

All Age Worship  
Cudham 5<sup>th</sup> December 2021



## **2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Advent: PEACE**

**Welcome**

Gathering prayer

**Dear God,**

**for some today, life seems good;**

**for some today, life seems hard;**

**for some today, life feels confusing.**

**But for all today, your love gives peace –**

**peace that we are forgiven and loved.**

**Amen.**

Lighting of Advent Candles

We say together:

**Lord Jesus, light of the world,**

**the prophets said you would bring peace**

**and save your people in trouble.**

**Give peace in our hearts at Christmas**

**And show all the world God's love**

**Amen**

## **Song**

**I will sing, I will sing a song unto the Lord**

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**Alleluia, Glory to the Lord.**

## **Chorus**

**Alleluia, Alleluia, glory to the Lord,**

**Alleluia, Alleluia, glory to the Lord,**

**Alleluia, Alleluia, glory to the Lord,**

**Alleluia, glory to the Lord.**

## **Verse 2**

**We will come, we will come as one before the Lord.**

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**Alleluia, Glory to the Lord.**

## **Chorus**

## **Verse 3**

**They that sow, they that sow in tears shall reap in joy**

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**Alleluia, glory to the Lord**

## **Chorus**

## **Verse 4**

**In His name, in His name we have the victory**

**In His name, in His name we have the victory**

**In His name, in His name we have the victory**

**Alleluia, glory to the Lord**

## **Chorus**

## **Confession**

**We are broken by our greed: Restore us O Lord**

**We are broken by our jealousy: Restore us O Lord**

**We are broken by our failure to serve others: Restore us O Lord**

**Bring us back into shalom with you.**

**Amen**

## **Absolution**

## **Song**

**Purify my heart, let me be as gold and precious silver**

**Purify my heart, let me be as gold, pure gold**

**Refiner's fire, my heart's one desire is to be holy**

**Set apart for You, Lord. I choose to be holy**

**Set apart for You, my Master, ready to do Your will**

**Purify my heart, cleanse me from within and make me holy. Purify my heart, cleanse me from my sin, deep within**

**Refiner's fire, my heart's one desire is to be holy  
Set apart for You, Lord. I choose to be holy  
Set apart for You, my Master, ready to do Your will**

### **Bible reading**

**Luke 3:1-6**

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

### **Reflection**

### **Song**

**From the squalor of a borrowed stable,  
By the Spirit and a virgin's faith;  
To the anguish and the shame of scandal  
Came the Saviour of the human race.  
But the skies were filled with the praise of heaven,  
Shepherds listen as the angels tell  
Of the Gift of God come down to man  
At the dawning of Immanuel.**

**King of heaven now the Friend of sinners,  
Humble servant in the Father's hands,  
Filled with power and the Holy Spirit,  
Filled with mercy for the broken man.  
Yes, He walked my road and He felt my pain,  
Joys and sorrows that I know so well;  
Yet His righteous steps give me hope again –  
I will follow my Immanuel.**

Through the kisses of a friend's betrayal,  
He was lifted on a cruel cross;  
He was punished for a world's transgressions,  
He was suffering to save the lost.  
He fights for breath, He fights for me,  
Loosing sinners from the claims of hell;  
And with a shout our souls are free –  
Death defeated by Immanuel.

Now He's standing in the place of honour,  
Crowned with glory on the highest throne,  
Interceding for His own beloved  
Till His Father calls to bring them home!  
Then the skies will part as the trumpet sounds  
Hope of heaven or the fear of hell;  
But the Bride will run to her Lover's arms,  
Giving glory to Immanuel!

### **Creed**

Do you believe and trust in God the Father, source of all being and life, the one for whom we exist?

**I believe and trust in him.**

Do you believe and trust in God the Son, who took our human nature, died for us and rose again?

**I believe and trust in him.**

**Do you believe and trust in God the Holy Spirit, who gives life to the people of God and makes Christ known in the world?**

**I believe and trust in him.**

**This is the faith of the Church.**

**This is our faith.**

**We believe and trust in one God,**

**Father, Son and Holy Spirit.**

**Amen.**

**Collect**

**Almighty God,**

**purify our hearts and minds,**

**that when your Son Jesus Christ comes again**

**as judge and saviour**

**we may be ready to receive him,**

**who is our Lord and our God.**

**Amen**

**Peace**

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

**Let us offer one another a sign of peace from where we are.**

**Intercessions**

***Notices*** – do we have any notices to share with one another?

## **Song**

O Jesus, I have promised  
To serve thee to the end;  
Be thou forever near me,  
My Master and my friend;  
I shall not fear the battle  
If thou art by my side,  
Nor wander from the pathway  
If thou wilt be my guide.

O let me feel thee near me!  
The world is ever near:  
I see the sights that dazzle,  
The tempting sounds I hear.  
My foes are ever near me,  
Around me and within;  
But, Jesus, draw thou nearer,  
And shield my soul from sin.

O let me hear thee speaking  
In accents clear and still,  
Above the storms of passion,

The murmurs of self-will.  
O speak to reassure me,  
To hasten or control;  
O speak, and make me listen,  
Thou guardian of my soul.

O Jesus, thou hast promised  
To all who follow thee  
That where thou art in glory  
There shall thy servant be.  
And, Jesus, I have promised  
To serve thee to the end;  
O give me grace to follow,  
My Master and my friend.

### **Blessing**

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