

tidings of comfort and joy

December 10, 2017

Ten-thirty O'clock in the Morning

THE SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

“Fear not, then,” said the angel, “let nothing you affright.”

Greeting

Austin Carty

Organ Voluntary

Hark! The Herald Angels Sing setting by Robert & Edward Smith

“Peace on earth, and mercy mild, God and sinners reconciled.”

- Charles Wesley

Lighting the Candle of Peace

Paul Sims

Why light a candle that will burn out?

The message of this candle cannot be quenched.

It speaks of peace –

peace no war can halt,

peace no heartache can sever,

peace no suffering can erase.

It represents the Advent peace of the promised Messiah,

before whom all nations must bow.

In faith we light this candle of peace.

+Hymn 256

We Are People of God's Peace

TEMPUS ADEST FLORIDUM

+Prayer of Confession

Alex Lockridge

Eternal God, You promise to reveal Your glory to us,

but we are inconstant and distracted.

You promise us Your peace,

but we doubt Your promise – and we despair.

Forgive our lack of faith, O God.

Sing Your songs of good tidings to us from on high.

Lift our eyes and give us ears to hear, that we may sing to the world:

Here is our God!

+The Peace

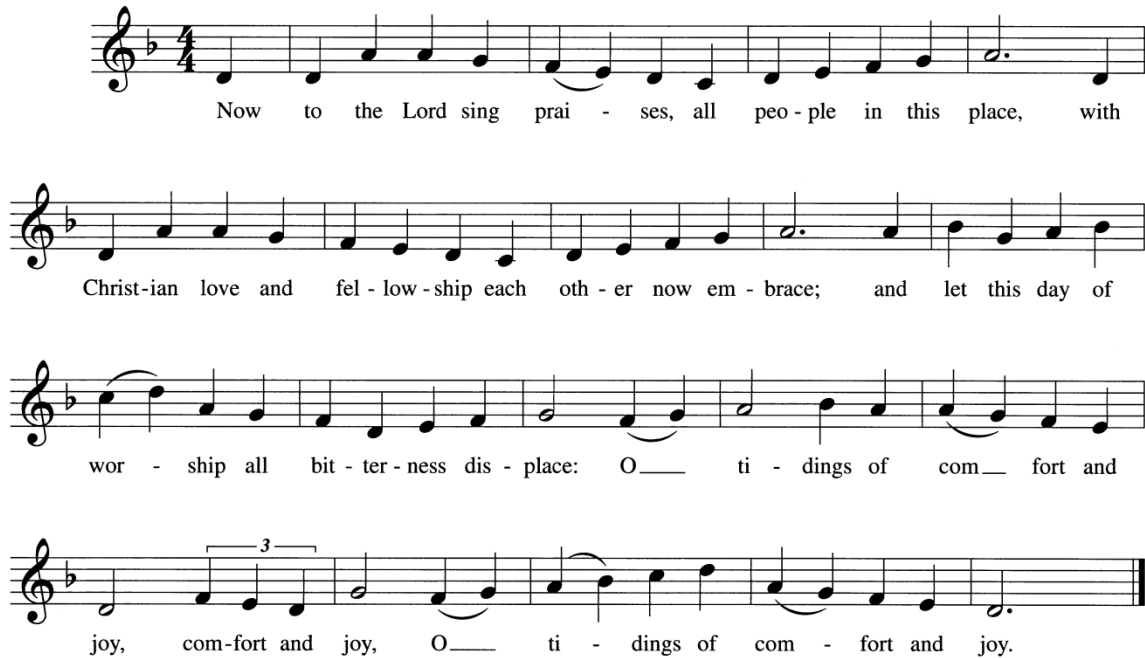
Austin Carty

The peace of the Lord be with you.

And also with you.

+Response

GOD REST YOU MERRY



Now to the Lord sing prai - ses, all peo - ple in this place, with

Christ-ian love and fel - low - ship each oth - er now em - brace; and let this day of

wor - ship all bit - ter - ness dis - place: O — ti - dings of com — fort and

joy, com-fort and joy, O — ti - dings of com - fort and joy.

- 18th century English carol

“This day is born a Savior of a pure virgin bright.”

Children’s Sermon

Alex Lockridge

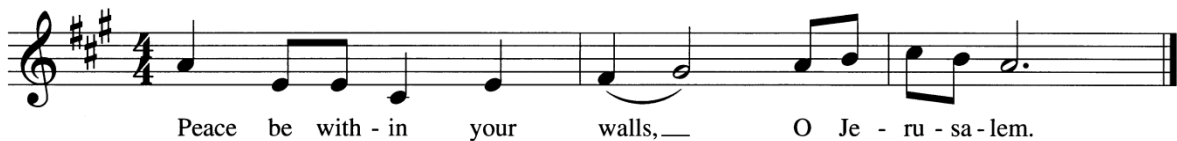
A Reading from Hebrew Scripture: Isaiah 40:1-11

The word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

Psalm 85

setting by Hal Hopson



Peace be with - in your walls, — O Je - ru - sa - lem.

*Let me hear what God the Lord will speak, for God will speak peace to his people,
to his faithful, to those who turn to God in their hearts.*

***Surely God’s salvation is at hand for those who fear God,
that God’s glory may dwell in our land. REFRAIN***

Steadfast love and faithfulness will meet; righteousness and peace will kiss.

Faithfulness will spring up from the ground; righteousness will look down from the sky.

Righteousness will go before the Lord, making a path for God’s steps. REFRAIN

A Reading from the Letters to the Churches: II Peter 3:8-15a

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The word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

+Hymn 692

Let Truth and Mercy Find Here

AURELIA

A Reading from the Gospels: Mark 1:1-8

Paul Sims

The Gospel of our Lord

Thanks be to God

Sermon

“Let Nothing You Affright”

Austin Carty

“To free all those who trust in him from Satan’s power and might.”

+Hymn 63

Lead On, O King Eternal

LANCASHIRE

If you wish to present yourself for membership today, or if you have another decision to share, please come to the front of the sanctuary during the hymn and a minister will receive you. You are welcome here.

+Offertory Prayer

Lynn Tipton

Loose change received in December will benefit our church’s Cold Weather Ministries.

Offertory Anthem

Every Valley

by John Ness Beck

Every valley shall be exalted, and every mountain made low;

And the crooked made straight, and the rough places plain.

And the glory of the Lord shall be revealed, and all flesh shall see it together,

For the mouth of the Lord hath spoken it.

- from Isaiah 40

Prayers of the People

Alex Lockridge

The Lord’s Prayer

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name. Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil, for Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

+Doxology for Advent

VENI EMMANUEL

To You, O Christ, all glory be, whose advent sets Your people free;

Whom, with the Father, we adore, and Holy Spirit, evermore;

Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.

“O tidings of comfort and joy.”

+Sending Song

Song of Hope

Argentine Folk Song



Pray-ing, ___ let us work for peace, ___ sing-ing, ___ share our joy with all, ___
work-ing ___ for a world that's new, ___ faith-ful ___ when we hear Christ's call. ___

May the God of hope go with us every day, filling all our lives with love and joy and peace.

*May the God of justice speed us on our way, bringing light and hope to every land and race. **REFRAIN***

- Alvin Schutmaat, 20th century

+Commission and Blessing

Austin Carty, Alex Lockridge, & Paul Sims

*... and may the Holy Spirit baptize you with righteousness and peace. **Amen.***

Organ Postlude

God Rest You Merry

setting by David Lasky

Variations I & II

+all who are able may stand

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