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

[Isaiah 11:1-10](#) (From David's line, a ruler bringing justice and peace)

[Psalm 72:1-7, 18-19](#) (In his time, the righteous shall flourish)

[Romans 13:4-13](#) (Live in harmony, welcoming one another)

[Matthew 3:1-12](#) (A voice cries: Prepare the way of the Lord)

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

FOCAL Faithelement PASSAGE: Isaiah 11:1-10 ([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.

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

[Hail to the Lord's Anointed](#) (SHEFFIELD, FREUT EUCH, IHR, ROCKPORT, ELLACOMBE)

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

[Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus](#) (HYFRYDOL, JEFFERSON)

[Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming](#) (ES IST EIN ROS)

[On Jordan's bank the Baptist's Cry](#) (WINCHESTER NEW)

[Now the Heavens Start to Whisper](#) (JEFFERSON)

Before/During Prayer/Lighting of Advent Wreath Candle

[Hope of the World](#) (VICAR) [st. 1 and 2 only]

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

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Kindle a Flame (*see below*)

ANTHEMS

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

Climb to the Top of the Highest Mountain - MD

Carolyn Jennings
Kjos Music, C8118
SATB, Opt. Children's Choir (solo), Keyboard

A Shoot Shall Come Forth - M

Richard Horn
MorningStar Music, MSM-50-0010
SATB (also available in SAB), Organ

Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming - M

Es IST EIN ROS, Howard Helvey, arr.
Beckenhorst Press, BP 2048
SATB, Piano

Dance and Sing, for the Lord Will Be With Us - M

Hebrew folk melody, Hal Hopson, arr.
Chorister's Guild, CGA749
Unison/2-part, Keyboard and opt. tambourine

Prepare the Way - E

Allan Robert Petker
John Rich Music Press, JR0012
SAB, Piano

Hope Is a Seed - E

Jane Best
GIA Publications, G-9116
SAB, Piano

Light of Peace - E

Joel Raney, quoting:
"Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus" (*HYFRYDOL*)
Hope Publishing, C 5486
2-Part, Piano

Advent Celebration - E

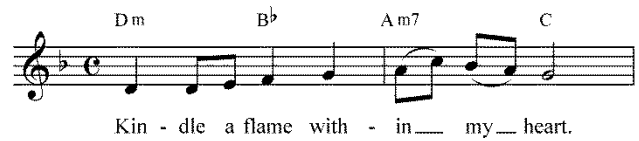
Mark Patterson
Choristers Guild, CGA 1159
Unison/2-part, Piano, with opt. percussion

ADVENT WREATH / CANDLELIGHTING

Week 2

(Isaiah 11:1 and 10)

A shoot shall come out from the stump of Jesse, and a branch shall grow out of his roots. On that day the root of Jesse shall stand as a signal to the peoples; the nations shall inquire of him, and his dwelling shall be glorious.

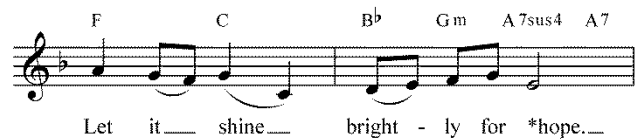


O come, Immanuel, God-with-us.

Come Light. Come Peace.

Shine in the shadows.

Brighten your world.



It is for PEACE that we light a candle,
that peace will take root in our lives,
that righteousness and faithfulness reign,
and that the earth will be full
of the knowledge of the Lord.



~ candle is lit ~

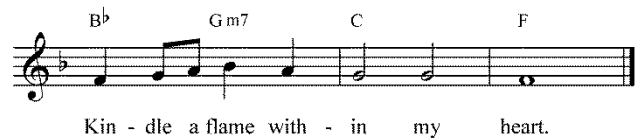
Sing:

Kindle a flame within my heart.

Let it shine brightly for peace.

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

Kindle a flame within my heart.



*peace, joy, love

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ADDITIONAL MATERIAL (Prayers, Poems, Quotes & Liturgies)

*If you love peace, then hate injustice, hate tyranny, hate greed –
but hate these things in yourself, not in another.*

-- THOMAS MERTON (1915–1968)

*Light looked down and beheld Darkness;
'Thither will I go,' said Light.
Peace looked down and beheld War.
'Thither will I go,' said Peace.
Love looked down and beheld Hatred.
'Thither will I go,' said Love.
So came Light, and shone;
So came Peace, and gave rest;
So came Love, and brought life.
And the Word was made Flesh,
and dwelt among us.*

-- LAURENCE HOUSMAN (1865–1959)

CALL TO WORSHIP

Born thy people to deliver,
born a child and yet a King,
born to reign in us forever,
now thy gracious kingdom bring.

—CHARLES WESLEY (1707–1788)

COLLECTIVE PRAYER

**God, you draw near to us offering peace.
You teach us that the peacemakers are your
children.
We welcome you and open our hearts
trusting that we will be changed,
as stewards of your peace forever,
through Jesus Christ, the Prince of Peace. Amen.**

YOU ASK US TO WAIT

You ask us to wait O God,
to watch for you,
**I wait for the Lord, my soul waits,
and in his word I hope;**
You, who created time,
Ask us to wait all the time.
**My soul waits for the Lord
more than those who watch for the morning.**
Give us wisdom to understand
That it is you, who waits for us.
**O Israel, hope in the Lord!
For with the Lord there is steadfast love,
and with him is great power to redeem.**

-- Quoting Psalm 130:5-7

RESPONSE BEFORE SCRIPTURE

Let us draw near and listen,
that we may see what we do not see,
that we may hear what we do not hear,
that the Living Word will take root in our hearts.

CONFESSION

Wake us up to peace, God.

**We confess and lament
our warring and abusive ways.**

In our homes,
in our workplaces,
in our streets,
in our schools,
in our markets
in our churches,
on our screens,
in our books,
in our congress,
in our conversations,
in our sports
in our thoughts,
in our dreams,
in our hearts.

Wake us up to peace, God.

**And from the cradle
of your vulnerability,
teach us to follow your ways:
forgiveness, kindness, and mercy,
through Jesus Christ. Amen.**

(Inspired by Brian Wren's prayer, "The Cradle of Your Vulnerability,"
in *ADVENT, CHRISTMAS AND EPIPHANY*)

BENEDICTION

May the God fill you with courageous peace.
May the Spirit of the Lord Jesus go with you
into this world as a light for peace,
bless you now and remain with you always. Amen.