

# God Is Near

## A Candle Lighting Ceremony for Advent

For S.A.T.B. Choir and Piano with optional Handbells and Congregation

4 Bells used: C6, D6, G6 & A6

Words and Music by  
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Gently, with motion ( $\text{♩} = 50$ )

(+ Handbells)

G m

C2

G m

Piano

GLORIA

Words: French Carol, 18th C.

7

S.A. Unison *mp*

An - gels we — have heard on

T.B. Unison *mp*

C2

G m

C2

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12

high sweet - ly sing - ing o'er the plains,

(- Handbells) G m D m/F E<sup>b</sup> (+ Handbells) D7

17

and the moun - tains in re - ply ech - o

G m C2 (- Handbells) G m

23

back their joy - ous strains.

rit.

F E<sup>b</sup>M 7 D m 7 (+ Handbells) G m rit.

Responsive Litany begins here - (Text on Pgs. 6 & 7)

**Slowly, very free** (♩ = 96) Handbells tacet until m. 61

29

B<sup>b</sup>2/D F2/A E<sup>b</sup>2/B<sup>b</sup> B<sup>b</sup>6/D F2/C

*p*

(Piano underscores Responsive Litany and Candle Lighting)

Candle Lighting begins here - (Text on Pgs. 6 & 7)

**Gently** (♩ = 112)

35

E<sup>b</sup>6/B<sup>b</sup> G m F

(repeat as needed)

41

E<sup>b</sup> B<sup>b</sup>2/D E<sup>b</sup>2

46

B<sup>b</sup>2/D C m 7 F7 sus4

52

G m C

Repeat as needed until  
Candle Lighting is finished,  
then segue to page 8, m. 57