

Second Sunday in Advent – 4th December 2022

The Second Week of Advent is **the week of Peace**. The word peace is the Hebrew word shalom which means completeness or well-being. This week as we turn to look at Peace, we see that one way that we can bring that hope into the world is to be peacemakers.



We Pray:

God our Father, as we light our second Advent candle, help us to prepare prayerfully for the birth of your Son, Jesus. Show us ways we can share Christ's light during Advent, so that the world might know the hope and love that your Son brings.

We make this prayer through Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Reflection

Today, Jesus calls his followers to be messengers of peace wherever they are and in whatever situation they find themselves. In the midst of the present-day global reality of terrorism, civil wars, human trafficking, the abuse of nature, and the economic, political and religious oppression of people, Jesus issues a clear call to embrace his way of non-violence, peace and justice. To follow Jesus is to be a peacemaker/builder in our global village, Earth.

This means being at peace within oneself and in harmonious relationship with others. Inner peace has an outward dimension that includes a just political and social order and ecological well-being.

Peace and justice are interwoven. To be a peacemaker entails protecting every person's dignity and rights, practicing non-violence on a daily basis, engaging in conflict resolution and contributing to collective efforts of peacebuilding. Peacemaking/peacebuilding is a lifetime commitment to nurturing life and working to achieve a just and sustainable world.

Over to you.....

How can you be an instrument of peace in your home, school, community?



God of peace,
instill in us Your peace
that surpasses all understanding.
As we prepare for His coming,
make us instruments of Your peace
and help us to find rest
in the Prince of Peace,
Your Son, Jesus Christ.
Amen.



Reader: Heavenly Father, help us to prepare the way for your Son this Advent, by being peace-builders in our school, home, country, and world.

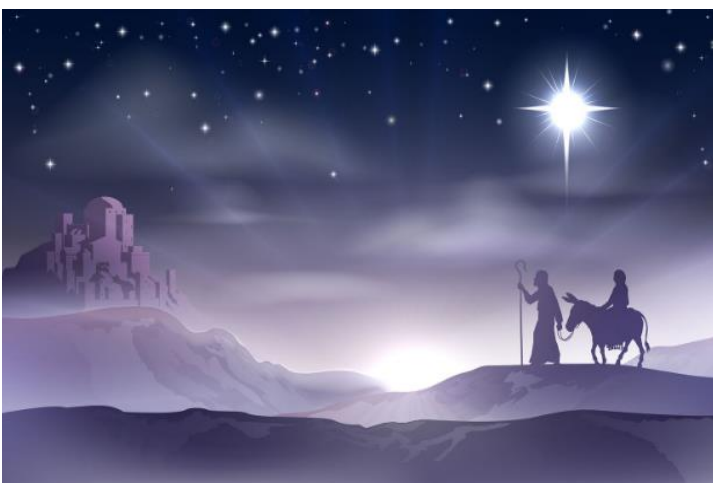
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As we journey through Advent help us to prepare the way for your Son, by sharing what we have so that no one lacks what they need.

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Let us pray for Peace. We ask that at this special time of year all those who are distressed or troubled may be comforted. May we all experience your peace in our hearts, minds and homes this Christmas.

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**God of light and hope, Look upon us in love
And fill us with the Spirit of Jesus
That we may love you
And serve you in your kingdom.
Protect us this Advent;
Help us to focus on the things that really matter,
As we await the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ,
Who is the light of the world,
And who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit,
One God forever and ever. Amen.**