNGST

Act IV: Luke 2:17-20

***Carol #218** Go, Tell It on the Mountain

GO, TELL IT

CHRISTMAS MEDITATION

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CHORAL REFLECTION

The Work of Christmas

D. Forrest

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Living God,
may the worship we have shared this Christmas
lead to acts of service which transform people's lives;

may the carols we have sung this Christmas
help others to sing, even in their sadness;

may the gifts we have exchanged this Christmas
...the gifts we will give and receive even this day,
deepen our spirit of giving throughout the year;

may the candles we have lit this Christmas
remind us that you intend no one to live in darkness;

may the new people we have met this Christmas
remind us that we meet you in our neighbours;

may the gathering together of family and friends this
Christmas
make us appreciate anew the gift of loved ones;

may the stories we have told again this Christmas
be good news of great joy to us and all people
on our lips and in our lives;

may the ways you have come close to us this Christmas
not be forgotten
but, hidden in our memories,
may they be a well-spring of mercy...
to life us when times are painful
and humble us when things go well.

**ALL:
CREATOR GOD,
You are our life,
our light and our salvation
this season and always
because of Jesus Christ our Lord**

Amen.