

“Worship, Liturgy ... It is significant that Hebrew, Greek, and Latin, all languages which form the basis of our civilization, use the same word for work and worship.” Sofia Cavalletti

Leader: The angel of the Lord declared unto Mary
All: *And she conceived of the Holy Spirit*

Hail Mary, full of grace, The Lord is with thee; Blessed art thou among women, And blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus.

Holy Mary, Mother of God, Pray for us sinners, Now and at the hour of our death. Amen.

Leader: Behold the handmaid of the Lord
All: *Be it done unto me according to thy word.*

Hail Mary....

Leader: And the Word was made flesh
All: *And dwelt among us.*

Hail Mary....

Leader: Pray for us, O holy Mother of God.
All: *That we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ.*

Leader: Let us Pray
All: *Pour forth, we beseech Thee, O Lord, Thy grace into our hearts, that we to whom the Incarnation of Christ Thy Son was made known by the message of an angel, may by His Passion and Cross, be brought to the glory of His Resurrection. Through the same Christ Our Lord. Amen.*

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The Joy of Community

Holy Triangles - Fall 2018 - Regional Gathering



- Welcoming -

Event Overview—Elements of Joy

Praying: Advent

Connecting: CGSUSA

Remaining: Essential

Delighting: in the Atriums

Breaking Bread: Lunch

Celebrating the Unity: Toddler to Level 3

Worshipping: Being Sent Forth

- Praying the Awe and Wonder of Advent -

Procession—in Prayerful Silence

After Entering Church—at Leader’s Direction:

O Come, O Come Emmanuel

*O come, O come Emmanuel and ransom captive Israel
That mourns in lowly exile here
Until the Son of God appear—*

*Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel
Shall come to thee, O Israel.*

*O come, O come, Thou Dayspring, come and cheer
Our spirits by Thine advent here
Disperse the gloomy clouds of night
And death dark shadows put to flight—Rejoice...*

*O come, Thou Wisdom, from on high
And order all things, far and nigh
To us the path of knowledge show
And cause us in her ways to go —Rejoice...*

At Leader's Direction—Please be Seated

Level 2

Reader: We enter the season of Advent
—a time of waiting.

All: *We clothe our table in purple—
The color of preparation—
And, as in all seasons,
We are led by our Good Shepherd.*



*Placement of purple cloth and Good Shepherd
- Brief time of silence -*

Reader: For many, many years the people waited.

All: *The four candles remind us
of this waiting time.*

*Placement of the four candles
- Brief time of silence -*

Reader: God gave His Word to His special friends.
These friends were the prophets who listened with
eager, loving minds and hearts.

All: *They spoke God's Word to His people. They spoke
of the One who would come.*

*Placement of Bible
- Brief time of silence -*

Reader: The prophet said—The people who walked in
darkness...

All: *...have seen a great light.*

*Placement of Prophecy card
First candle is lit
- Brief time of silence -*

Reader: And you, Bethlehem of Ephrathah, are by no means
least among the clans of Judah...

Level 3

- Celebrating the Unity: Toddler to Level 3—

Themes are taken from the Bible and the liturgy...as the fundamental sources for creating and sustaining Christian life at every developmental stage...” - #5 Characteristics of CGS

Toddler

All: *...for from you shall come a ruler who will shepherd my people Israel.*

Placement of Prophecy card and globe

Second candle is lit

- Brief time of silence -

Reader: *A star shall come out of Jacob...*

All: *...and a scepter shall rise out of Israel.*

Placement of Prophecy card and Star

Third candle is lit

- Brief time of silence -

Reader: *Therefore the Lord Himself will give you a sign: the virgin will conceive and give birth to a son...*



All: *... And will call Him Emmanuel.*

Placement of Prophecy card and statue of Mary

Fourth candle is lit

- Brief time of silence -

Reader: *For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given: and the government shall be upon His shoulder...*

All: *...and His name shall be called Wonderful Counsellor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.*

Placement of Prophecy card and Empty Manger

Time of Quiet Prayer and Reflection

What words, actions and symbols touched you with awe and wonder?

How has God spoken to you through this Advent Reflection?

***When bell is rung—At Reader’s Direction—
In Quiet, leave Church, reassemble in Hall***

Level 1

NOTES

- Connecting: CGSUSA -

We Long for Joy! CGSUSA: formed in 1984 in North America with its main aim being that of “involving adults and children in a common religious experience in which the religious values of childhood (contemplation and enjoyment of God) are predominant.”

- Delighting: In the Atriums -

“The environment of the Catechesis of the Good Shepherd, which we call the atrium, is not a school. It is a place of religious experience.” Gianna Gobbi

- Remaining: Essential -

“...when we have not succeeded in handing on what is essential It means it is we who have not managed to reach the nucleus, ...we have lingered upon elements of secondary importance, the kind that do not really nurture life.”

Sofia Cavalletti