

Third Mid-Week Advent Service 2024
December 18, 2024 at 7:00 pm

*For to us a child is born, to us a son is given; and the government shall be upon His shoulders, and His name shall be called: **Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.** Of the increase of His government and of peace there will be no end, He will reign on the throne of David and over His kingdom, to establish it and to uphold it with justice and righteousness from this time forth and forevermore. The zeal of the LORD of hosts will do this.*
Isaiah 9:6–7

Prince of Peace

Opening Prayer

Opening Hymn: *“Once He came in Blessing”* 333 vs. 2, 4

Now He gently leads us; With Himself He feeds us Precious food from heaven,
Pledge of peace here given Manna that will nourish Souls that they may flourish.

Come, then, O Lord Jesus, From our sins release us, Keep our hearts believing,
That we, grace receiving, Ever may confess You Till in heav’n we bless You.

Invocation: *In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen!*

P: This is the day the Lord has made: **C:** *Let us rejoice and be glad in it.*

P: From the rising of the sun to its setting, **C:** *The name of the Lord is to be praised.*

Mid-Advent Litany:

P: For to us a Child is born **C:** *To us a Son is given*
P: He is the Promised One **C:** *He is Savior promised from of old.*
P: He is God's only Son **C:** *Born of Mary by the power of the Spirit.*
P: He was God in our midst **C:** *He was the miracle Child come from the Father*
P: He rules as our King **C:** *He rules us from His throne in heaven*
P: He was the only God- Man **C:** *He was the only Savior of the world.*

Tune: 809

Verse: *Wonderful Counselor, God the Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth You did come
To bring new life and salvation upon us. You are the blessing of hope evermore.*

Refrain:

*You are the Mighty God You are the Holy One You are the Prince of Peace Savior of all
You are the living God Who came among us, Forever God the Lord Father of all.*

Advent Responsory:

P: Behold the days are coming says the Lord, when I will raise up for David a righteous Branch **C:** *This is His name by which He shall be called: The Lord is Our Righteousness.*

P: He shall reign as king and deal wisely, and shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. **C:** *This is the name by which He shall be called: The Lord is Our Righteousness.*

P: Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit. **C:** *This is the name by which He will be called: The Lord is Our Righteousness.*

Advent Psalm: Psalm 4

P: Answer me when I call, O God my righteousness **C:** *You have given me relief when I was in distress*

P: Be gracious to me **C:** *And hear my prayer!*

P: O men, how long shall my honor be turned into shame? **C:** *How long will you love vain words and seek after lies?*

P: But know that the Lord has set apart the godly for Himself; **C:** *The Lord hears when I call to Him.*

P: Be angry, and do not sin; **C:** *Ponder in your own hearts on your beds, and be silent.*

P: Offer right sacrifices **C:** *And put your trust in the Lord.*

P: There are many who will say, "Who will show us some good? **C:** *Lift up the light of Your face upon us, O Lord!"*

P: You have put more joy in my heart **C:** *Than they have when their grain and wine abound.*

P: In peace I will both lie down and sleep; **C:** *For You alone, O Lord, make me dwell in safety.*

ALL: *Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit. As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen*

Advent Collect: Glorious Lord and God, You placed in motion from the Garden, the only means by which man could be saved. Guide us with Your Holy Spirit to grant us wisdom to know and proclaim the wonder of Your Son and the truth of Who He is for all mankind. Help us Lord to continue to grow in our understanding and may we always bring honor to Your name by witnessing well of Your Son and the salvation He brings; through Jesus Christ, Your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, ever one God, world without end. **C: Amen.**

Hymn: *Tune 349*

The Son would be the Child of hope The Child who was God's Son
He came to bring His people truth "The Prince of Peace" in love.

The Promised One would be a son Born of a virgin mild.
He came to be among us all Granting His holiness.

The Prince of Peace, The One true God The blessing of mankind.
The Child of God who came to be The sacrifice for all.

The Holy Child The Prince of Peace Whose birth would change all things
He'd open heaven to all His own He'd bring us life and love.

O.T. Lesson: *Isaiah 26: 1-8*

In that day this song will be sung in the land of Judah: We have a strong city; God makes salvation its walls and ramparts. Open the gates that the righteous nation may enter, the nation that keeps faith. You will keep in perfect peace him whose mind is steadfast, because he trusts in You. Trust in the LORD forever, for the LORD,

the LORD Himself, is the Rock eternal. He humbles those who dwell on high, He lays the lofty city low; He levels it to the ground and casts it down to the dust. Feet trample it down—the feet of the oppressed, the footsteps of the poor.

The path of the righteous is level; O upright One, make the way of the righteous smooth.

Yes, LORD, walking in the way of Your laws, we wait for You; Your name and renown are the desire of our hearts.

Choir: *“Angels Preparing the Song”*

Gospel Lesson: *Luke 2: 27-32*

Moved by the Spirit, He went into the temple courts. When the parents brought in the Child Jesus to do for Him what the custom of the Law required, Simeon took Him in his arms and praised God, saying:

“Sovereign Lord, as You have promised, You may now dismiss^[a] Your servant in peace. For my eyes have seen Your salvation, which You have prepared in the sight of all people: a light for revelation to the Gentiles, and the glory of Your people Israel.”

Sermon Hymn: *Tune 370*

He'll be called the Prince of Peace He'll bring His own righteousness
He will offer hope in love With His grace that's from above
He will calm the hearts of men He will free them from their sin
He will grant them holiness He will offer His kindness
He will be the Lord of all He's the King born in a stall!

Prince of Peace He'll come to be So the world may always see
Grace and mercy from above Stemming from His throne of love
He'll be God and Lord and King He will come so we can sing
Of the wonder of His grace When we see Him face to face
He will be the Lord of all He's the King born in a stall!

Sermon *“He is the Prince of Peace”*

Offerings brought to Altar

Prayers

Lord’s Prayer

Closing Hymn: *Come Thou Long Expected Jesus 338*

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Benediction

Choir: *“May the Love of God Shine Through You”*

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