



PEACE: THE SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

LEADER: “Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near,” says the one crying out in the wilderness. “Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight!”

RESPONSE: Let God arise, and God’s enemies be scattered. Let there be peace on earth, and let it begin with us.

LEADER: The Lord is coming soon, and is ushering in a season of peace. The wolf shall live with the lamb – in peace. The leopard shall lie down with the kid – in peace. The kid and the calf, the lion and the fatling, the lion and the ox – in peace.

RESPONSE: Let God arise, and God’s enemies be scattered. Let there be peace on earth, and let it begin with us.

LEADER: We join with God in becoming instruments of peace, in defending the cause of the poor of the people, in giving deliverance to the needy, and to crush the oppressive forces – within and without.

Light two purple candles.

ALL: We light a candle of peace, affirming that we, too, will not hurt or destroy on God’s holy mountain. The God of peace be with us, and work in us. Amen.