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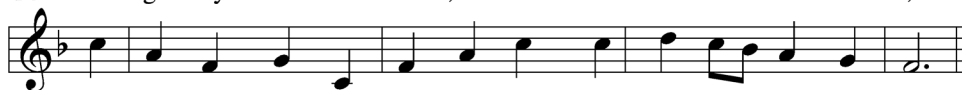
The Light of Grace Week 2 The Light of Grace Peace: Isaiah

*For to us a child is born, to us a son is given ... and his name shall be called ^[I]_[SEP]Wonderful
Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. Isaiah 9:6*

OPENING HYMN 331 THE ADVENT OF OUR KING



1 The ad - vent of our King Our prayers must now em - ploy,
2 The ev - er - last - ing Son In - car - nate deigns to be,
3 O Zi - on's daugh - ter, rise To meet your low - ly King,
△ 6 All glo - ry to the Son, Who comes to set us free,



And we must hymns of wel - come sing In strains of ho - ly joy.
Him - self a ser - vant's form puts on To set His ser - vants free.
Nor let your faith - less heart de - spise The peace He comes to bring.
With Fa - ther, Spir - it, ev - er one Through all e - ter - ni - ty.

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INVOCATION AND LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE

Pastor In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People Amen.

(Two purple candles are lit on the Advent wreath.)

Pastor Today we light the second candle on the Advent wreath, the candle of peace. We may be afraid at times, because we live in a world filled with violence. We may become caught up in personal struggles and family quarrels. We need the peace that only Jesus can bring.

People Lord, grant us your peace.

Pastor The prophet Isaiah foretold the coming of the promised Messiah, the child who would be called the Prince of Peace. He would rule over all things, and there would be no end to his kingdom of peace.

People Lord, grant us your peace.

Pastor Jesus was born to bring us peace, the peace that comes through the forgiveness of our sins, peace that the world can never give, peace that Jesus alone brings.

People Lord, grant us your peace.

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

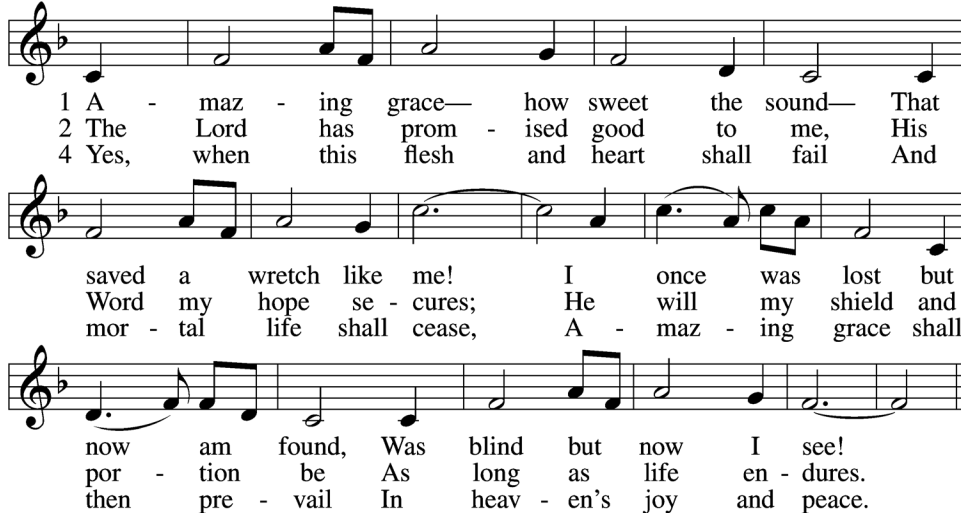
Pastor Let us confess our sins to God and ask him to have mercy on us.

People Almighty God, even though you grant us your peace, we often destroy that peace by causing strife. We quarrel with others and condemn them. We pursue our own selfish interests instead of showing love to others. We turn away from the guidance of your holy Word. Have mercy on us, forgive our sins and grant us your peace.

Pastor God sent his Son, the Prince of Peace, to be our Savior. Jesus shed his precious, innocent blood, suffering the penalty of death that we deserved for our sins. I announce to you that your sins are forgiven in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

People Jesus, Prince of Peace, rule in our hearts with the peace that you alone can bring.

HYMN 744 AMAZING GRACE



1 A - maz - ing grace— how sweet the sound— That
2 The Lord has prom - ised good to me, His
4 Yes, when this flesh and heart shall fail And
saved a wretch like me! I once was lost but
Word my hope se - cures; He will my shield and
mor - tal life shall cease, A - maz - ing grace shall
now am found, Was blind but now I see!
por - tion be As long as life en - dures.
then pre - vail In heav - en's joy and peace.

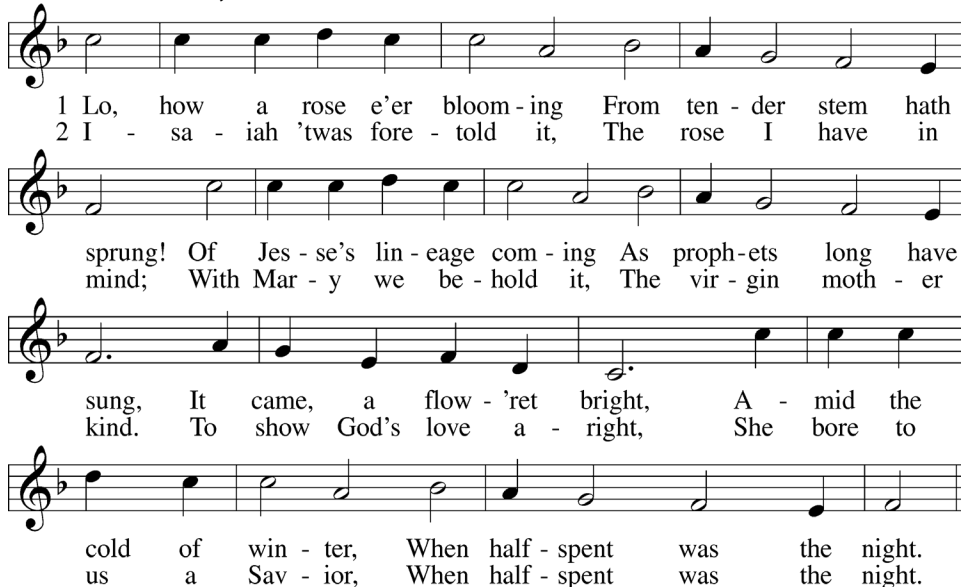
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PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor Blessed are You, O Lord our God, king of the universe, who led Your people Israel by a pillar of cloud by day and a pillar of fire by night. Enlighten our darkness by the light of Your Christ; may His Word be a lamp to our feet and a light to our path; for You are merciful, and You love Your whole creation and we, Your creatures, glorify You, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

People Amen.

HYMN 359 LO, HOW A ROSE E'ER BLOOMING



1 Lo, how a rose e'er bloom - ing From ten - der stem hath
2 I - sa - iah 'twas fore - told it, The rose I have in
sprung! Of Jes - se's lin - eage com - ing As proph - ets long have
mind; With Mar - y we be - hold it, The vir - gin moth - er
sung, It came, a flow - 'ret bright, A - mid the
kind. To show God's love a - right, She bore to
cold of win - ter, When half - spent was the night.
us a Sav - ior, When half - spent was the night.

Text: German, 16th cent.; tr. Theodore Baker, 1851–1934, alt. Tune: Alte Catholische Geistliche Kirchengeseng, 1599, Köln Text and tune: Public domain

OLD TESTAMENT READING - ISAIAH 9:1-7

¹ But there will be no gloom for her who was in anguish. In the former time he brought into contempt the land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali, but in the latter time he has made glorious the way of the sea, the land beyond the Jordan, Galilee of the nations.

² The people who walked in darkness

have seen a great light;
those who dwelt in a land of deep darkness,
on them has light shined.
³You have multiplied the nation;
you have increased its joy;
they rejoice before you
as with joy at the harvest,
as they are glad when they divide the spoil.
⁴For the yoke of his burden,
and the staff for his shoulder,
the rod of his oppressor,
you have broken as on the day of Midian.
⁵For every boot of the tramping warrior in battle tumult
and every garment rolled in blood
will be burned as fuel for the fire.
⁶For to us a child is born,
to us a son is given;
and the government shall be upon his shoulder,
and his name shall be called
Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God,
Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.
⁷Of the increase of his government and of peace
there will be no end,
on the throne of David and over his kingdom,
to establish it and to uphold it
with justice and with righteousness
from this time forth and forevermore.
The zeal of the LORD of hosts will do this.

Leader O Lord, have mercy on us.
People Thanks be to God.

EPISTLE READING ... COLOSSIANS 1:13-20

¹³He has delivered us from the domain of darkness and transferred us to the kingdom of his beloved Son, ¹⁴in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

¹⁵He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation. ¹⁶For by him all things were created, in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or authorities—all things were created through him and for him. ¹⁷And he is before all things, and in him all things hold together. ¹⁸And he is the head of the body, the church. He is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, that in everything he might be preeminent. ¹⁹For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, ²⁰and through him to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, making peace by the blood of his cross.

Leader O Lord, have mercy on us.
People Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL READING ... JOHN 14:25-27

²⁵“These things I have spoken to you while I am still with you. ²⁶But the Helper, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, he will teach you all things and bring to your

remembrance all that I have said to you. ²⁷Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. Not as the world gives do I give to you. Let not your hearts be troubled, neither let them be afraid.

Leader O Lord, have mercy on us.

People Thanks be to God.

HYMN OF THE DAY 347 COMFORT, COMFORT YE MY PEOPLE

1 "Com - fort, com - fort ye My peo - ple, Speak ye peace," thus
2 Yea, her sins our God will par - don, Blot - ting out each
saith our God; "Com - fort those who sit in dark - ness, Mourn - ing
dark mis - deed; All that well de - served His an - ger He no
'neath their sor - rows' load. Speak ye to Je - ru - sa - lem
more will see or heed. She hath suf - fered man - y a day,
Of the peace that waits for them; Tell her that her
Now her griefs have passed a - way; God will change her
sins I cov - er And her war - fare now is o - ver."
pin - ing sad - ness In - to ev - er - spring - ing glad - ness.

Text: Johann Olearius, 1611–84; tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1827–78, alt. Tune: Trente quatre Pseaumes de David, 1551, Geneva, ed. Louis Bourgeois Text and tune: Public domain

SERMON Isaiah 9:6 "The Light of Grace-Peace:Isaiah

RESPONSE HYMN 347 COMFORT, COMFORT YE MY PEOPLE

3 Hark, the her - ald's voice is cry - ing In the des - ert
far and near, Call - ing sin - ners to re - pen - tance, Since the
King - dom now is here. O that warn - ing cry o - bey!
Now pre - pare for God a way; Let the val - leys
rise to meet Him And the hills bow down to greet Him.

APOSTLES' CREED

People I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.
And in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day he rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence he will come to judge the living and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

PRAYERS

Pastor Let us pray.
O Lord who in the past returned Your people to the Promised Land, hear us as we pray for ourselves and all the Church: Strengthen our hope in all Your gracious promises, and increase faith and love among us and toward the world. Use us as fits Your gracious plans for them.

People Hear our prayer, O Lord. Return us to trust all Your promises, and stir up our hearts to serve You.

Pastor Hear us as we pray for all who have been forgotten by the world's commerce: Surround with faith-filled people all who are hungry and homeless, the many who are migrants and refugees, people dealing with sudden ills and long-term disabilities, and all who are in mourning. Use us as fits Your gracious plans for them.

People Hear our prayer, O Lord. Return us to trust all Your promises, and stir up our hearts to serve You.

Pastor In the midst of a dark world You send us. Renew in us true faith and peace, faithfulness in worship, a spiritual vitality, and a confidence in Your promise of eternal life. Grant that many join us in fruitful worship. Use us as fits Your gracious plans for them.

People Hear our prayer, O Lord. Return us to trust all Your promises, and stir up our hearts to serve You.

Pastor By the blessed coming of Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, who gave us His own righteousness, grant these our prayers, for we pray in His name.

People Amen.

LORD'S PRAYER

BENEDICTION (ISAIAH 9:6-7; 2 THESSALONIANS 3:16)

Pastor For to us a child is born, to us a son is given; and the government shall be upon his shoulder,

People And his name shall be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.

Pastor Of the increase of his government and of peace there will be no end, on the throne of David and over his kingdom, to establish it and to uphold it with justice and with righteousness from this time forth and forevermore.

People The zeal of the Lord of hosts will do this.

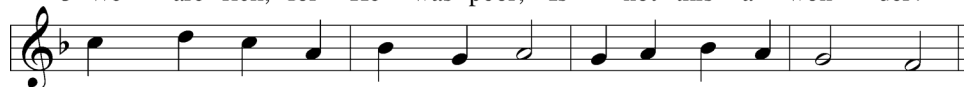
Pastor Now may the Lord of peace himself give you peace at all times in every way. The Lord be with you all.

People Amen.

SENDING HYMN 390 LET US ALL WITH GLADSOME VOICE



1 Let us all with glad-some voice Praise the God of heav - en,
2 To this vale of tears He comes, Here to serve in sad - ness,
3 We are rich, for He was poor; Is not this a won - der?



Who, to bid our hearts re - joice, His own Son hath giv - en.
That with Him in heav'n's fair homes We may reign in glad - ness.
There-fore praise God ev - er - more Here on earth and yon - der.

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