

Live Stream Worship



*“Comfort, O comfort my people, says your God!”
– Isaiah 40:1*

ADVENT 2 ~ December 6, 2020

Peace Lutheran Church



West Seattle, Washington

Welcome to Live Stream worship. We're glad you've found your way to Peace!

+ GATHERING +

PRELUDE

Comfort Ye

From G.F. Handel's *Messiah*
Performed by Jon Lackey with the
Arlington Symphony Orchestra, Ruben Vartanyan, Conductor

WELCOME

RITE OF WELCOME

*Today we welcome the following people into our congregation through the Rite of Welcome:
Elizabeth Menstell & Tyler Coyle; Christopher & Lisa Simmons, Austin & Kimberly; Pete & Katie
Streit, Andrew, August, & Axel; Shannon Williams; Chelsea Globe & Bill Kallio, Jack & Cora.
In order to be included in today's service, the Rite of Welcome was recorded yesterday.*

GATHERING HYMN

As the Dark Awaits the Dawn

ELW #261 vs. 1-2



1 As the dark a - waits the dawn,
2 As the blue ex - pec - tant hour



so we a - wait your light. O Star of
be - fore the sil - v'ring skies, we long to



prom - ise, scat - ter night, lov - ing bright, lov - ing
see your day a - rise, whole and wise, whole and



bright, till shades of fear are gone.
wise, O lu - cent Morn - ing Star.

GREETING

P The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God
And the communion of the Holy Spirit, be with you all.

C And also with you.

KYRIE

Ky-ri - e e - le - i - son, Chri - ste e - le - i - son,
Ky-ri - e e - le - e - le - i - son.
Ga - thered by your love, we pray for hea - ling and hope. Lord,
give us peace, make us one, sal - va - tion come.
From your per - fect love, bring your per - fect reign to
ev' - ry heart, ev' - ry home; let love be known.
Lord our God have mer - cy, Je - sus Christ have mer - cy,
Save us by your mer - cy Lord.

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PRAYER OF THE DAY

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

P Let us pray together.

C Stir up our hearts, Lord God, to prepare the way of your only Son. By his coming strengthen us to serve you with purified lives; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

ADVENT SONG

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel, verses 3 & 4

O come, O come, O Lord of might, as to your tribes on Sinai's height
in ancient times you gave the law in cloud, and majesty and awe.

Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to you, O Israel.

O come, O Branch of Jesse, free your own from Satan's tyranny;
from depths of hell your people save, and give them vict'ry o'er the grave.

Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to you, O Israel.

LIGHTING THE ADVENT WREATH

The candles on the Advent wreath are lit progressively as we prepare to welcome Christ.

L A prophet speaks, and a psalmist sings, telling us how God will come:
Comfort my people, bring comfort to them, says your God. . . .
Clear a road through the wilderness. . . .
Prepare a highway across the desert for our God. . . .
Then will the glory of God be revealed and all humankind shall see it. . . .
Love and faithfulness will come together. Justice and peace will embrace.

L We light our second candle as a prayer of hope and longing,
that God's glory may be revealed on Earth,
through justice, peace, and faithful love.

The second candle is lit.

L Let us pray. Living God, come to our world.

**C Help us to recognize your presence wherever people make peace,
show kindness, keep their promises, and do what is right. Amen.**

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READING: Isaiah 40:1-11

Chris Kindem

In grand, flowing, poetic lines, the prophet known as Second Isaiah announces that the exile of God's people in Babylon is over. The Lord will deliver Israel in an exodus more magnificent than the exodus from Egypt. This word can be trusted, because the only enduring reality in life is the word of the Lord.

¹Comfort, O comfort my people, says your God.

²Speak tenderly to Jerusalem, and cry to her
that she has served her term, that her penalty is paid,
that she has received from the LORD's hand
double for all her sins.

³A voice cries out: "In the wilderness prepare the way of the
LORD, make straight in the desert a highway for our God.

⁴Every valley shall be lifted up, and every mountain and hill be
made low; the uneven ground shall become level, and the rough places a plain.

⁵Then the glory of the LORD shall be revealed, and all people shall see it together, for the mouth of the LORD has spoken."

⁶A voice says, "Cry out!" And I said, "What shall I cry?"

All people are grass, their constancy is like the flower of the field.

⁷The grass withers, the flower fades, when the breath of the LORD blows upon it; surely the people are grass.

⁸The grass withers, the flower fades;
but the word of our God will stand forever.

⁹Get you up to a high mountain, O Zion, herald of good tidings;
lift up your voice with strength, O Jerusalem, herald of good tidings, lift it up, do not fear; say to the cities of Judah,
"Here is your God!"

¹⁰See, the Lord GOD comes with might, and his arm rules for him;
his reward is with him, and his recompense before him.

¹¹He will feed his flock like a shepherd; he will gather the lambs
in his arms, and carry them in his bosom, and gently lead the mother sheep.

L The Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

SPECIAL MUSIC

Ev'ry Valley Shall Be Exalted

Handel's *Messiah*

CHILDREN'S TIME

Julie Ward

PSALM: Psalm 80

Marty Haugen

The assembly joins the cantor on each refrain:

For you, O Lord, my soul in still - ness
waits, tru - ly my hope is in you.

Cantor: O Root of Life, implant your seed within us,
And in your advent, draw us all to you,
Our hope reborn in dying and in rising. *Refrain*

O Key of Knowledge, guide us in our pilgrimage,
We ever seek, yet unfulfilled remain,
Open to us the pathway of your peace. *Refrain*

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P The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the 1st Chapter.

C **Glory to you, O Lord.**

GOSPEL: Mark 1:1-8

The gospel of Mark does not begin with a story of Jesus' birth but with the voice of one crying out in the wilderness: Prepare the way of the Lord.

¹The beginning of the good news of Jesus Christ, the Son of God.

²As it is written in the prophet Isaiah,

"See, I am sending my messenger ahead of you,
who will prepare your way;

³the voice of one crying out in the wilderness:

'Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight,' "

⁴John the baptizer appeared in the wilderness, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. ⁵And people from the whole Judean countryside and all the people of Jerusalem were going out to him, and were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins. ⁶Now John was clothed with camel's hair, with a leather belt around his waist, and he ate locusts and wild honey. ⁷He proclaimed, "The one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to stoop down and untie the thong of his sandals. ⁸I have baptized you with water; but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit."

L The Gospel of the Lord.

C **Praise to you, O Christ.**

SERMON

Rev. Andy Yee

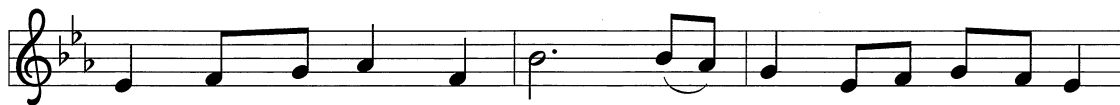
HYMN OF THE DAY

There's a Voice in the Wilderness

ELW #255



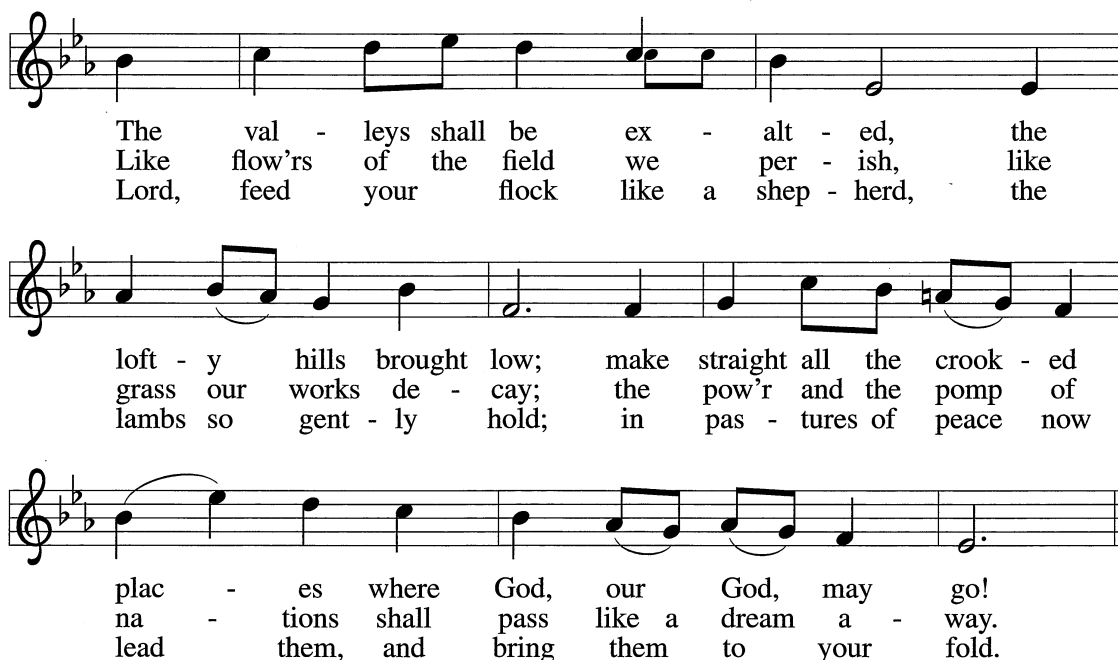
1 There's a voice in the wil - der - ness cry - ing, a
2 O Je - ru - sa - lem, her - ald good tid - ings, as -
3 But the word of our Sav - ior is faith - ful, the



call from the ways un - trod: Pre - pare in the des - ert a
cend to the heights and sing! Pro - claim to a des - o - late
arm of our God is strong, who stands in the midst of the



high - way, a high - way for our God!
peo - ple the com - ing of their king.
na - tions and soon will right the wrong.



The val - leys shall be ex - alt - ed, the
 Like flow'rs of the field we per - ish, like
 Lord, feed your flock like a shep - herd, the

loft - y hills brought low; make straight all the crook - ed
 grass our works de - cay; the pow'r and the pomp of
 lambs so gent - ly hold; in pas - tures of peace now

plac - es where God, our God, may go!
 na - tions shall pass like a dream a - way.
 lead them, and bring them to your fold.

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+ PRAYERS +

PRAYERS

Chris Kindem

Petitions are offered that end with:

P Come, Lord Jesus,
C and let your reign be among us.

THE LORD'S PRAYER *Ecumenical*

**Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name,
 your kingdom come, your will be done on earth as in heaven.
 Give us today our daily bread.
 Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.
 Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil.
 For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.**

THE PEACE

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.
C And also with you.

OFFERING

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OFFERTORY

We Raise Our Hands

ELW #690



1 We raise our hands to you, O Lord, like
2 What good and blessing you bestow are



emp - ty ves - sels. Oh, come to us and
free - ly giv - en. Your pow'r will make the



give us life from springs where liv - ing wa - ters flow.
weak - est strong and bar - ren branch-es start to bud.

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OFFERTORY PRAYER

P Generous God,

C you have created all that is, and you provide for us in every season.

Bless all that we offer, that through these gifts the world will receive your blessing.

In the name of Jesus, Emmanuel, we pray. Amen.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

BLESSING

P The Creator of the stars bless your Advent waiting,
the long-expected Savior fill you with love,
the unexpected Spirit guide your journey, + now and forever.

C Amen.

+ SENDING +

SENDING HYMN

As the Dark Awaits the Dawn

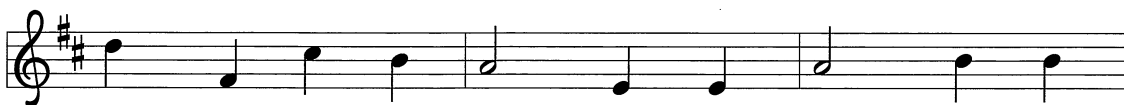
ELW #261 vs. 3-4



3 As the moon re - flects the sun
4 Shine your fu - ture on this place,



un - til the night's de - crease, may we your
en - light - en ev - 'ry guest, that through us



heal - ing light re - lease, liv - ing peace, liv - ing
stream your ho - li - ness, bright and blest, bright and



peace, un - to your ho - ly dawn.
blest; come dawn, O Sun of grace.

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P Go in peace. Prepare the way of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God!

POSTLUDE

Ballade de Jesus-Christ

17th Century French
James Jelasic



ANNOUNCEMENTS

DECEMBER 13: A FIRST LOOK AT FUNDING OUR MISSION IN 2021

Early in December each year the council provides an opportunity to preview and comment on the coming year's budget, which is now under development now for 2021. This year, that opportunity is scheduled for Sunday, December 13th following Live Stream Worship. We will be utilizing ZOOM and YouTube to enable remote participation. Specific directions for how to connect will be shared closer to December 13 meeting date.

ADULT SUNDAY CLASS MEETS SUNDAYS AT 8:45am via ZOOM

Our new series for December 6, 13, and 20, will focus on the *Magnificat*, the song of Mary as recorded in Luke, Chapter 1, verses 47-55. If you'd like to participate, email Pastor Erik at pastor@peacelutheranseattle.org and you'll receive a ZOOM invite in your email inbox each Sunday morning.

ABC'S, THE BIBLE, AND YOU—Hey, kids, are you age 3 through 2nd grade

and like stories? Join Julie and Melanie on Zoom for a Bible story each week. You'll also get to do crafts and sing fun, silly songs, and see you friends. Sounds like a blast! Class will run from 9:45 to 10:15 or so.

WHIRL KIDS - Calling all 2nd to 5th graders. Chris will meet you on Zoom for Whirl videos, digging into the Bible, and talking about life together. Don't miss out! Class will run from 9:45 to 10:30.

GET CONNECTED - Middle school and high school youth are invited to get connected to the Bible and each other. We will be walking through the Bible with the Connect curriculum videos and drawing connections between different stories. This class will be great for anyone who wants to know more about the Bible even if you know very little. That's the book with Jesus in it, right? Class will run from 9:45 to 10:30 or so.

FAITH LENS - High school youth and beyond are invited to discuss the current news stories and the weekly Gospel reading. There is a lot happening right now. Let's come together and try to make sense of it asking: "where is God in this story"? This class will meet at 9-9:45am. Having your breakfast or morning beverage close by is encouraged.

CONTRIBUTING TO TODAY'S WORSHIP SERVICE

Presider: Pastor Erik P. Kindem

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Tenor soloist, Jon Lackey

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