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Leader: Let us pray

All: O God of Hope, Emmanuel, God with us – we pray you send your light into our hearts at this time. Help us to be ready for the day and the hour of Christ’s final appearing. Live in us and help us to live in you. By the power of the Holy Spirit, transform us so that our worship, our celebration, our time of preparation may be pleasing unto You – both now – and forevermore. Amen.

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