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## December 4th, 2022 – Advent 2 -- Peace

### Welcome & Acknowledgement

(anything in **bold** we invite you to say with us)

### Opening Sentence –

Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight. All flesh shall see the salvation of God Luke 3.4, 6

### Lighting of the Advent Candle

Why do we light the second candle?

The first candle is the candle of Hope, This is the candle of Peace. It reminds us that God wants all people to live together in harmony. God has promised that the Holy Spirit will live forever in our hearts to bring peace.

### Hymn -

Light the Advent Candle, One:  
Now the waiting has begun;  
We have started on our way,  
Time to think of Christmas day.

Light the Advent candle, two:  
Think of humble shepherds, who  
Filled with wonder at the sight  
Of the child on Christmas night

Chorus:  
Candle, candle, burning bright,  
Shining in the cold winter night;  
Candle, candle, burning bright,  
Fill our hearts with Christmas light.

Opening Hymn – Your kingdom come On bended knee  
# 116 (CP)

### The Gathering of the Community

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with you all.

### **And also with you**

Almighty God,  
**to you all hearts are open,  
all desires known,  
and from you no secrets are hidden.  
Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts  
by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit,  
that we may perfectly love you,  
and worthily magnify your holy name;  
through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

### The Gloria

Gloria (clap, clap), Gloria (clap, clap),  
In excelsis Deo  
Gloria (clap, clap), Gloria (clap, clap),  
In excelsis Deo

Lord God, heavenly King,  
Peace you bring to us;  
We worship you, we give you thanks,  
We sing our song of praise.

Jesus, savior of all,  
Lord God, Lamb of God,  
You take away our sin, O Lord,  
Have mercy on us all.

At the Father's right hand,  
Lord, receive our prayer,  
For you alone are the Holy One  
And you alone are Lord.

Glory Father and Son,  
Glory Holy Spirit,  
To you we raise our hands up high,  
We glorify your name.

#### The Collect of the Day

Almighty God, who sent your servant John the Baptist to prepare your people to welcome the Messiah, inspire us, the ministers and stewards of your truth, to turn our disobedient hearts to you, that when the Christ shall come again to be our judge, we may stand with confidence before his glory; who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen**

#### The Proclamation of the Word

##### 1<sup>st</sup> Reading- Isaiah 11:1-10

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the church  
**Thanks be to God.**

##### The Psalm for the day -- Psalm 72:1-7, 18-19

Give the king your justice, O God, and your righteousness to a king's son.

**May he judge your people with righteousness,  
and your poor with justice.**

May the mountains yield prosperity for the people, and the hills, in righteousness.

**May he defend the cause of the poor of the people, give deliverance to the needy, and crush the oppressor.**

May he live while the sun endures, and as long as the moon, throughout all generations.

**May he be like rain that falls on the mown grass,  
like showers that water the earth.**

In his days may righteousness flourish and peace abound, until the moon is no more.

**Blessed be the LORD, the God of Israel, who alone does wondrous things.**

Blessed be his glorious name forever; may his glory fill the whole earth. Amen and Amen.

Faithful God, we thank you for feeding us with this heavenly banquet. Help us always to hear the prophet's call to turn our hearts to you; in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord. **Amen.**

##### 2nd Reading -- Romans 15:4-13

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**Thanks be to God**

##### Gradual Hymn The voice of God goes out # 627 (CP)

##### The Gospel - Matthew 3:1-12

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.

**Glory to you Lord Jesus Christ**

The Gospel of Christ.

**Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ**

##### Reflection --

##### Affirmation of Faith. -- The Apostles Creed

**I believe in God,  
the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.  
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit  
and born of the Virgin Mary.**

**He suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried.  
He descended to the dead.**

**On the third day he rose again.  
He ascended into heaven,  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.  
He will come again  
to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic Church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

#### Prayers For the Community

*Additional intercessions, petitions and thanksgivings may be offered in silence or aloud. Among these concerns it is appropriate to remember • the persecuted • the oppressed peoples of the world; • all who are lonely; • all who are near to death and • all who are facing loss.*

God of hope,  
you raised up John the baptizer  
as a herald who calls us to conversion.  
As we joyfully await the glorious coming of Christ,  
we pray to you for the needs of the church and the world.

O Lord, guard and direct your Church in the way of unity, service, and praise.  
**Lord, hear our prayer.**

Give to all nations an awareness of the unity of the human family.  
**Lord, hear our prayer.**

Cleanse our hearts of prejudice and selfishness, and inspire us to hunger and thirst for what is right.  
**Lord, hear our prayer.**

Teach us to use your creation for your greater praise, that all may share the good things you provide. **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Strengthen all who give their energy or skill for the healing of those who are sick in body or in mind.  
**Lord, hear our prayer.**

Set free all who are bound by fear and despair.  
**Lord, hear our prayer.**

Grant a peaceful end and eternal rest to all who are dying, and your comfort to those who mourn.  
**Lord, hear our prayer. Amen.**

Hear our humble prayer  
that we may serve you in holiness and faith  
and give voice to your presence among us  
until the day of the coming of your Son, Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns for ever and ever.  
**Amen.**

#### Confession & Absolution

Dear friends in Christ,  
God is steadfast in love and infinite in mercy;  
he welcomes sinners  
and invites them to his table.  
Let us confess our sins,  
confident in God's forgiveness.

Most merciful God,  
**All we confess that we have sinned against you  
in thought, word, and deed,  
by what we have done,  
and by what we have left undone.  
We have not loved you with our whole heart;  
we have not loved our neighbours as ourselves.  
We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.  
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,  
have mercy on us and forgive us,  
that we may delight in your will,  
and walk in your ways,  
to the glory of your name. Amen**

Almighty God have mercy upon you,  
pardon and deliver you from all your sins,  
confirm and strengthen you in all goodness,  
and keep you in eternal life;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.  
**Amen.**

#### The Peace

The peace of the Lord be always with you.  
**And also with you.**

Offertory Hymn - God, you have caused to be written  
# 476 (CP)

Doxology - 666 (CP)

Praise God from whom all blessings flow  
Praise God all creatures here below  
Praise God above ye Heavenly Host  
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

The Prayer Over the Gifts

God our strength, we are nothing without you.  
Receive all we offer you this day as you sustain us  
with your mercy; in the name of Jesus Christ our  
Lord. **Amen**

Eucharistic Prayer 2

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.**

Blessed are you, gracious God,  
creator of heaven and earth;  
we give you thanks and praise  
through Jesus Christ our Lord,  
who in the fullness of time came among us in our  
flesh,  
and opened to us the way of salvation.

Now we watch for the day when he will come again  
in power and great triumph to judge this world,  
that we, without shame or fear,  
may rejoice to behold his appearing.

Therefore, we praise you,  
joining our voices with angels and archangels  
and with all the company of heaven,  
who forever sing this hymn  
to proclaim the glory of your name

**Holy, holy, holy Lord,  
God of power and might,  
heaven and earth are full of your glory.  
Hosanna in the highest.**

**Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.**

**Hosanna in the highest.**

Holy and gracious God,  
accept our praise,  
through your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ;

who on the night he was handed over  
to suffering and death,  
took bread and gave you thanks,  
saying, "Take, and eat:  
this is my body which is broken for you."

In the same way he took the cup,  
saying, "This is my blood which is shed for you.  
When you do this, you do it in memory of me."

Remembering, therefore, his death and  
resurrection,  
we offer you this bread and this cup,  
giving thanks that you have made us worthy  
to stand in your presence and serve you.

We ask you to send your Holy Spirit  
upon the offering of your holy Church.

Gather into one  
all who share in these sacred mysteries,  
filling them with the Holy Spirit  
and confirming their faith in the truth,  
that together we may praise you  
and give you glory  
through your Servant, Jesus Christ.

All glory and honour are yours,  
Father and Son,  
with the Holy Spirit  
in the holy Church,  
now and forever.  
**Amen.**

The Lord's Prayer

And now, as our Saviour Christ has taught us,  
we are bold to say,

**Our Father in heaven,  
hallowed be your name,  
your kingdom come,  
your will be done,  
on earth as in heaven.**

**Give us today our daily bread.  
Forgive us our sins  
as we forgive those who sin against us.  
Save us from the time of trial,  
and deliver us from evil.  
For the kingdom, the power,  
and the glory are yours,  
now and forever. Amen.**

The Breaking of the Bread

God of promise,  
you prepare a banquet for us in your kingdom.

**Happy are those who are called  
to the supper of the Lamb.**

The Communion -

The Gifts of God for the People of God  
**Thanks be to God**

Hymn - Lamb of God

Lamb of God You Take Away  
The Sins Of the World  
Have Mercy on Us

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Lamb of God You Take Away the Sins of the World  
Grant Us Peace  
Grant Us Peace

Prayer after Communion

Faithful God, we thank you for feeding us with this heavenly banquet. Help us always to hear the prophet's call to turn our hearts to you; in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord. **Amen**

The Benediction

The Lord bless and keep you;  
The Lord make his face to shine  
upon you and be gracious to you;  
The Lord lift up the light  
of his countenance upon you and give you peace.

And the blessing of the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit Be with you, uphold and strengthen you, grant you favour in all that you do now and always.  
**Amen**

Doxology

Glory to God,

**whose power, working in us,  
can do infinitely more  
than we can ask or imagine.  
Glory to God from generation to generation,  
in the Church and in Christ Jesus,  
for ever and ever. Amen.**

Closing Hymn – Come, O God of all the Earth # 589 (CP)

The Dismissal

To all our donors and those who have contacted us for one concern or the other, we are grateful for your gifts and presence. Thank you for your generous donations and giving. We pray that the risen Lord bless and multiply you in all you do.

Go Forth into the world rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit.  
And be what you are, the church in the World.  
**Thanks be to God. Amen. Alleluia!**

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