



# *Evensong*

Sunday Evening Advent Service  
with Rev. Ruth Roberts  
December 9, 2018

## Preparing Our Hearts

### Silent Reflection

### Gathering

Leader: The desert will sing and rejoice

**All: And the wilderness bloom with flowers.**

Leader: All will see the Lord's splendor,

**All: See the Lord's greatness and power.**

Leader: Tell everyone who is anxious:

**All: "Be strong and don't be afraid."**

Leader: The blind will be able to see;

**All: The deaf will be able to hear;**

Leader: The lame will leap and dance,

**All: Those who can't speak will shout.**

Leader: They will hammer their swords into ploughs;

**All: They will turn spears into pruning knives.**

Leader: The nations will live in peace;

**All: No more will they train for war.**

Leader: This is the promise of God.

**All: God's promise will be fulfilled.** (from Isaiah 2:4 & 35:1,2,5,6)

## Prayer of Invocation

### Listening

Luke 2:1-7

**Meditation:** *"Cloth for the Cradle"*

### Responding

### Silent Reflection

### Advent Prayer

Leader: ...we must confess

**All: We suspect angels and disbelieve good news.**

### Communion

### Silent Reflection

### Sending

Leader: God of the watching ones, the waiting ones, the slow and the suffering ones, the angels in heaven, the child in the womb,

**All: Give us your benediction, your good word for our souls, that we might rest and rise in the kindness of your company. Amen**

*Thank you for joining us.*