

# HOPE in WINTER – Advent

**Call to Prayer** Leader: "Hope is the winter name of God." (Sally Dyck)

**Hymn** "Soon and Very Soon" verses 1-2



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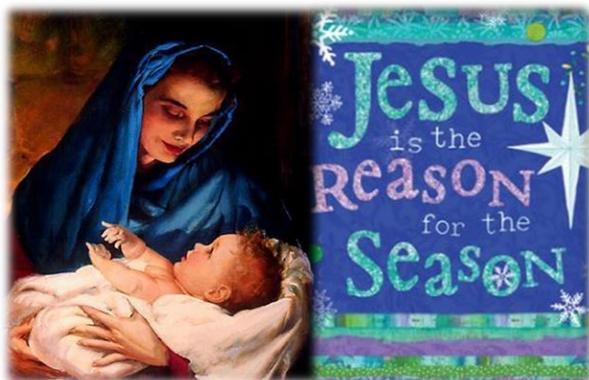
1-3. lu - jah! Hal-le - lu - jah! We're going to see the King.

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**Antiphon ALL: Always be ready to give a reason for your hope.** (1 Peter 3: 15)

**Sirach 34: 14-20** (Alternate sides, please.)

- I. The spirit of those who fear God will live because their hope is in the one who saves them.
  - II. Those who fear God won't be timid about anything; they will never turn coward because God is their hope.
  - I. The souls of those who fear God are favored. To whom do they look and who is their support?
  - II. God's eyes are upon those who love. God is a powerful shield, a strong support, a shelter from the heat, a shade from the midday sun, a guard against stumbling and a help against falling.
- ALL:** God lifts the spirit, gives light to the eyes and blessings for life.  
 Glory be ... as it was in the beginning ... (adapted from Common English Bible)



**Response: Leader:** Why do we hope amid all our personal and world challenges?  
**ALL: Jesus is our reason for hope!**  
**Jesus is the reason for the season! Amen.**

