

# WESLEY WORSHIP 9:00

8 December 2019

## Advent 2 - Peace

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### Gathering

#### Welcome, News, and Greeting

**Call to Worship** 'Advent Unity' (Bruce Sanguin)

#### ATW 430 A voice is heard

*Come, let us praise our God, come, let us sing for joy.  
With a heart of thanks we give honour.  
You are a mighty God, you are the source of life.  
Creator God, we give praise.*

*From the deepest seas a voice is heard.  
From the highest hills a voice is heard.  
From the rich, dark earth. a voice is heard.  
All creation sings! God is heard.*

#### *Chorus*

*Through the darkest night a voice is heard.  
Through the breaking dawn a voice is heard.  
Through the heart of life a voice is heard.  
All creation sings! God is heard.*

#### *Chorus*

*Monica O'Brien and Trisha Watts 1998*

**Prayer of Praise:** 'Shalom' (John van de Laar)

**Prayer of Confession** 'Poem for Advent' (Mary Hanrahan)  
**& Assurance of forgiveness**

### Entering the Story

#### Advent 2 Story and Candles: 'Get ready'

**Sing** Hope is a candle once lit by the prophets,  
never consumed, though it burns through the years;  
dim in the daylight of power and privilege –  
when they are gone, hope will shine on.

Peace is a candle to show us a pathway,  
threatened by gusts from our rage and our greed.  
Friend, feel no envy for those in the shadows –  
violence and force their dead-end course.

Words: Richard Leach; Music: Scottish folk melody Arr. Douglas Galbraith

## **Baptism of Raquel Narayan**

**Readings:**        **Matt 3:1-12** ..... Page 784  
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## **Preaching**

### **For everyone born, a place at the table**

For everyone born, a place at the table,  
for everyone born, clean water and bread,  
a shelter, a space, a safe place for growing,  
for everyone born, a star overhead,

#### *Refrain*

*and God will delight when we are creators  
of justice and joy, compassion and peace:  
yes, God will delight when we are creators  
of justice, justice and joy!*

For woman and man, a place at the table,  
revising the roles, deciding the share,  
with wisdom and grace, dividing the power,  
for woman and man, a system that's fair,

For young and for old, a place at the table,  
a voice to be heard, a part in the song,  
the hands of a child in hands that are wrinkled,  
for young and for old, the right to belong,

For just and unjust, a place at the table,  
abuser, abused, with need to forgive,  
in anger, in hurt, a mindset of mercy,  
for just and unjust, a new way to live,

For everyone born, a place at the table,  
to live without fear, and simply to be,  
to work, to speak out, to witness and worship,  
for everyone born, the right to be free,

For gay and for straight, a place at the table,  
a covenant shared, a welcoming space,  
a rainbow of race and gender and colour,  
for gay and for straight, the chalice of grace,

Words by Shirley Erena Murray © Hope Publishing

## **Holy Communion**

*Invitation*

*Prayers for the world – sing* **Beautiful Promise**

Hold on now,  
good earth, all creation;  
hold on now,  
it won't be long.  
God has heard  
and will not abandon:  
gather 'round,  
for hope is coming.  
Ah! Ah! - Beautiful is the promise  
Ah! Ah! - Beautiful is the peace.

Wake up now,  
you people, get ready!  
Wake up now,  
the prophets have seen!  
Listen to the Spirit,  
she's stirring,  
calling out,  
'Make haste, and follow!'  
Ah! Ah! - Challenging is the promise.  
Ah! Ah! - Challenging is the peace.

Christ will come,  
be born here among us,  
when we tell  
the story again.  
Angels came in dreams  
to whisper,  
angels sang in  
dazzling chorus:  
Ah! Ah! - Beautiful is the promise!  
Ah! Ah! - Beautiful is the peace.

*The Lord's Prayer*  
*The Narrative and Institution*  
*Breaking bread and Distribution*  
*Prayer*

**Offering and dedication - musical interlude**

**TiS 607 Make me a channel of your peace**

Make me a channel of your peace.  
Where there is hatred let me bring your love;  
where there is injury, your pardon, Lord;  
and where there's doubt, true, faith in you.

*Refrain*

*O Master, grant that I may never seek  
so much to be consoled as to console,  
to be understood as to understand,  
to be loved, as to love with all my soul.*

Make me a channel of your peace.  
Where there's despair in life, let me bring hope;  
where there is darkness, let me bring your light;  
and where there's sadness, ever joy.

*Refrain*

Make me a channel of your peace.  
It is in pardoning that we are pardoned,  
in giving of ourselves that we receive,  
and in dying that we're born to eternal life.

*Version Johann Sebastian Templehoff 1928-*

**Commissioning and Blessing 'May we give honour' (Sarah Agnew)**

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