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*The Spirit gives us peace that fills our hearts with hope
To give our sin-sick souls release and with our trials cope.*

P And a highway will be there;

C it will be called the Way of Holiness.

*P "Let's go to Bethlehem and see this thing that has happened,
which the Lord has told us about."*

**C So they hurried off and found Mary and Joseph, and the
baby who was lying in the manger.**

*P Then the angel showed me the river of the water of life, as
clear as crystal, flowing from the throne of God and of the
Lamb*

C down the middle of the great street of the city.

*This life a journey is through valleys dark and gray,
But God walks with all who are His to help along the way.*

P Come, O house of Jacob,

C Let us walk in the light of the Lord.

P The glory of the Lord shone around them,

C and they were terrified.

P The city does not need the sun or the moon to shine on it,

C For the glory of God gives it light, and the Lamb is its lamp.

*Come, walk into the light to meet our glorious King
To flee the darkness of the night and gladsome praises bring.*

P The Spirit of the Lord will rest on Him—

C The Spirit of wisdom and understanding.

P Glory to God in the highest,

C and on earth peace to men on whom His favor rests.

P The Spirit and the Bride say, "Come!"

C And let the one who hears say, "Come!"

P Oh, that You would rend the heavens and come down,

C that the mountains would tremble before You!

*P While they were there, the time came for the baby to be
born,*

C and she gave birth to her firstborn, a Son.

P "Behold, I am coming soon!"

**C Blessed is he who keeps the words of the prophecy in this
book.**

*While in this world we wait for Christ again to come,
God grant us grace to celebrate until our labor's done.*

P The virgin will be with child and will give birth to a Son,

C and will call Him Immanuel.

P When they had seen Him, they spread the word concerning what had been told them about this Child,

C and all who heard it were amazed at what the shepherds said to them.

P Those who are victorious will inherit all this,

C and I will be their God and they will be My children.

**The Child, God's only Son, brings heav'n's presence here
To make us with the Father one and His own children dear.**

Lighting of the Advent Wreath

P Two candles are lit to remind us that we walk the journey of the Lord.

C On the journey of Jesus the dry land shall be glad.

P On the journey of Jesus the desert shall rejoice and blossom like the crocus.

C On the journey of Jesus the desert shall blossom abundantly and rejoice with joy and singing.

P Two candles are lit to remind us that we walk the journey of the Lord.

C Come, let us walk the journey of the Lord.

Confession and Absolution

P The journey of our lives is filled with perils of all kinds, many of our own making. Our sin and sinfulness take us down the path to destruction. Our hands are weak, our knees are feeble, and our hearts are anxious. It is because we have sinned against you in thought, word and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. Come

to us, Lord, forgive us our sins and save us. If this is your confession, respond by saying, "I do so confess and I ask for Your forgiveness."

C I do so confess and I ask for Your forgiveness.

P Jesus' earthly journey led Him down the Way of Holiness to the cross where He suffered and died for your sins and for the sins of the world. In His name I rejoice to forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father, and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

Hymn of Praise ... Hark the Glad Sound!

*Hark the glad sound! The Savior comes,
The Savior promised long;
Let every heart prepare a throne
And every voice a song.*

*Our glad hosannas, Prince of Peace,
Thy welcome shall proclaim,
And heav'n's eternal arches ring
With Thy beloved name.*

Prayer of the Day

P Lord Jesus Christ, You journeyed from heaven to earth to bring a spiritual paradise into a sin-sick world. Your way is the Way of Holiness, for You have given your life as a

perfect ransom so that we return to Zion with singing. Bring everlasting joy upon our heads and grant us gladness and peace.

C Amen.

Old Testament Reading ... Isaiah 35:1-10

*Rejoice, rejoice, believers, and let your lights appear;
The evening is advancing, and darker night is near.
The Bridegroom is arising and soon is drawing nigh
Up, pray and watch and wrestle; at midnight comes the cry.*

Epistle Reading ... Revelation 7:13-17

*The watchers on the mountain proclaim the Bridegroom near;
Go forth as He approaches with alleluias clear.
The marriage feast is waiting; the gates wide open stand.
Arise, O heirs of glory; the Bridegroom is at hand.*

Gospel Reading ... John 14:1-7

*The saints who here in patience their cross and suff'rings bore,
Shall live and reign forever when sorrow is no more.
Around the throne of glory the Lamb they shall behold;
In triumph cast before Him their diadems of gold.*

*Our hope and expectation, O Jesus, now appear;
Arise, O Sun so longed for, o'er this benighted sphere.
With hearts and hands uplifted, we plead, O Lord, to see
The day of earth's redemption that sets Your people free!*

*Isaiah sees a journey through desert wilderness
And suddenly the highway is blossoming and blessed.
The weak and feeble people are now becoming strong
Now ransomed and returning they sing a joyful song.*

Sermon

Offering and Prayers

Each petition ends with this response:

P *O people of God,*

C **Come, let us walk in the light of the Lord.**

Lord's Prayer and Benediction

Closing Hymn ... Let the Earth Now Praise the Lord

*Let the earth now praise the Lord, who has truly kept His word
And at last to us did send, Christ, the sinner's help and friend.*

*As Your coming was in peace, quiet, full of gentleness,
Let the same mind dwell in me which is Yours eternally.*

*Then when You will come again as the glorious King to reign,
I with joy will see Your face, freely ransomed by Your grace.*

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