

Christmas Eve/Day



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Reader: The promises of God's prophets; the prayers of God's people;
the yearning of the years: all meet in Bethlehem.

All: 'For a child has been born for us, a son given to us... and he
is named Wonderful Counsellor, Mighty God, Everlasting
Father, Prince of Peace.'

Reader: His name is Jesus, and we worship him! The hope, peace, joy,
and love — which is the glory of God — God brings to us in
Jesus. Life can never be the same again.

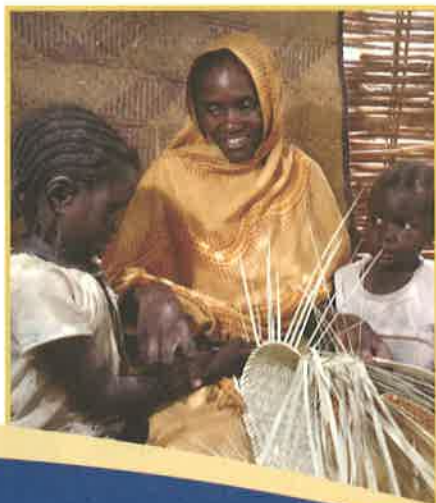
All: With prophets and the wise, angels and shepherds,
Mary and Joseph, ordinary and extraordinary people,
we celebrate the mystery of God-with-us, Emmanuel.

Reader: As the Christ candle is lit, may our adoration rise to God like
a flame, warming our hearts, and blessing the world.

All: We give ourselves wholeheartedly to Jesus Christ, singing
his praises, even as we serve the needy world he loves.

The Christ candle is lit.

Unison Prayer: Awesome God, in
Jesus, time and eternity
touched, heaven and earth
joined. This Christmas,
claim us and change us, so
that we not only worship
you, but work for you,
until your will is done on
earth just as it is in heaven.
Through Jesus Christ our
Lord, Amen.



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