

God Is Near

A Candle Lighting Ceremony for Advent

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Congregation:

Lis-ten to the an-gels, hear the mes-sage they bring;
tell-ing the news of a com-ing King; fill-ing the
world with hope and good cheer. Je-sus, Em-
man-u-el, God is near.

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“God is Near” was designed to support the lighting of the Advent candles. It includes a choral opening followed by a call and response litany, and a reading (with piano underscore) to be recited with the lighting of each candle. At the conclusion of the candle lighting, the choir, with optional congregation, join together with a choral response. Each weekly ceremony concludes with a closing prayer. The litanies, readings and prayers, as well as the parts for the congregation and handbells, may all be reproduced.

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