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December 1, 2019: ADVENT 1A

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Scriptures: [Scripture linked to NRSV at Oremus Bible Browser]

[Isaiah 2:1-5](#) (Weapons of war transformed into instruments of peace)

[Psalm 122](#) (I was glad when they said to me: "Let us go to the house of the Lord.")

[Romans 13:11-14](#) (Salvation is near! Be alert!)

[Matthew 24:36-44](#) (Keep awake! You don't know how or when the Lord is coming.)

Themes: Waiting for and Anticipating Peace, Preparing for the Coming of Christ

FOCAL Faithelement PASSAGE: Isaiah 2:1-5

([Podcast](#) will be ready 2 weeks before date of use)

HYMN SUGGESTIONS

Hymn Suggestions link to [Hymnary.org](#), a searchable resource with a wealth of information regarding writers, composers, alternate and associated texts and tunes, corresponding hymn numbers, and more. The tunes listed here are the ones most commonly associated with the texts.

[Come, Ye Thankful People, Come](#) (ST. GEORGE'S WINDSOR) - Thanksgiving, Advent

*Note: While this is a hymn of thanksgiving, it ties together the Thanksgiving holiday in the US and the beginning of Advent, both of which often share the same weekend. Pay keen attention to the last two stanzas of the hymn ("For the Lord our God shall come...", and "Even so, Lord, quickly come...")

[O Come, O Come, Emmanuel](#) (VENI EMMANUEL)

[Lo! He Comes With Clouds Descending](#) (HELMSLEY)

[O Day of Peace That Dimly Shines](#) (JERUSALEM)

[Comfort, Comfort Ye My People](#) (PSALM 42, aka FREU DICH SEHR)

[The King Shall Come When Morning Dawns](#) (MORNING SONG)

[Soon and Very Soon](#) (Andraé Crouch)

[Blest Be the God of Israel](#) (MERLE'S TUNE)

For Prayer/Lighting of Advent Wreath Candle:

[It Came Upon the Midnight Clear](#) (CAROL) [st. 4 only]

Kindle a Flame (see below)

For Communion:

[Dona Nobis Pacem](#) (DONA NOBIS PACEM)

[There Is a Longing in Our Hearts](#) (Anne Quigley)

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ANTHEMS

E = Easy, M = Moderate, MD = Moderately Difficult

Walk in Light - M

Karen Marrolli, quoting *VENI EMMANUEL*
MorningStar Publications, MSM-50-5013
SAB, Violin, and Piano

Comfort, Comfort - M

FREU DICH SEHR, John Ferguson, arr.
Augsburg Fortress, 800646355
SATB, optional instruments

Come, Now, O Prince of Peace - M

O-So-So, Jeremy Bankston, arr.
Augsburg Fortress, 9780806698243
SATB, keyboard, flute, percussion, optional assembly

Lost In the Night - M

Kyle Haugen, arr.
Augsburg Fortress, 9780800659240
SAB, Piano

O Day of Peace - E

Trad. Scottish, Hal H. Hopson, arr.
Augsburg Fortress, 9780800653750
SAB, Piano, opt. Handbells

Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus - E

Joseph Running
MorningStar Publications, MSM-50-0013
SATB and Organ

Peace (from Shaker Songs) - E

Shaker Song, Kevin Siegfried, arr.
Earthsongs
2-Part Mixed

Come, Come Emmanuel - E

Lynn Shaw Bailey and Becki Slagle Mayo
Choristers Guild, CGA1031
Unison, Piano, opt. Handbells

Musical notation for the first line of the hymn "O Day of Peace". The melody is written on a treble clef staff in a key signature of one flat (Bb). The notes are: D4, E4, F4, G4, A4, Bb4, A4, G4, F4, E4. Chords indicated above the staff are Dm, Bb, Am7, and C.

Kin - dle a flame with - in___ my___ heart.

Musical notation for the second line of the hymn "O Day of Peace". The melody is written on a treble clef staff in a key signature of one flat (Bb). The notes are: F4, G4, A4, Bb4, A4, G4, F4, E4. Chords indicated above the staff are F, C, Bb, Gm, A7sus4, and A7.

Let it___ shine___ bright - ly for *hope___

Musical notation for the third line of the hymn "O Day of Peace". The melody is written on a treble clef staff in a key signature of one flat (Bb). The notes are: G4, F4, E4, D4, C4, Bb3, A3, G3, F3, E3. Chords indicated above the staff are Gm7, C, Am7, and Dm.

Come,___ Lord___ Je - sus, come and ne'er de-part.

Musical notation for the fourth line of the hymn "O Day of Peace". The melody is written on a treble clef staff in a key signature of one flat (Bb). The notes are: Bb4, A4, G4, F4, E4, D4, C4, Bb3. Chords indicated above the staff are Bb, Gm7, C, and F.

Kin - dle a flame with - in my heart.

*peace, joy, love

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ADVENT WREATH / CANDLELIGHTING

Week 1

(Isaiah 2:3)

Many peoples shall come and say, "Come, let us go up to the mountain of the Lord, to the house of the God of Jacob; that he may teach us his ways and that we may walk in his paths."

O come, Immanuel, God-with-us.

Come Light. Come Hope.

Shine in the shadows.

Brighten your world.

It is in HOPE that we light a candle,
that God will show us the way,
that we will walk the paths of peace.
that we will walk in the light of the Lord!

~ candle is lit ~

Sing:

Kindle a flame within my heart.

Let it shine brightly for hope.

Come, Lord Jesus, come and ne'er depart.

Kindle a flame within my heart.

PROLOGUE FOR ADVENT: THE LIGHT OF THE WORLD

(Genesis 1:1-4 and John 1:1-5)

In the beginning of creation,
when God made heaven and earth,
the earth was without form and void.
Darkness was over the face of the deep,
and a mighty wind swept over the waters.
God said, "Let there be light," and there was light.
God saw that the light was good,
and God separated the light from the darkness.

When all things began, the Word already was.
The Word dwelt with God,
and what God was, the Word was.
Through him all things came to be;
no single thing was created without him.
All that came to be was alive with his life,
and that life was the light of the world.
The light shines in the darkness,
and the darkness has never put it out.

ADDITIONAL MATERIAL (Prayers, Poems, Quotes & Liturgies)

"It is only when everything is hopeless that hope begins to be a strength at all.
Like all the Christian virtues, it is as unreasonable as it is indispensable."

—G.K. CHESTERTON (1874–1936)

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CALL TO WORSHIP

Come, let us go up to the mountain of the Lord,
to the house of the God of Jacob;
that we may learn God's ways,
and that we may walk in God's paths.

COLLECTIVE PRAYER

Lord, in this season of watching and waiting,
awaken also our sense of wonder,
that we might be open to your presence in our midst.
In this season of looking and longing,
kindle within us also a light,
that we might shine in the darkness for you. Amen.

LITANY FOR PEACE

We pray for Peace, Lord
For all in this place
We all need your grace
We pray for Peace, Lord

For those who have stumbled
And those who've been humbled
We pray for Peace, Lord

Where conflict is near
For those living in fear
We pray for Peace, Lord

For those unemployed
whose hope is destroyed
We pray for Peace, Lord

In the dark of the night
In the midst of the fight

We pray for Peace, Lord

For those hungry and cold
Whether young or old
We pray for Peace, Lord

For the lost and alone
who call nowhere 'home'
We pray for Peace, Lord

Where angry words abound
And where no love is found
We pray for Peace, Lord

Come, visit this place
For we all need your grace
We pray for Peace, Lord
We pray for Peace. Amen.

(Inspired by: David Adam, [Power Lines](#))

CONFESSION

God of Peace, you will change our lives
if we but open ourselves to you.
You call us to follow you,
but we confess our resistance.
We choose to follow along the paths
we know instead of the paths
you would have us go.
We say 'Peace,' but
 our hearts are unsettled,
 our homes are stressed,
 our nations are at war,
 our world is on the brink.
Open our eyes to the peace you offer,
the peace we so desperately need --
your peace. Amen.

RESPONSE BEFORE SCRIPTURE

The invitation read:

*“Come, let us go up to the mountain of the Lord,
to the house of the God of Jacob;
that he may teach us his ways
and that we may walk in his paths.”*

Let us hear the word of the Lord:

BENEDICTION

May the God of Hope
fill you with hope.
May the light of the Lord
accompany you wherever you walk.
And may God bless you
now and remain with you always. Amen.