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*A CANDLE LIGHTING
CEREMONY FOR ADVENT*

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A Candle Lighting Ceremony for Advent

For Two-Part Mixed Voices and Piano Accompaniment,
with optional 3 Handbells and Congregation

3 Bells used: C6, D6 & G6

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Peacefully (♩ = c. 112)

Handbells

mp

Piano

mp

C B^b/C C B^b/C

5

Part I *mp*

As we

Part II *mp*

C2 G m7 C2 B^b/C

9

seek the light, as the dark - ness grows bright, as the

C2 B \flat /C C2 B \flat /C

Detailed description: This system contains measures 9 through 12. The vocal line starts with a whole rest in measure 9, followed by the lyrics 'seek the light, as the dark - ness grows bright, as the' across measures 10-12. The piano accompaniment features a steady eighth-note bass line in the left hand and chords in the right hand. The guitar chord chart shows C2, B \flat /C, C2, and B \flat /C for measures 9-12 respectively.

13

won - der of Christ - mas draws near, _____

C2 B \flat /C C2

Detailed description: This system contains measures 13 through 16. The vocal line has the lyrics 'won - der of Christ - mas draws near,' followed by a long horizontal line indicating a sustained note in measure 14. The piano accompaniment continues with a similar bass line and more complex right-hand accompaniment. The guitar chord chart shows C2, B \flat /C, and C2 for measures 13-15, with the final measure (16) being a whole rest.