



**PROPS:** One candle (in a candlestick, holder, stand, etc.) per character located on the altar, chancel area, or around the sanctuary.

Candle lighter/taper.

Candles (with paper followers to catch drips) per every member of the congregation or audience.

**NARRATOR:** We come to bear witness to the Light. In the fullness of time, God entered this world in the birth of Jesus, the Word of God, the Light of the world. Jesus grew to adulthood in Nazareth of Galilee. He came to the river Jordan to be baptized by John, and when he came up out of the water, the heavens opened and the Spirit of God descended upon Him, and God said, “You are my beloved Son.”

**JESUS:** Let the Paschal candle be lit for Jesus Christ, the light of the world.

**NARRATOR:** Jesus chose twelve ordinary men to receive His light. He spoke to them saying: “While you have the light, believe in the light, that you may become children of light.” Then He sent them as apostles to establish the Church, to spread His light to all people, in every race and in every nation on earth. Let a candle be lit for each of the Twelve Apostles.

**PETER:** Simon, called Peter. Jesus called me “the rock” in which he would build the Church.

**ANDREW:** Andrew, his brother. A fisherman.

**JAMES:** James, the son of Zebedee. Also a fisherman.

**JOHN:** John, his brother. A fisherman.

**PHILIP:** Philip.

**BARTHOLOMEW:** Bartholomew.

**MATTHEW:** Matthew, the tax collector.

