



PEACE: THE SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

LEADER: Prepare the way of the Lord! Make His paths straight! The Lord is sending us a messenger, and he brings a message of peace.

RESPONSE: Blessed is the One who comes in the name of peace, and blessed are the peacemakers.

LEADER: But who can endure the day of his coming, and who can stand when he appears? For peace comes, at times, like a refiner's fire and like a washers' soap.

RESPONSE: Blessed is the One who comes in the name of peace, and blessed are the peacemakers.

LEADER: Lord, we seek to know You and your peace more closely. Help us to prepare our hearts and minds for peace. Stir up in us the courage to prepare the way, and to bring about peace right where we are.

Light two purple candles.

ALL: We light a candle of peace today, affirming our commitment to the One who calls us to be instruments of His peace. We wait for the day when every valley shall be filled, and every mountain be made low. We sit in anticipation for the crooked to be made straight, and the rough ways to be made smooth. Amen.