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Leader: We begin in the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit.

All: **Amen.**

The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their baptisms.

Leader: **For many long years, the people of God waited for the promised Savior.**

All: *So the LORD God said to the serpent, “Because you have done this, ‘Cursed are you above all the livestock and all the wild animals! You will crawl on your belly and you will eat dust all the days of your life. And I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your offspring and hers; he will crush your head, and you will strike his heel.’” (Genesis 3:15)*

Leader: Throughout long years of waiting, God sent prophets to remind believers He had not forgotten them. He would restore peace with Him and all mankind through the promised Messiah. Some of the best-loved passages of the Old Testament reiterate this promise.

Reader 1: To Abram God said, “I will bless those who bless you, and whoever curses you I will curse; and all peoples on earth will be blessed through you.” (Genesis 12:3)

Reader 2: To Judah, by the power of God’s Spirit, Jacob said, “The scepter will not depart from Judah, nor the ruler’s staff from between his feet, until he comes to whom it belongs and the obedience of the nations is his. (Genesis 49:10)

Reader 3: Through the prophet Isaiah, God promised, “For to us a child is born, to us a son is given, and the government will be on his shoulders. And he will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. Of the increase of his government and peace there will be no end. He will reign on David’s throne and over his kingdom, establishing and upholding it with justice and righteousness from that time on and forever. The zeal of the LORD Almighty will accomplish this.” (Isaiah 9:6-7)

Leader: There are many more promises of the Savior, and we rejoice that our God is faithful and has fulfilled all these promises in Jesus. The Messiah has been born. He has lived, died and rose again so all may have life without end in Heaven. Now Jesus gives us all a job to do:

All: **“All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Therefore go and make disciples of all nations.” (Matthew 28:19a)**

Lord, guide us and help us to do so today and every day, here and around the world. In Jesus’ name we pray. Amen.