

# The Lights of Advent



**Hymn 825: *Rise, Shine, You People***

- 1 Rise, shine, you people! Christ the Lord has entered  
Our human story; God in Him is centered.  
He comes to us, by death and sin surrounded,  
With grace unbounded.
- 2 See how He sends the pow'rs of evil reeling;  
He brings us freedom, light and life and healing.  
All men and women, who by guilt are driven,  
Now are forgiven.
- 3 Come, celebrate, your banners high unfurling,  
Your songs and prayers against the darkness hurling.  
To all the world go out and tell the story  
Of Jesus' glory.
- 4 Tell how the Father sent His Son to save us.  
Tell of the Son, who life and freedom gave us.  
Tell how the Spirit calls from ev'ry nation  
His new creation.

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**Pastor's Welcome/Message**

**The Light of Prayer – 6<sup>th</sup> Grade**

During this section, the congregation will be prompted to say the following refrain:

**All: Oh Lord, help us to get our hearts ready for Christmas.  
Amen.**

**Hymn 367: *Angels from the Realms of Glory***

- 1 Angels from the realms of glory,  
Wing your flight o'er all the earth;  
Ye who sang creation's story,  
Now proclaim Messiah's birth. Refrain
- ref Come and worship, come and worship;  
Worship Christ, the newborn King.

- 2        Shepherds in the field abiding,  
          Watching o'er your flocks by night,  
          God with us is now residing,  
          Yonder shines the Infant Light. Refrain
- 3        Sages, leave your contemplations,  
          Brighter visions beam afar;  
          Seek the great Desire of nations,  
          Ye have seen His natal star. Refrain
- 4        Saints before the altar bending,  
          Watching long in hope and fear,  
          Suddenly the Lord, descending,  
          In His temple shall appear. Refrain
- 5        All creation, join in praising  
          God the Father, Spirit, Son,  
          Evermore your voices raising  
          To the\_ eternal Three in One. Refrain  
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### **The Light of Kindness – 5<sup>th</sup> Grade**

### **The Light of Love – 4<sup>th</sup> Grade**

#### **Offering**

#### **Student Song: *Light One Candle for Hope***

**Closing Prayer:** Lord Jesus, Master of both the light and the darkness, send your Holy Spirit upon our preparations for Christmas. We who have so much to do and seek quiet spaces to hear your voice each day. We are blessed in so many ways, and long for the joy of your kingdom brings. Bless those whose hearts are heavy seek the joy of your presence. We are your people, seeking the Light of Christ that shines in our darkness. To you we say, "Come Lord Jesus!" Amen.

**Benediction:** In all your Advent preparations, remain watchful with your eyes on Christ's light, whose birth in a manger is but a promise of his coming again in glory. And may the blessing of God, Father, X Son and Holy Spirit be with you now and forever.

**Closing Hymn: *O Little Town of Bethlehem*** (LW 59)

1 O little town of Bethlehem,  
How still we see thee lie!  
Above thy deep  
And dreamless sleep  
The silent stars go by;  
Yet in thy dark streets shineth  
The everlasting light.  
The hopes and fears  
Of all the years  
Are met in thee tonight.

2 For Christ is born of Mary,  
And, gathered all above  
While mortals sleep,  
The angels keep  
Their watch of wond'ring love.  
O morning stars, together  
Proclaim the holy birth,  
And praises sing  
To God the king  
And peace to all the earth!

3 How silently, how silently  
The wondrous gift is giv'n!  
So God imparts  
To human hearts  
The blessings of his heav'n.  
No ear may hear his coming;  
But in this world of sin,  
Where meek souls will  
Receive him, still  
The dear Christ enters in.

4 O holy Child of Bethlehem,  
Descend to us, we pray;  
Cast out our sin,  
And enter in,  
Be born in us today.  
We hear the Christmas angels  
The great glad tidings tell;  
Oh, come to us,  
Abide with us,  
Our Lord Immanuel!