



**SUGGESTED LITANY
FOR A CHRISTMAS EVE
CANDLELIGHTING
SERVICE**

Some congregations receive the Christmas Joy Offering in the context of a candlelighting service. Whether or not that is your congregation's practice, you may find the following litany a helpful resource as you celebrate this season in your faith community.

Leader: In the beginning and in the midst of darkness, God spoke.

All: **Let there be light.**

Leader: In the beginning was the Word. And the Word came and dwelt among us.
And the Word was the light of all peoples.

All: **Let there be light.**

Leader: We light our candles, knowing that the One who is the source and
promise of all light is the One whose birth we celebrate.

All: **Let there be light.**

Leader: We are here to seek a little light by which we can see, by which we can live, by which we can love.

All: **Let there be light.**

Leader: We need to know that we are part of something greater than the flicker of our own little candles.
We long to be assured that the light of Christ is with us even in the moment.

All: **Let there be light.**

Leader: So we light our candles in gratitude for the love and light that shine through the babe born in
Bethlehem who became the Redeemer of us all.

All: **Let there be light.**

Leader: May we be so emboldened as to share the love of God with a world longing for light and hope,
purpose, and love. May our actions and generosity shine in a world under the shadow of despair.

All: **Let there be light.**

Leader: We join the chorus of those whose carols have echoed through the years—
“O come to us, abide in us, our Lord, Emmanuel.”

All: **Let there be light.**