

Anticipating Advent – Prepare

December 6, 2020
Ten-thirty O'clock in the Morning

The Second Sunday of Advent

Greeting

Alex Lockridge

Lighting the Candle of Peace

The Huff Family

*A voice cries out in the wilderness:
“Prepare the way of the Lord.”
A chorus sings in the silence:
“Come, Emmanuel.”
Every valley shall be filled, and
every heart shall be made whole,
for peace is stronger than turmoil,
and love is louder than hate.*

*As we light our second Advent candle,
we pray for the holy peace of God.
Come now, Child of Mary.
Come now, Child of Peace.*

Hymn

Christ is Coming! Let Creation

CWM RHONDDA

*Christ is coming! Let creation bid her groans and travail cease;
Let the glorious proclamation hope restore and faith increase;
Christ is coming! Christ is coming! Come, O blessed Prince of Peace!
Come, O blessed Prince of Peace!
We can now but tell the story of Your bitter cross and pain;
We shall yet behold Your glory in Your coming back to reign;
Christ is coming! Christ is coming! Let each heart repeat the strain.
Let each heart repeat the strain.
With that blessed hope before us, let no harp remain unstrung;
Let the mighty advent chorus onward roll from tongue to tongue:
Christ is coming! Christ is coming! Come, Lord Jesus quickly come!
Come, Lord Jesus, quickly come!*

- John R. MacDuff

A Reading from Hebrew Scripture
from Isaiah 40

Alex Lockridge

Anthem

Prepare!

by Allen Pote

Carolyn Garr and Paul Sims

*Prepare the way of the Lord.
For God has chosen to come to earth, joining the human race.
Born a child in holy birth, taking a human face.
His name shall be Emmanuel, the baby born in night.
God will be revealed in us: piercing the darkness with light.*

A Moment for Children
from Mark 1

Lindsay Lowe

Hymn

Wild and Lone the Prophet's Voice

ST. GEORGE'S WINDSOR

*Wild and lone the prophet's voice echoes through the desert still,
Calling us to make a choice, bidding us to do God's will:
"Turn from sin and be baptized; cleanse your heart and mind and soul.
Quitting all the sins you prized, yield your life to God's control."
With such preaching, stark and bold, John proclaimed salvation near.
And his timeless warnings hold words of hope to all who hear.
So we dare to journey on, led by faith through ways untrod,
Till we come at last like John to behold the Lamb of God.*

- Carl P. Daw, Jr.

Sermon

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Hymn

We Are People of God's Peace

TEMPUS ADEST FLORIDUM

*We are people of God's peace as a new creation.
Love unites and strengthens us at this celebration.
Sons and daughters of the Lord, serving one another,
A new covenant of peace binds us all together.
We are children of God's peace in this new creation,
Spreading joy and happiness, through God's great salvation.
Hope we bring in spirit meek, in our daily living,
Peace with everyone we seek, good for evil giving.*

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*We are servants of God's peace, of the new creation,
Choosing peace, we faithfully serve with heart's devotion.
Jesus Christ, the Prince of Peace, confidence will give us.
Christ the Lord is our defense; Christ will never leave us.*

- Bryan Jeffery Leech

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Alex Lockridge and Paul Sims

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

(the Great Prayer continues)

Come now, Child of Mary.

Come now, Child of Peace. Amen.

The Communion of the People

Gospel Song

Soon and Very Soon

SOON AND VERY SOON

Soon and very soon, we are going to see the King;

Hallelujah! Hallelujah! We're going to see the King.

No more dying there,

No more crying there,

- André Crouch

Benediction

Alex Lockridge and Paul Sims

... we wait for new heavens and a new earth, where righteousness is at home. Amen.

- from II Peter 3

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