

“Lord, make me an instrument of thy peace.
Where there is hatred, let me sow love.”
- Francis of Assisi



December 05, 2021

Second Sunday in Advent

- Peace -

WE GATHER IN GOD’S PRESENCE

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Minute for Mission
CHIME THE TRINITY

Ron Tingle
Beth Johnson

PRELUDE

Rebecca Owens
Medley on “Savior of the Nations, Come;”
“Carol of the Bells;” and “O Sons and Daughters”
Diane Combs, organ

LIGHTING THE ADVENT CANDLE

“Peace is a Prayer”
Sing, responsively:

Margaret & John Rice
Eileen M. Johnson

Peace is a prayer; ♪ **Peace is a prayer**
Peace is a prayer that starts with me;
♪ **Peace is a prayer that starts with me**
Light the candle of peace;
♪ **Light the candle of peace.**

On this second week of Advent, we remember the gift of PEACE we have in Christ.

Jesus says: “Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you.
I do not give to you as the world gives.
Do not let your hearts be troubled, and do not be afraid.”

We pray together:

O Lord, fill us with your peace and make us instruments of your peace to others. We pray for the day when your perfect peace reigns in our hearts, our homes, our communities and all the world. Amen.

We sing, responsively:

Peace is a prayer; ♪ **Peace is a prayer**
Peace is a prayer that starts with me;
♪ **Peace is a prayer that starts with me;**
Light the candle of peace;
♪ **Light the candle of peace.**

**OPENING HYMN

“O Come, O Come Emmanuel”

#88

1. O come, O come, Emmanuel,
and ransom captive Israel
that mourns in lonely exile here
until the Son of God appear.

Refrain:

Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel
shall come to you, O Israel.

2. O come, thou Wisdom from on high,
who orderest all things mightily;
to us the path of knowledge show
and teach us in its ways to go.

Refrain

3. O come, thou Dayspring, come and cheer
our spirits by thine advent here;
disperse the gloomy clouds of night
and death’s dark shadows put to flight.

Refrain

4. O come, Desire of nations, bind
all peoples in one heart and mind;
bid envy, strife, and discord cease;
fill the whole world with heaven’s peace.

Refrain

**PRAYER OF ADORATION

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION, *in unison*

Prince of Peace, Light of the World, penetrate the darkest corners of our hearts and illumine the ways we fail you. We tightly hold on to past wounds. We are fearful of the unknown future. Forgive us, O Lord. By your tender mercy guide our feet into the way of peace, keeping our minds stayed on you. We pray in the powerful Name of Jesus. Amen.

—A MOMENT OF SILENT CONFESSION—

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

**GLORIA PATRI

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son,
And to the Holy Ghost;
As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be
World without end. Amen.

**AFFIRMATION OF FAITH, *Apostles’ Creed*

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth;
and in Jesus Christ His only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried;

He descended into hell; the third day He arose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence He shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

**PASSING THE PEACE

And now, as people who are loved and forgiven by the grace of God, we pass the peace of Christ, remembering God’s command to love and forgive one another.

WE LISTEN TO GOD’S WORD

ANTHEM “Creation Will Be at Peace”

Anna Laura Page

Sanctuary Choir

FIRST SCRIPTURE

Isaiah 40:1-5

Judy Bryson

SECOND SCRIPTURE

Luke 21:25-36

SERMON

“Preparing the Way”

Rev. Holly K. Davis

HYMN OF PREPARATION, *seated*

“Break Thou the Bread of Life” (*repeat Verse 2*)

#460

1. Break thou the bread of life, dear Lord, to me,
As thou didst break the loaves beside the sea;
Beyond the sacred page I seek thee, Lord.
My spirit pants for thee, O living Word!

2. Bless thou the truth, dear Lord, now unto me,
As thou didst bless the bread by Galilee.
Then shall all bondage cease, all fetters fall.
And I shall find my peace, my all in all. (*repeat Verse 2*)

INVITATION TO THE LORD’S TABLE

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts;

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

— PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE —

THE LORD’S PRAYER, *sung*

♪ Our Father, who art in heaven, Hallowed be Thy name.
Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil: For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

— HOLY COMMUNION —

GOD'S TITHES AND OUR OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY

“Lo! How a Rose E'er Blooming”

Gil Martin

Diane Combs, organ

DOXOLOGY

Praise God, from Whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heav'nly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

**PRAYER OF DEDICATION

**CLOSING HYMN

“People Look East”

#105

1. People, look east. The time is near
Of the crowning of the year.
Make your house fair as you are able,
Trim the hearth and set the table.
People, look east and sing today:
Love, the Guest, is on the way.
2. Furrows, be glad. Though earth is bare,
One more seed is planted there:
Give up your strength the seed to nourish,
That in course the flower may flourish.
People, look east and sing today:
Love, the Rose, is on the way.
3. Stars, keep the watch. When night is dim
One more light the bowl shall brim,
Shining beyond the frosty weather,
Bright as sun and moon together.
People, look east and sing today:
Love, the Star, is on the way.
4. Angels, announce with shouts of mirth
Christ who brings new life to earth.
Set every peak and valley humming
With the word, the Lord is coming.
People, look east and sing today:
Love, the Lord, is on the way.

** BENEDICTION

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE, *sung*

“May the Hope of Jesus Find You”

Randy Edwards

♪ **May the hope of Jesus find you;
May the peace of Christ now bind you;
May the joy of Christ surprise you;
May the love of Jesus Christ surround you ev'ry day.
Share the coming of the Lord today.**

POSTLUDE

“Prepare the Way”

Paul Manz

Diane Combs, organ

“Church is not something you go to,
it's a family you belong to.”



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To love God and love our neighbors

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