

WE GATHER 我们相聚

Second Advent Candle Lighting 呼召礼文:

Voice 1: Good morning! Today is the second Sunday of Advent. As Christians, we light the Advent wreath

to remind us that we wait for Christ's light to be born into the world.

The wreath is in the shape of a circle to remind us that God's love for us is never-ending.

Voice 2: Today we are lighting the candle of peace. We remember that Jesus brings the promise of peace: peace in our hearts, peace between family and friends, peace between nations, peace between human beings and all of creation.

Voice 1: Let us quiet our hearts and minds. Close your eyes or focus on the candle.... Notice your breathing... be aware of your breath as it enters and leaves your body.

Voice 2: As you breathe in, say to yourself, "Jesus." As you breathe out, say, "Send your peace."

Voice 1 and 2: Jesus, help your light to shine in us as peace.

Candle Lighting Carol 烛光颂歌: Hope Is a Star vs 2, VU 7

✧ Carol 颂歌: O Come, O Come, Emmanuel VU 1

Opening Prayer 始礼祷告:

As we witness to fear, in the news and in our streets, we make space for hope in our lives.

**With broken hearts,
faltering steps,
and a desire for healing,
we make gestures of peace with each other.**

As we greet strangers, neighbours, and friends, we make a place for peace in the chaos of our concerns.

Awaiting a future announced

**and promised by the living God,
we make room for love
in our habits, hearts, and homes.
In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.**

The Lord's Prayer 主祷文: (*sung*) VU 959

Assurance of God's Grace 赦罪宣告:

Jesus said, "In me you may have peace.

In the world you will have tribulation;

but be of good cheer,

I have overcome the world."

In Christ, we find peace.

In this world, we have challenges and struggles.

Yet we choose to be of good cheer,

because Christ has overcome the world. Amen.

✧ Response of Praise 礼赞回应: See Amid the Winter's Snow

See amid the winter's snow,

born for us on earth below,

see, the tender Lamb appears,

promised from eternal years.

Hail, thou ever-blessed morn;

hail, redemption's happy dawn;

sing through all Jerusalem,

Christ is born in Bethlehem.

Children's Carol 儿童颂歌: He Is Born VU 50

Moment of Discovery 儿童天地:

THE GOOD NEWS 福音信息

Scripture Reading: Philippians 腓立比书 3:1-11

New Testament p. 198

Anthem 圣歌: The Yearning

Craig Courtney

Message 证道: "Pray for Peace!"

WE RESPOND 我们回应

✧ Carol 颂歌: When Morning Gilds the Skies VU 339

The Offering

Holy One, you make the crooked ways straight
and mend the broken soul. On this day, as we offer
simple gifts in the face of profound need, remind us how
your grace grows in our giving and receiving.

**Inspire the rebirth of love
---in our world and in our lives---
as we dedicate ourselves
to your justice and mercy. Amen.**

Anthem 圣歌: He Shall Be Called *Susan Naylor Callaway*

◇ Presentation: In the Bleak Mid-Winter vs 4, VU 55

**What can I give him, poor as I am?
If I were a shepherd, I would bring a lamb;
if I were a wise man, I would do my part;
yet what I can I give him --- give my heart.**

◇ Prayer of Dedication 谢捐祷告: White Gift Dedication

All things come from you, Creating God,
and by your grace we offer our gifts in return.
Bless us and what we do here,
that we and all your people might experience
the renewal of life you reveal in Christ Jesus.

**Open our hearts and minds
to receive your continual gift of transformation
this day, and always. Amen.**

Prayers of the People 子民祷告:

God of Hope, you hear our silent prayers and urgent cries.
Hear us now as we pray for your world
and its people. God of hope, hear our prayer.

God of peace, on this day we pray
for the people of Bethlehem, of Israel, of Palestine
and also for the people of Ukraine;
**for refugees who have nowhere to lay their
heads;
for those who find themselves in strange lands.
God of the morning star, protect all people.
Guide us in the ways of mercy and justice.**

God of peace, on this day we pray for those who will
spend this day alone; for those whose tables will have an
empty place this year;

**for those in care homes and hospitals;
and for our loved ones who live again in your
eternal rest.**

**God of heaven and earth,
of anticipation and promise,
be with us and heal us.**

God of peace, open our hearts,
that we might receive you and hear your voice.
Open us to the possibility of true change,
in us and in others.

**Remind us of your promise,
made again to every generation,
of your enduring peace.
May things on earth be as they are in heaven.
We pray these things
in the name of the one who comes,
Jesus Christ. Amen.**

WE GO INTO THE WORLD 进入世界

◇ Carol 颂歌: Hark the Glad Sound VU 29

◇ Commissioning & Benediction 差遣礼文 & 祝福

◇ Response 祝福回应: There's a Voice in the Wilderness
vs 1, VU 18

**There's a voice in the wilderness crying,
a call from the ways untrod:
prepare in the desert a highway,
a highway for our God!
The valleys shall be exalted,
the lofty hills brought low;
make straight all the crooked places
where God, our God, may go!**

Postlude 殿乐: It Came upon the Midnight Clear

VU 44