

And may this sharing bring peace. Amen!

HYMN: 511 *“Let us Break Bread Together with the Lord!”*

MEMORIAL PRAYER

Holy God, with this bread and with this cup, we do as our Saviour has commanded; we celebrate the redemption He has won for us.

For as often as we eat this bread and drink from this cup, we proclaim the Lord’s death until He comes.

Receive our praise, God almighty, through Jesus Christ our Lord, with whom and in whom by the power of the Holy Spirit, we worship You in songs of never-ending praise:

Blessing, honour, glory and power are Yours forever and ever. Amen!

BREAKING THE BREAD & SERVING THE BREAD & THE CUP

We break this bread and take this cup so that we can share in the life of Christ. God’s gifts for God’s people.

Take in faith this Holy Sacrament in remembrance that He died for you, and feed on Him in your hearts with thanksgiving.

DISMISSAL

Loving God, we offer ourselves to You as a living sacrifice through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Send us out in the power of the Holy Spirit to live and work to Your praise and glory. Amen!

THE LORD’S PRAYER

HYMN: 777 *“May the Grace of Christ Our Saviour”*

SENDING OUT AND BENEDICTION

Go – not with passivity – be filled with an active, energizing peace.

Bear fruit worthy of repentance.

Burn with unquenchable fire.

So, Go - be PEACE-makers in the world.

Clothed in the peace of God, Creator Redeemer and Sustainer. *Amen!*

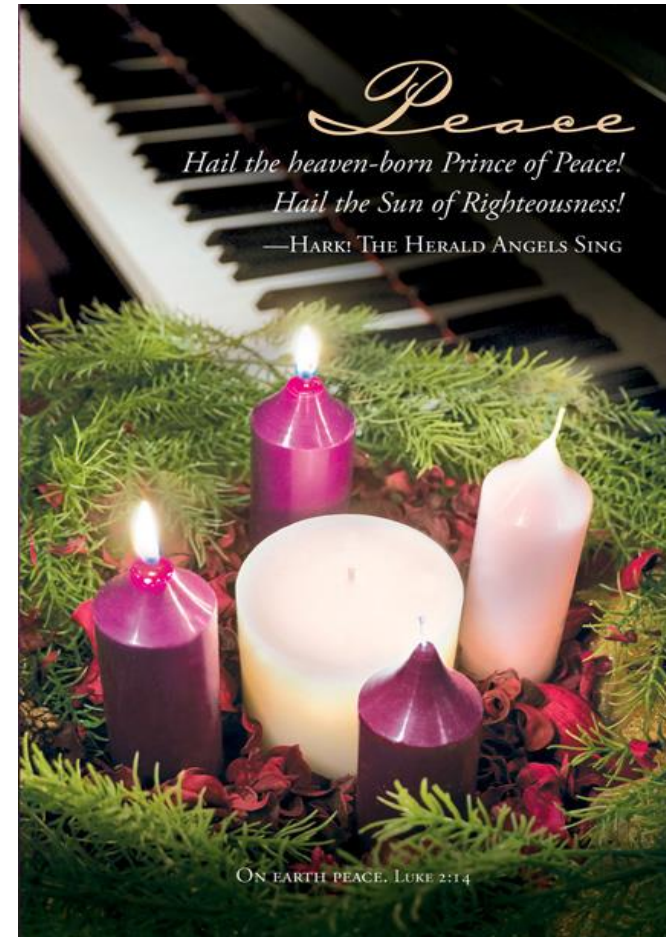
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ORDER OF SERVICE
Advent 2 - PEACE
4 December 2022

CALL TO WORSHIP

Prepare the way of the Peace-maker:

Make the path straight.

Prepare your hearts for praise:

Let music sound, as we lift our voices to sing.

Prepare the world for justice:

For the Righteous One comes among us... And we will praise God.

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE (*Candle of Peace*)

Here we tell the ancient tale, coming to the story circle of lights.

The second flame is to bring balance and the promise of harmony.

This is the candle of Peace.

Let us honour the Light! (Pause)

HYMN: 205 *“Join All the Glorious Names” (Tune 371 Darwall)*

A LITANY FOR ADVENT

Lord God, we adore You because You have come to us in the past. You have spoken to us in the Law of Israel. You have challenged us in the words of the prophets. You have shown us in Jesus what You are really like.

Lord God, we adore You because You still come to us now. You come to us through other people and their love and concern for us. You come to us through men and women who need our help. You come to us as we worship You.

Lord God, we adore You because You will come to us at the end. You will be with us at the hour of death. You will still reign supreme when all human institutions fail. You will still be God when our history has run its course.

We welcome You, God who comes. Come to us now in the power of Jesus Christ our Saviour.

Lord God, we come to adore You. You are the source of all that is.

You have spoken and given form and beauty to the world. You have spoken and given purpose to human life.

You have spoken and declared forgiveness of our sin; You have spoken and freed us from the fear of death.

Lord Jesus Christ, divine Word, speak to us the eternal purpose; remove our guilt; conquer the fear of death in our hearts. Speak and let us hear You, Lord. Amen!

BIBLE READING

Isaiah 11:1-10 (*Page 686*)

Penny Goodley
Romans 1:1-7 (*Page 1112*)

SERMON: *“Jesus is Our Peace”* Krikor Youmshajekian

HYMN: 623 *“Lord Christ, True Peace pf All Above”*

PRAYER OF INTERCESSION - SHARE SHALOM

Still our spirits, so we can hear the needs of the world. Give us Your heart and mind.

Help us to develop compassion for those who mourn. Heal and make whole those who suffer from trauma and the anxiety of separation.

Answer the groanings of those who do not yet know how to pray with mercy.

Restore those who have lost their resources and refill their lives with blessing.

Enable endurance among those who wait. May we become sources of their encouragement.

Send Your Spirit upon those who face violence and conflict.

Hold fast to those who cling to Your promises.

Amplify the efforts to bring peace - challenge the hearts of the greedy and bless the generous.

Love the World and Love Your people, just as You call us to love You and one another.

Open us to **SHALOM** in new ways, with new understandings and new relationships.

Make us people of peace in Your name. *Amen!*

NOTICES - Movie/Pizza Night - Tuesday, 6 December 6:30 pm.

- **Carols Service** - Sunday 11 December 9:30 am.

- **Food & Gifts for Exodus** - All in by 18 December.

- **Christmas Eve Service** - Saturday 24 December 7:00 pm.

- **Christmas Day Service:** Sunday 25 December 9:30 am.

OFFERING and DEDICATION

May swords be beaten into ploughshares and may this money become food and education and health and community.

May minefields be returned to garden sand and may the first fruits become signs of shared life in the world.