ADVENT READING:

‌**CONGREGATION: For the Season of Advent we celebrate the arrival of our Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ, who, in His humility, came to redeem sinners, creating Beauty from Ashes. The Lord is our salvation prepared in the presence of all peoples. He is a Light for revelation to the Gentiles and for glory to the people of Israel. For you who fear His name, the sun of righteousness will rise with healing in its wings.**

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READER #1: The people who walked in darkness have seen a great Light; those who dwelt in a land of deep darkness, on them has Light shone.

(Isaiah 9:2)

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READER #2: For unto us a Child is born, to us a Son is given; and the government shall be upon His shoulder, and His name shall be called “Wonderful Counselor,” “Mighty God,” “Everlasting Father,” “Prince of Peace.” Of the increase of His government and of peace there will be no end, on the throne of David and over His kingdom, to establish it and to uphold it with justice and with righteousness from this time forth and forevermore. The zeal of the LORD of hosts will do this.

(Isaiah 9:6-7)

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READER #3: The true Light, which gives Light to everyone, was coming into the world. He was in the world, and the world was made through Him, yet the world did not know Him. He came to His own, and His own people did not receive Him. But to all who did receive Him, who believed in His name, He gave the right to become children of God, who were born, not of blood nor of the will of the flesh nor of the will of man, but of God.

(John 1:9-13)

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READER #4: 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.

(John 1:14)

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