

"CHRIST OUR PEACE"



ADVENT MIDWEEK SERVICES

DECEMBER 6, IMMANUEL
DECEMBER 13, ST. PAUL'S
DECEMBER 20, IMMANUEL

CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PROGRAMS
DECEMBER 23, 6:00 P.M., ST. PAUL'S
DECEMBER 24, 7:00 P.M., IMMANUEL

✠ IN NOMINE JESU CHRISTI ✠

ADVENT MIDWEEK 2 — VESPERS SERVICE THE ORDER OF VESPERS, TLH P. 41

OPENING HYMN

"When Sinners See their Lost Condition"

TLH #65

PSALM 122:1-9

I was glad when they | said to me,*
"Let us go to the house | of the LORD!"
Our feet have been | standing*
within your gates, O Je- | rusalem!
Jerusalem—built as a | city*
that is bound firmly to- | gether,
to which the tribes go up,
the tribes of the LORD,
as was decreed for | Israel,*
to give thanks to the name | of the LORD.
There thrones for judg- | ment were set,*
the thrones of the house of | David.
Pray for the peace of Je- | rusalem!*
"May they be secure who | love you!
Peace be with- | in your walls*
and security within your | towers!"
For my brothers and com- | panions' sake*
I will say, "Peace be with- | in you!"
For the sake of the house of the | LORD our God,*
I will | seek your good.

**Glory be to the Father and | to the Son*
and to the Holy | Spirit
as it was in the be- | ginning*
is now, and will be forever. | Amen**

READINGS

FIRST READING MICAH 5:2-5A

But you, O Bethlehem Ephrathah,
who are too little to be among the clans of Judah,
from you shall come forth for me
one who is to be ruler in Israel,

whose origin is from of old,
from ancient days.

Therefore he shall give them up until the time
when she who is in labor has given birth;
then the rest of his brothers shall return
to the people of Israel.

And he shall stand and shepherd his flock in the strength of the LORD,
in the majesty of the name of the LORD his God.

And they shall dwell secure, for now he shall be great
to the ends of the earth.

And he shall be their peace.

L But Thou, O Lord, have mercy upon us.

C Thanks be to God.

SECOND READING EPHESIANS 2:11-22

Remember that at one time you Gentiles in the flesh, called "the uncircumcision" by what is called the circumcision, which is made in the flesh by hands— remember that you were at that time separated from Christ, alienated from the commonwealth of Israel and strangers to the covenants of promise, having no hope and without God in the world. But now in Christ Jesus you who once were far off have been brought near by the blood of Christ. For he himself is our peace, who has made us both one and has broken down in his flesh the dividing wall of hostility by abolishing the law of commandments and ordinances, that he might create in himself one new man in place of the two, so making peace, and might reconcile us both to God in one body through the cross, thereby killing the hostility. And he came and preached peace to you who were far off and peace to those who were near. For through him we both have access in one Spirit to the Father. So then you are no longer strangers and aliens, but you are fellow citizens with the saints and members of the household of God, built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Christ Jesus himself being the cornerstone, in whom the whole structure, being joined together, grows into a holy temple in the Lord. In him you also are being built together into a dwelling place for God by the Spirit.

L But Thou, O Lord, have mercy upon us.

C Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORY FOR ADVENT

L Behold, the days are coming, says the Lord, when I will raise up for David a righteous Branch.

C This is the name by which He will be called: The Lord Is Our Righteousness.

L In His days Judah will be saved, and Israel will dwell securely.

C This is the name by which He will be called: The Lord Is Our Righteousness.

L 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.

SERMON HYMN

“Comfort, Comfort, Ye My People”

TLH #61

SERMON “Christ Our Peace”

FOR THE MAGNIFICAT WE WILL SUBSTITUTE BY SINGING

“My Soul Doth Magnify the Lord” (TLH #275)

COLLECT OF THE DAY

L Stir up our hearts, O Lord, to make ready the way of Your only-begotten Son, that by His coming we may be enabled to serve You with pure minds; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

CLOSING HYMN

“Jesus Came, the Heavens Adoring”

TLH #56

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