

## AN ADVENT PRAYER



*Leader: All praise to you, Emmanuel, God-promised and God with us.*

PEOPLE: All praise to you in the magic and wonder of this Christmas time.

*Leader: Because of you, stars shine in our lives and our poor manger places become holy straw.*

PEOPLE: May the good tidings of peace on earth and good will to all people be on our lips, as with the shepherds and angels.

*Leader: We give you thanks, Emmanuel, for becoming human – weak and poor, cold and lonely.*

PEOPLE: We give you thanks, Emmanuel, for choosing the low and the broken ones so we may find mercy in our struggles and courage in the rough places.

*Leader: Your light shines in our lives; your peace brings us hope and joy.*

PEOPLE: In your humble birth we discover your everlasting majesty and grace.

ALL: All praise to you, Emmanuel, God-promised and God with us, for you come to us at this holy time to change our lives and our world.