

# Live Stream Worship



**“The Spirit of the LORD is upon me...”**

**- Isaiah 61:1**

**ADVENT 3 ~ December 13, 2020**

***Peace Lutheran Church***



***West Seattle, Washington***

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

*Today is Pass the Hat Sunday at Peace, and our partner ministry is  
the K.I.T. Ministry of our sister synod in European Russia.*

# ✚ GATHERING ✚

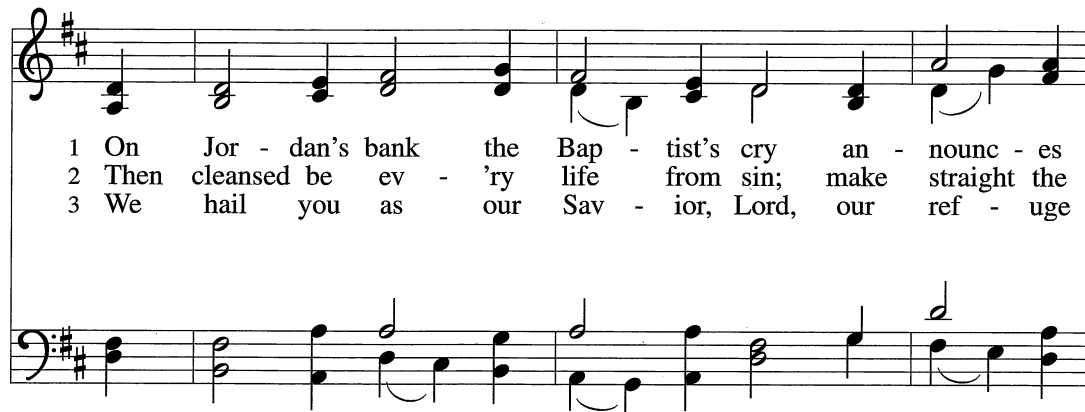
**PRELUDE** *“Twas in the Moon of Wintertime”* (Huron Carol)  
French Carol, 16th Century Arr. John Carter played by James Jelasic

## WELCOME

## GATHERING HYMN

*On Jordan's Banks the Baptist's Cry*

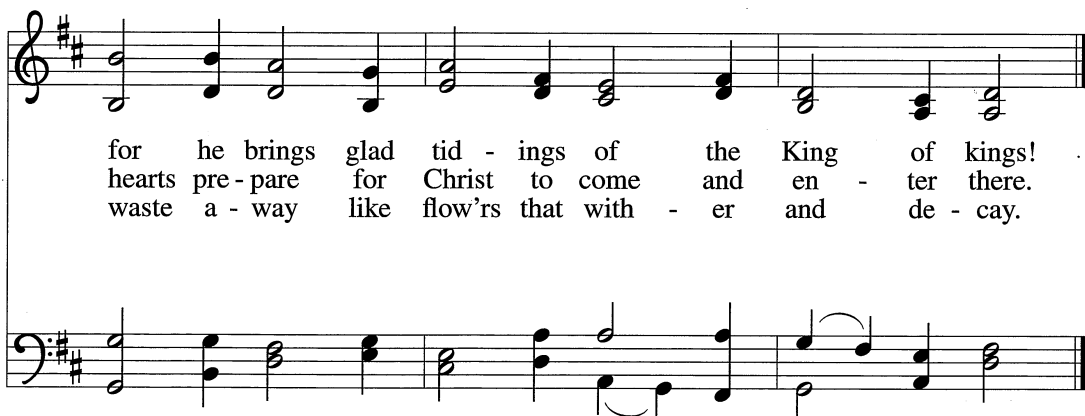
ELW #249 vs. 1-3



1 On Jor - dan's bank the Bap - tist's cry an - nounc - es  
2 Then cleansed be ev - 'ry life from sin; make straight the  
3 We hail you as our Sav - ior, Lord, our ref - uge



that the Lord is nigh; a - wake and heark - en,  
way for God with - in, and let us all our  
and our great re - ward; with - out your grace we



for he brings glad tid - ings of the King of kings!  
hearts pre - pare for Christ to come and en - ter there.  
waste a - way like flow'rs that with - er and de - cay.

Text: Charles Coffin; tr. composite. Music: European tune, adapt. Michael Praetorius.

## 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.

Text: Susan Granata Music: Bob Leon From *Call Us Home*. Used by permission.

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

**P** The Lord be with you.

**C** And also with you.

**P** Let us pray together.

**C** Stir up the wills of your faithful people, Lord God, and open our ears to the words of your prophets, that, anointed by your Spirit, we may testify to your light; 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,*

O come, O Key of David, come, and open wide our heav'nly home;  
Make safe the way that leads on high, and close the path to misery.  
*Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to you, O Israel.*

O come, O Dayspring, come and cheer; O Sun of justice, now draw near  
Disperse the gloomy clouds of night, and death's dark shadow put to flight.  
*Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to you, O Israel.*

Music: French Processional, 15<sup>th</sup> cent. Text: *Psalterium Cantionum Catholicarum*, Köln; tr. composite sts 6 © 1997 Augsburg Fortress. OneLicense.net, License #A-708444, all rights reserved

**LIGHTING THE ADVENT WREATH**

The Bliss Family

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

L: A prophet tells us how God comes—

through someone who receives God's spirit,  
and through a community that hears the good news:

L: *The Spirit of the Living God is upon me*

*because God has anointed me . . .*

*to announce good news to the humble, to bind up the broken-hearted,*

*to proclaim liberty to captives, and release to those in prison, . . .*

*to comfort all who mourn, to give them garlands instead of ashes,  
oil of gladness instead of mourners' tears.*

L: We light our third candle, as a sign of hope

that the Spirit of God may anoint us to show God's liberating love.

*The third candle is lit.*

L: Let us pray. Living God, proclaim liberty to captives.

**C: Set us free, that we may free others.**

**Bind our wounds, that we may heal others.**

**Fill us with your Spirit, and anoint us with your love.**

This litany is from Brian Wren's book: *Advent, Christmas, and Epiphany: Liturgies and Prayers for Public Worship*. Used by permission.

**READING: Isaiah 61:1-4, 8-11**

Kathleen Keyes

*Though the people had returned to Jerusalem from exile in Babylon, they continued to face hardship and oppression. In the language of the jubilee year described in Leviticus 25, the prophet, moved by the spirit of God, announces deliverance for those who are oppressed and comfort for those who mourn.*

<sup>1</sup>The spirit of the Lord GOD is upon me, because the LORD has anointed me;  
he has sent me to bring good news to the oppressed, to bind up the brokenhearted,  
to proclaim liberty to the captives, and release to the prisoners;

- <sup>2</sup>to proclaim the year of the LORD's favor,  
and the day of deliverance of our God;  
to comfort all who mourn;
- <sup>3</sup>to provide for those who mourn in Zion - to give them a garland instead of ashes,  
the oil of gladness instead of mourning, the mantle of praise instead of a faint spirit.  
They will be called oaks of righteousness, the planting of the LORD,  
to display his glory.
- <sup>4</sup>They shall build up the ancient ruins, they shall raise up the former devastations;  
they shall repair the ruined cities, the devastations of many generations.
- <sup>8</sup>For I the LORD love justice, I hate robbery and wrongdoing;  
I will faithfully give them their recompense,  
and I will make an everlasting covenant with them.
- <sup>9</sup>Their descendants shall be known among the nations,  
and their offspring among the peoples;  
all who see them shall acknowledge  
that they are a people whom the LORD has blessed.
- <sup>10</sup>I will greatly rejoice in the LORD, my whole being shall exult in my God; for he has  
clothed me with the garments of salvation, he has covered me with the robe of  
righteousness, as a bridegroom decks himself with a garland, and as a bride adorns  
herself with her jewels.
- <sup>11</sup>For as the earth brings forth its shoots, and as a garden causes what is sown in it to  
spring up, so the Lord GOD will cause righteousness and praise to spring up before  
all the nations.

L The Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

**SPECIAL MUSIC**

***Mary's Song***

Susan Granata, Bob Leon

*Performed by Solveig Nilsen-Goodin and Chris Kindem, Mark Douglass, keyboard*

**SECOND READING: 1 Thessalonians 5:16-24**

*Paul concludes his letter to the Thessalonians by encouraging them to live lives of continual joy, prayer, and thanksgiving. The closing blessing is grounded in the hope of Christ's coming.*

Rejoice always, <sup>17</sup>pray without ceasing, <sup>18</sup>give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you. <sup>19</sup>Do not quench the Spirit. <sup>20</sup>Do not despise the words of prophets, <sup>21</sup>but test everything; hold fast to what is good; <sup>22</sup>abstain from every form of evil.

<sup>23</sup>May the God of peace himself sanctify you entirely; and may your spirit and soul and body be kept sound and blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. <sup>24</sup>The one who calls you is faithful, and he will do this.

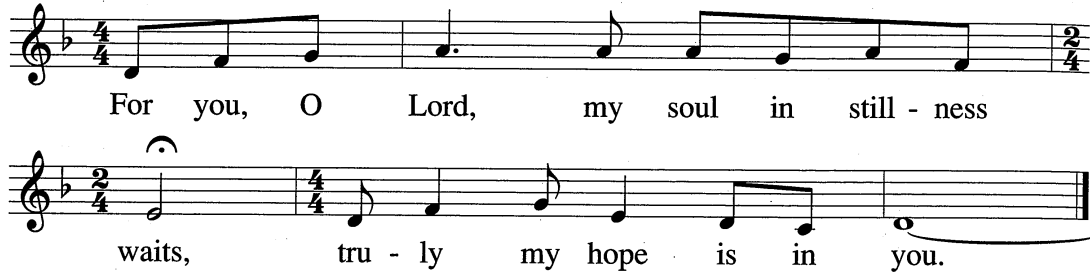
L The Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

**PSALM: My Soul in Stillness Waits**

Marty Haugen

*The assembly joins the cantor on each refrain:*



*Cantor:* Emmanuel, the reign of God among us  
 We long to see and taste your Jubilee  
 Unbind our lives and set our minds at peace *Refrain*

O Holy Wisdom fill us with your knowledge  
 That we may follow on the path you show  
 Teach us to live as one with all your people *Refrain*

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**CHILDREN’S TIME**

Melanie Coulson

**P** The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the 1<sup>st</sup> Chapter.

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

**GOSPEL: John 1:6-8, 19-28**

*John's gospel describes Jesus as the "light of the world". John the Baptist is presented as a witness to Jesus, as one who directs attention away from himself to Christ, the true light.*  
 There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. <sup>7</sup>He came as a witness to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him. <sup>8</sup>He himself was not the light, but he came to testify to the light.

<sup>19</sup>This is the testimony given by John when the Jews sent priests and Levites from Jerusalem to ask him, "Who are you?" <sup>20</sup>He confessed and did not deny it, but confessed, "I am not the Messiah." <sup>21</sup>And they asked him, "What then? Are you Elijah?" He said, "I am not." "Are you the prophet?" He answered, "No." <sup>22</sup>Then they said to him, "Who are you? Let us have an answer for those who sent us. What do you say about yourself?"

<sup>23</sup>He said,

"I am the voice of one crying out in the wilderness,  
 'Make straight the way of the Lord,' " as the prophet Isaiah said.

<sup>24</sup>Now they had been sent from the Pharisees. <sup>25</sup>They asked him, "Why then are you baptizing if you are neither the Messiah, nor Elijah, nor the prophet?" <sup>26</sup>John answered them, "I baptize with water. Among you stands one whom you do not know, <sup>27</sup>the one who is coming after me; I am not worthy to untie the thong of his sandal." <sup>28</sup>This took place in Bethany across the Jordan where John was baptizing.

**L** The Gospel of the Lord.

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

HYMN OF THE DAY

*I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light*

ELW #815 vs. 1-2

1 I want to walk as a child of the light. I want to  
 2 I want to see . . . the bright-ness of God. I want to

fol - low Je - sus. God set the stars to give  
 look at Je - sus. Clear Sun of righ - teous-ness,

light to the world. The star of my life is Je - sus.  
 shine on my path, and show me the way to the Fa - ther.

*Refrain*

In him there is no dark-ness at all. The night and the

day are both a - like. The Lamb is the light of the

cit - y of God. Shine in my heart, Lord Je - sus.

# + PRAYERS +

## PRAYERS

Sarah Bliss

*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.

## PASS THE HAT

*KIT Ministry*

Eva Mader

## OFFERING

*Your monetary can help to support this ministry, as well as the ongoing ministry of our congregation and synod, and ELCA ministries around the world. You can give a regular or special offering today by connecting to our secure [Tithely Giving Page](#). Whatever size, your gift makes difference—thank you for your support!*

## 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.



## 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

*On Jordan's Banks the Baptist's Cry*

ELW #249 vs. 4-5



1 On Jor - dan's bank the Bap - tist's cry an - nounc - es  
2 Then cleansed be ev - 'ry life from sin; make straight the  
3 We hail you as our Sav - ior, Lord, our ref - uge  
4 Stretch forth your hand, our health re - store, and make us  
5 All praise to you, e - ter - nal Son, whose ad - vent

that the Lord is nigh; a - wake and heark - en,  
way for God with - in, and let us all our  
and our great re - ward; with - out your grace we  
rise to fall no more; oh, let your face up -  
has our free - dom won, whom with the Fa - ther

for he brings glad tid - ings of the King of kings!  
hearts pre - pare for Christ to come and en - ter there.  
waste a - way like flow'rs that with - er and de - cay.  
on us shine and fill the world with love di - vine.  
we a - dore, and Ho - ly Spir - it, ev - er - more.

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

C Thanks be to God!

## POSTLUDE

*Organ Concerto in G" (Excerpt)*

G. F. Handel



## ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

TODAY, FOLLOWING LIVE STREAM WORSHIP will be the first opportunity to preview and comment on the 2021 budget, which is now under development by the council. We will be utilizing ZOOM and YouTube to enable your remote participation. Check your email inbox for instructions on how to join.

### TODAY IS PASS THE HAT SUNDAY FOR KIT MINISTRIES

Eva Mader from our synod's Team Russia is with us today to introduce us to **K.I.T.** Ministry. **KIT** stands for Klub of the Togliatti Initiative and it is a project of the Synod of European Russia (our sister synod) which provides aid to youth and kids with developmental and physical disabilities. If these young people are not deemed appropriate for a special school for the disabled, there is no possibility for any type of state supported education. Many mothers of such children are single parents, creating a bottomless pit both financially and in terms of stress. At **KIT** the focus is on challenging and supporting these youths, to the degree to which their abilities permit, to experience as much of an independent lifestyle as is possible.

### YEAR END GIFTS

If you are planning to make a year end gift but have not yet done so, please make certain your check is dated on or before December 31<sup>st</sup>. Thank you!

## CHRISTMAS SEASON WORSHIP

**CHRISTMAS EVE 4:30pm STORY ZOOM FOR CHILDREN** Gather your family for a very special ZOOM Christmas Eve storytime. Families will hear the story of Christmas through interactive storytelling and music. The zoom room will be open before and after so you can wish each other a Merry Christmas. Schedule for the evening: 4:15 pre-story chat, 4:30 to 5 storytime, 5-5:10 post story chat. Hosted by Nicole Klinemeier [plaidmnm@gmail.com](mailto:plaidmnm@gmail.com)

**CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICE OF LESSONS AND CAROLS** Our Christmas Eve service of Lessons and Carols will be recorded music reflecting the Nativity text read by various members of our congregation. Beautiful recordings from PLU's Choir of the West, Jon Lackey singing Silent Night in Swedish with a 50-voice choir and organ at Saint Mark's Cathedral, and much more will accompany each portion of the scripture reading. Pastor Erik's sermon will be pre-recorded and will be a part of the service that will be available to view on our YouTube channel on Christmas Eve. Translations and other graphics will enhance the video. Stay tuned for more information to come.

## **1<sup>st</sup> SUNDAY AFTER CHRISTMAS – DECEMBER 27**

The staff of our NW Washington Synod are compiling a full pre-recorded service of lessons and carols for December 27 with the help of some of our talented folks around the synod. Look for a link to this service on our Peace Website by December 23<sup>rd</sup>.

## **12 GIFTS OF CHRISTMAS FROM PACIFIC LUTHERAN UNIVERSITY**

In this year of change, the annual Christmas celebration will become *PLU's 12 Gifts of Christmas* and will feature short artistic vignettes distributed on consecutive days in December. These gifts will be shared [via email](#) and social media, and posted on the [PLU Christmas Concert website](#). These will include new musical works recorded this fall, performances from recent Christmas Concerts, and personal reflections from students and faculty. These are gifts to the PLU community—an opportunity to continue the PLU Christmas tradition within the constraints of a worldwide pandemic. To receive PLU's 12 Gifts of Christmas via email, please [sign up here](#).

## **CHRISTIAN ED/FAITH FORMATION**

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

Our [series for December 6, 13, and 20](#), focuses 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](mailto:pastor@peacelutheranseattle.org) and you'll receive a ZOOM invite in your email inbox each Sunday morning. Adult class will take a break on Dec 27 and Jan 3.

### **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. Class will take a break on Dec 27 and Jan 3.

**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. Class will take a break on Dec 27 and Jan 3.

**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

Preacher and Presider: Pastor Erik P. Kindem

Musicians: Minister of Music Jon Lackey and James Jelasic,

Advent Lighting: The Bliss Family

Lector: Kathleen Keyes

Children's Message: Melanie Coulson

Prayers: Sarah Bliss

Production technicians: Joey DiJulio, Dustin Smith, Stuart Hunt and Alan Jarvimaki