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

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Gently, with motion (\( \frac{3}{4} \), = 50)

(+ Handbells)

Piano

GLORIA
Words: French Carol, 18th C.

S.A. Unison

T.B. Unison

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high sweetly singing o'er the plains,

(- Handbells)

Gm Dm/F Eb D7

and the mountains in reply echo

(- Handbells)

Gm C2 Gm

back their joyous strains.

(+ Handbells)

F EbM7 Dm7 Gm rit.
Responsive Litany begins here - (Text on Pgs. 6 & 7)
Slowly, very free (\( \dot{q} = 96 \)) Handbells tacet until m. 61

(Piano underscores Responsive Litany and Candle Lighting)

Candle Lighting begins here - (Text on Pgs. 6 & 7)
Gently (\( \dot{q} = 112 \))

(Repeat as needed)

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

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