

## **The Christ Candle**

**Voice 1:** The angels sing the glory of God in the highest heavens.

**Voice 2:** "Be not afraid, for I bring you good news of great joy for all people. To you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is the Messiah, the Lord... you will find a child wrapped in bands of cloth and lying in a manger. Glory to God in the highest heaven, and on earth peace among those whom God favors!"  
*(Luke 2)*

**Voice 1:** At Christmas, God speaks in signs. The baby in the manger is a sign of a new life and new governance shining in the world. Christ is born and the world is filled with the promise of hope, signs of peace, joy and the incarnation of God's love.

**Voice 2:** Holy are you, Source of all new life among us.

**All: Jesus Christ is the light of the world.**

**Voice 2:** We join with all creation in joyful praise.

**All: We light this candle because God has been made flesh and dwells among us**

*(while lighting the Christ Candle)*