



A Peacemaker Will Come

The Third Week Of Advent

Celebrant: Anticipation grows within us.

Community: *The day of Your incarnation is near.*

Celebrant: There is no war nor division in the world that is beyond Your capacity to heal.

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Celebrant: There is no hatred in the cosmos that cannot be transformed by Your forgiving love.

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Celebrant: There is no social ill, relational breach, nor systemic evil that will not dissolve at Your touch.

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Celebrant: In this third week of Advent, we sing with the prophets.

Community: *That One will come who will bring the shalom peace of God to all human conditions.*

Celebrant: In this third week of Advent, we shout with the children.

Community: *Prince of Peace, quiet a world screaming in pain, and hungry for your Presence.*

Celebrant: In this third week of Advent, we pray with believers around the world.

Community: *Master of hearts, bring harmony to the discord between us and those unlike us.*

ALL: Prince of Peace, we recognize that You are the God who alone can bring restoration to a fallen planet. Your capacity to restore broken relationships, communities, nations and ancient rivalries is boundless. Come, restore peace to our hearts today, and intervene among our restless human family. Lord, make us instruments of this same transforming peace wherever we go.

We prepare our hearts in this Advent season by praying, listening, singing and responding to Your restoring forgiveness. With the ancients who awaited You, we say “Prince of Peace, plant the seeds of Your coming restoration in our hearts. After Your likeness, make us your Peacemakers.”

Amen.

Readings For The Third Week Of Advent

(From The Book Of Common Prayer)

Old Testament Reading

Isaiah 65:17-25

New Testament Reading

1 Thessalonians 5:(12-15)16-28

Gospel Reading

John 1:6-8,19-28 or John 3:23-30

Psalms Reading

Psalm 126