Advent Liturgy of Light

The Lord is my light and my salvation,

Whom shall I fear?

The Lord is the stronghold of my life-

Of whom shall I be afraid?

One thing I ask of the Lord, this is what I seek:

That I may dwell in the house of the Lord all the days of my life, to gaze upon the beauty of the Lord and to seek him in his temple.

For he will keep me safe in his dwelling; he will set me high upon a rock.

At his sanctuary will I sacrifice with shouts of joy; I will sing and make music to the Lord.

For the Lord is my light and my salvation;

The Lord is the stronghold of my life.

My God, how wonderful you are; your majesty, how bright!

How beautiful your mercy seat in depths of burning light.

Hear my voice when I call, O Lord. Be merciful to me and answer me.

My heart says of you, "seek his face!" Your face, Lord, I will seek.

Teach me your way, O Lord. Lighten the path before me.

Wait for the Lord; be strong. Take heart and wait for the Lord.

The Lord is my light and my salvation;

The Lord is the stronghold of my life.

You are our light. May the joyful promise of your presence, O God, lead us to rejoice in our hope of salvation.

May the joy of Christ fill our heart and minds.

We light candles as symbols of the love, joy, and hope of the Prince of Peace.

May the love of Christ reign in our lives. May the joy of Christ reign in our hearts. May the hope of Christ reign in our souls. May the peace of Christ reign in our minds.

We eagerly await the arrival of the King of Glory.

Come, Lord Jesus.

(Germany, 22R~ Hymn 280)

Immanuel, to you we sing, O Prince of life, almighty King; that you, expected ages past, did come to visit us at last.

For you, since first the word was made, all hearts have waited, watched and prayed; prophets and patriarchs, year by year, have longed to see your light appear.

All glory, worship, thanks and praise, that you have come in these our days! O heavenly guest, expected long, we hail you with a joyful song. Amen.