

2nd Sunday of Advent 6th December 2020 **PEACE**

You may like to gather the following resources which we will use throughout the service: a candle and matches (or a battery operated candle if you have one), Bible and a cross (why not draw one or cut one out of paper if you don't have one?)

GATHERING

In the beginning
When it was very dark,
God said 'Let there be light'
And there was light
Place the candle on the table and light it

All Say: GOD IS WITH US

In the beginning
When it was very quiet,
The word was with God
And what God was, the word was
Place the Bible on the table and open it

All Say: GOD IS WITH US

When the time was right,
God sent his son.
He came among us,
He was one of us.
Place the wooden cross on the table

All Say: GOD IS WITH US

Maranatha: Come Lord Jesus

Confession

Heavenly Father, you call us to repent of our sins: soften our proud and stubborn hearts. Lord, have mercy: we say together: Lord, have mercy.

Lord Jesus, you declared the forgiveness of God: teach us to forgive one another.
Christ, have mercy: we say together: **Christ, have mercy**.

Holy Spirit, you search our hearts and show us the truth: direct us in your way of righteousness. Lord, have mercy: we say together: **Lord, have mercy**.

Absolution

WORD

Isaiah 40:1-11

This is the word of the Lord: thanks be to God

RESPONSE

A short reflection Some questions to ponder on:

- 1. I wonder how we can know of God's peace in the noise of life?
- 2. I wonder where we will find peace today?

Song Shalom my friend
Shalom, my friend,
Shalom, my friend,
Shalom, shalom,
May peace and joy be with you today,
Shalom, shalom.
Shalom chaverim
Shalom chaverim,
Shalom, shalom,

Lehitraot, lehitraot, Shalom, shalom.

Intercessions

We pray firstly, for those closet to us, our immediate family and closest friends

For their health, needs, joy, fear and peace

SILENCE

God of creation, God of salvation: hear the prayer of our hearts

We pray for our extended family and friends who we're struggling to see at this time

For their love and concern, their wellbeing and peace

SILENCE

God of creation, God of salvation: hear the prayer of our hearts

As the ripples reach out toward the land we pray for those who we only have contact with annually or less

For a blessing this Advent-time

SILENCE

God of creation, God of salvation: hear the prayer of our hearts

And as the ripples reach their furthest point we pray for this world and its peoples

For the needs of this week and the future

SILENCE

God of creation, God of salvation: hear the prayer of our hearts

AMEN

Meditation

SENDING OUT

Notices

Blessing

Dismissal

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord: In the name of Christ, Amen.



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