



## *Christmas Eve/Christmas Day*

We have watched; we have waited in **hope** (*Light the first candle*)

for **peace** (*Light the second candle*)

in **joy** (*Light the third {pink, if used} candle*)

and with **love**. (*Light the fourth candle.*)

Now our redemption draws near! (*The Christ candle is lit.*)

### **Hear the Word of the Lord from Isaiah 9:2-7:**

The people who walked in darkness  
have seen a great light;  
those who lived in a land of deep darkness  
on them light has shined.

You have multiplied the nation,  
you have increased its joy;  
they rejoice before you  
as with joy at the harvest,  
as people exult when dividing plunder.  
For the yoke of their burden,  
and the bar across their shoulders,  
the rod of their oppressor,  
you have broken as on the day of Midian.  
For all the boots of the tramping warriors  
and all the garments rolled in blood  
shall be burned as fuel for the fire.

For a child has been born for us,  
a son is given to us;  
authority rests upon his shoulders;  
and he is named  
Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God,  
Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.  
His authority shall grow continually,  
and there shall be endless peace  
for the throne of David and his kingdom.  
He will establish and uphold it  
with justice and with righteousness  
from this time onward and forevermore.  
The zeal of the Lord of hosts will do this.  
Glory to God in the highest!  
Alleluia! Amen!

*Proceed immediately into the first hymn.*

