

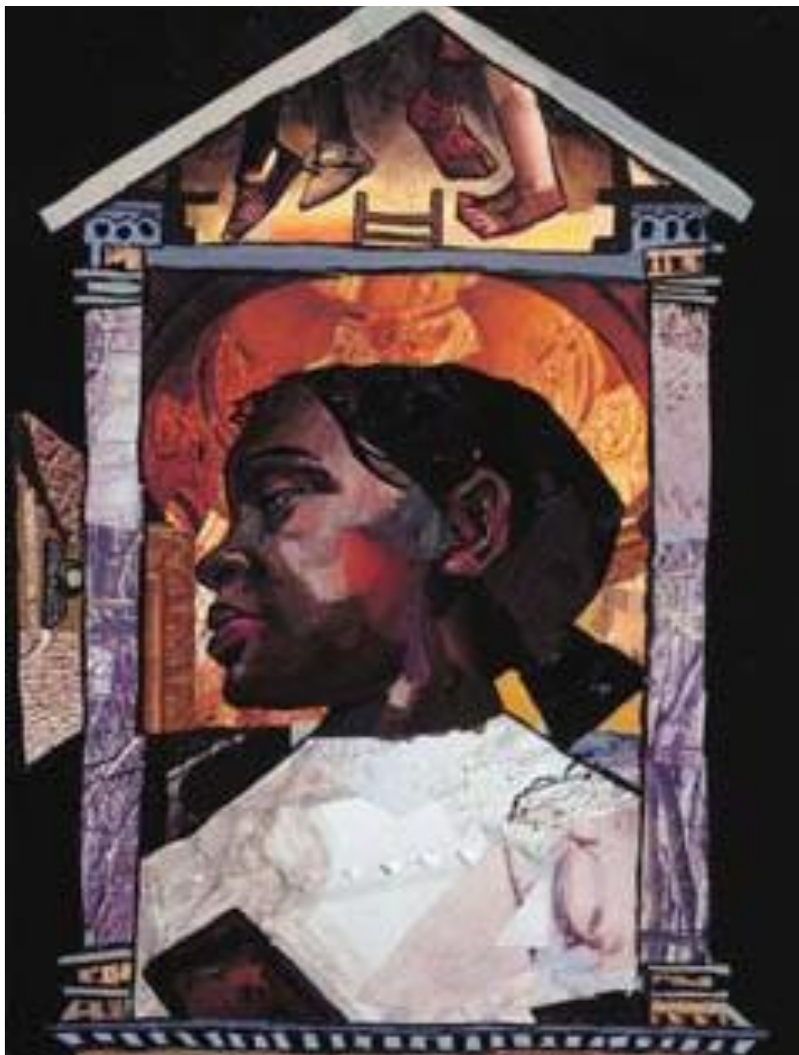


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SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

December 5, 2021 (*Peace*)



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*An account of the genealogy of Jesus the Messiah...
...and Salmon the father of Boaz by Rahab. ~ Matthew 1*

~ *GATHERING* ~

GATHERING MUSIC

POURING OF THE BAPTISMAL WATERS

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS (*2 Peter 3:13*)

God has promised us a new creation
where righteousness will be at home.

PRELUDE

LIGHTING THE ADVENT CANDLES

Wadsworth Wigger Family

A voice cries out in the wilderness:

“Prepare the way of the Lord.”

A choir sings in the silence,

“Come, Emmanuel.”

Every valley shall be filled. Every heart shall be made whole,
for peace is stronger than turmoil, and love is louder than hate.

As we light our first Advent candle, **we pray for holy peace of God.**

Come now, O Child of Mary, **Come now, O Child of Peace.**

Let us walk in the light of the Holy One.

RESPONSE

MY SOUL IN STILLNESS WAITS

GTG #89

By Marty Haugen

Refrain / Verse 2

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

As the Holy One has promised, in days to come:

the wolf will go and live with the lamb,

the leopard shall lie down with the young goat,

the baby cow and lion cub will be friends,

and a small child shall lead them.

In peace, come let us worship God.

HYMN

LIFT UP YOUR HEADS, YE MIGHTY GATES

GTG #93

Text by Georg Weissel; Trans. Catherine Winkworth, *Musica Sacra* (TRURO)

***PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

Cleansing God, we hear the call to repentance, but we struggle to respond. A voice tells us to turn around, but we prefer our own ways. You seek to purify us in love, but we constantly elude your searching hand. Our sin leads us in other directions, away from you, away from life. Look with mercy upon us. Clear a place within us so that something new might be born, something that might return us to the way you have shown us in Jesus Christ. Amen. [Silent Confession]

***RESPONSE**

O COME, O COME EMMANUEL

GTG #88

French Antiphon

Refrain / Verse 2

***ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

...This is good news! **In Jesus Christ we are forgiven!**

PASSING OF THE PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you. **And also with you.**

RESPONSE

SONG OF HOPE

GTG #765

Argentine folk melody

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

May God be with you there. May God be with you here.

~ THE WORD ~

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

GRANDMOTHERS OF ADVENT: RAHAB

Karen Shallcross

... and Salmon the father of Boaz by Rahab ...

HEBREW BIBLE

JOSHUA 2

NRSV (select verses)

GOSPEL LESSON

LUKE 3:1-6

NRSV

Hear what the Holy Spirit is telling God's people. **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON

GRANDMOTHER OF PEACE

Rev. Wigger

~ *RESPONDING TO THE WORD* ~

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** (*From the Confession of Belhar*)

We believe that God has entrusted the church with the message of reconciliation in and through Jesus Christ; that the church is called to be the salt of the earth and the light of the world, that the church is called blessed because it is a peacemaker, that the church is witness both by word and by deed to the new heaven and the new earth in which righteousness dwells.

***INVITATION TO THE OFFERING**

***RESPONSE** **GLORY, GLORY, GLORY** **GTG #584**

***PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

INVITATION TO THE TABLE

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts. **We lift them up to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

... sing your praise: **Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.**

EUCCHARISTIC **O COME, O COME, EMMANUEL** **GTG #88**

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

~ *SENDING* ~

HYMN **COME, THOU LONG-EXPECTED JESUS** **GTG #82**

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Pieces of today's liturgy are from: *Book of Common Worship* (PCUSA); *Presbyterian Outlook*, Teri Ott; *What My Grandmothers Taught Me* by Merryl Blair
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