

Live Stream Worship



SECOND SUNDAY OF CHRISTMAS
JANUARY 3, 2021

Peace Lutheran Church



West Seattle, Washington

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

+ GATHERING +

PRELUDE

While Shepherds Watched Their Flocks

Handel

Arr. by Louise Dardenelle

WELCOME

GATHERING HYMN

Bright and Glorious Is the Sky

ELW #301, verses 1-3

1 Bright and glo - rious is the sky, ra - diant are the
2 On that ho - ly Christ - mas night through the dark - ness
3 Sa - ges from the east a - far, when they saw this

heav - ens high where the gold - en stars are shin - ing.
beamed a light; all the stars a - bove were pal - ing,
won - drous star, went to find the king of na - tions

All their rays to earth in - clin - ing beck - on us to
all their lus - ter slow - ly fail - ing as the won - drous
and to of - fer their ob - la - tions to the child, the

heav'n a - bove, beck - on us to heav'n a - bove.
star drew nigh, as the won - drous star drew nigh.
new - born king, to the child, the new - born king.

GREETING AND PRAYER OF THE DAY

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.**

P Let us pray together.

C **Triune God, you have filled all the Earth with the light of your incarnate Word. By your grace empower us to reflect your light in all that we do, through Jesus Chris, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, on God, now and forever. Amen.**

+ WORD +

FIRST READING: Jeremiah 31:7-14

John Flint

God promises to bring Israel back to its land from the most remote parts of exile.

In Zion Israel will rejoice over God's gifts of food and livestock.

Young women will express their joy in dancing; God will give gladness instead of sorrow.

⁷For thus says the LORD:

Sing aloud with gladness for Jacob,
and raise shouts for the chief of the nations;
proclaim, give praise, and say,
'Save, O LORD, your people,
the remnant of Israel.'

⁸See, I am going to bring them from the land of the north,
and gather them from the farthest parts of the earth,
among them the blind and the lame,
those with child and those in labor, together;
a great company, they shall return here.

⁹With weeping they shall come,
and with consolations I will lead them back,
I will let them walk by brooks of water,
in a straight path in which they shall not stumble;
for I have become a father to Israel,
and Ephraim is my firstborn.

¹⁰Hear the word of the LORD, O nations,
and declare it in the coastlands far away;
say, 'He who scattered Israel will gather him,
and will keep him as a shepherd a flock.'

¹¹For the LORD has ransomed Jacob,
and has redeemed him from hands too strong for him.

¹² They shall come and sing aloud on the height of Zion,
and they shall be radiant over the goodness of the LORD,
over the grain, the wine, and the oil,
and over the young of the flock and the herd;
their life shall become like a watered garden,
and they shall never languish again.

¹³ Then shall the young women rejoice in the dance,
and the young men and the old shall be merry.

I will turn their mourning into joy,
I will comfort them, and give them gladness for sorrow.

¹⁴ I will give the priests their fill of fatness,
and my people shall be satisfied with my bounty, says the LORD.

L The word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

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

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

GOSPEL: John1:1-18

John begins his gospel with this prologue: a hymn to the Word through whom all things were created. This Word became flesh and brought grace and truth to the world.

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. ²He was in the beginning with God. ³All things came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being. What has come into being ⁴in him was life, and the life was the light of all people. ⁵The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it. ⁶ There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. ⁷He came as a witness to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him. ⁸He himself was not the light, but he came to testify to the light. ⁹The true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world. ¹⁰ He was in the world, and the world came into being through him; yet the world did not know him. ¹¹He came to what was his own, and his own people did not accept him. ¹²But to all who received him, who believed in his name, he gave power to become children of God, ¹³who were born, not of blood or of the will of the flesh or of the will of man, but of God. ¹⁴ And the Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen his glory, the glory as of a father's only son, full of grace and truth. ¹⁵(John testified to him and cried out, 'This was he of whom I said, "He who comes after me ranks ahead of me because he was before me."') ¹⁶From his fullness we have all received, grace upon grace. ¹⁷The law indeed was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ. ¹⁸No one has ever seen God. It is God the only Son, who is close to the Father's heart, who has made him known.

L The Gospel of the Lord.

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

CHILDREN'S TIME

Julie Ward

SERMON

Director of Faith Formation, NW Washington Synod Rev. Dr. David Hahn

HYMN OF THE DAY

O Word of God Incarnate

ELW #514

TUNE: AURELIA

1. O Word of God incarnate, O Wisdom from on high,
O Truth unchanged, unchanging, O Light of our dark sky:
we praise you, for the radiance that from the hallowed page,
a lantern to our footsteps, shines on from age to age.
2. The church from you, dear Master, received the gift divine;
and still that light is lifted o'er all the earth to shine.
It is the chart and compass that, all life's voyage through,
mid mists and rocks and quick-sands still guides, O Christ, to you.
3. Oh, make your church, dear Savior, a lamp of burnished gold
to bear before the nations your true light, as of old;
oh, teach your wand'ring pilgrims by this their path to trace,
till, clouds and darkness ended, they see you face to face.

+ PRAYERS +

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Paul Bliss

Petitions are offered that end with:

P Let us pray.

C **Have mercy, O God.**

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 VERSE

ELW #279

♪ O Holy Child of Bethlehem descend to us we pray
Cast out our sin and enter in be born in us today
We hear the Christmas angels the great glad tidings tell
O come to us abide with us our Lord, Emmanuel!

OFFERTORY PRAYER

P Let us pray. Holy God,

C **Your beauty shines forth from the manger and your love flows from the cross.
As you gather us around these signs of your love come among us, inspire us to
extend your care among the hungry and all in need. In Jesus' name we pray.
Amen**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

BLESSING

P May the Word, who became flesh in Jesus, begin a new conversation with you as the
New Year begins. The Triune God bless and + keep you this day and always.

C **Amen.**

+ SENDING +

SENDING HYMN

Bright and Glorious Is the Sky

ELW #301, verses 5-6

5 Guided by the star, they found
him whose praise the ages sound.
We too have a star to guide us,
which forever will provide us
with the light to find our Lord,
with the light to find our Lord.

6 And this star, as bright as day,
that will never lead astray
with its message so appealing,
is the word of God, revealing
Christ, the way, the truth, the life,
Christ, the way, the truth, the life.

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P Go in peace. Christ is with you.

C **Thanks be to God!**

POSTLUDE

Glory, Glory, Glory to the Newborn King

Moses Hogan

Jon Lackey, Tenor with *Cora Voce*, Randy Spitzer, Conductor

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ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING ON JANUARY 31, 2021

Sunday, January 31, is our Annual Congregational Meeting. Please add it to your calendar! Because we cannot meet in person, we will be offering options for people to join the meeting through two online platforms. Following are some key dates to keep in mind as the day approaches.

- **JANUARY 4** – All annual reports from Peace ministries, committees, and task forces are due in the church office (electronic form, please!) office@peacelutheranseattle.org
- **JANUARY 17** – 2nd Budget hearing @ 12 noon via ZOOM and YouTube.
- **JANUARY 19** – Church Council meeting to finalize Annual Meeting agenda and budget.
- **JANUARY 24** – Bulletin of Reports for Annual Meeting are available.
- **JANUARY 31** – Annual Meeting, held virtually.



CHRISTIAN ED/FAITH FORMATION

ADULT SUNDAY CLASS WILL RESUME ON JANUARY 10, 2021

Our topic for January 10th will be an article in the January 2021 edition of Harper's Magazine entitled: *The Gate of Heaven is Everywhere*. Author Fred Bahnson writes:

"Like the Kardashians, the American Christian family has become obsessed with its own profile. It has become faith as public spectacle, faith as political engagement, as party affiliation, as reputation—anything but faith as paradox, as mystery, as the hidden and seductive dance between spiritual desire and satiation, the prolonging of a hunger so alarmingly vast and yet so subtle that it disappears the moment it's made public."

What's the antidote? Could it be a recovery of the Christian tradition of contemplation? You can find the article [HERE](#). If you are not already on the ADULT ZOOM list and would like to join the conversation, contact Pastor Kindem: pastor@peacelutheranseattle.org

In subsequent weeks, discussion will turn to Isabel Wilkerson's latest book, *Caste: The Origins of Our Discontents*.

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 will resume January 10. 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. Resumes January 10.

GET CONNECTED - Middle & H. S. youth will resume January 10. You 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 resume January 10.

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

Preacher: Rev. David Hahn

Musicians: Minister of Music Jon Lackey, Accompanist: James Jelastic,

Lector: John Flint

Children's Message: Julie Ward

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