

- **Christmas Eve Service:** Friday 24 December 7:00 pm.
- **Christmas Day Service:** Saturday 25 December 9:00 am.
- **Fellowship Meal** - Sunday 26 December after Morning Tea.
Please put your name on the sheet if you will join us.

DEDICATION OF THE OFFERING

The love of God is revealed in the gift of Jesus, bringer of peace.

In our giving of what we have and who we are, may we, with Jesus, bring peace to the earth. Amen!

COMMUNION

The Lord be with you. *And also with you.*

Lift up your hearts. *We lift them to the Lord.*

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Holy, holy, holy, Lord. God of power and might,

Heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

BLESSING THE BREAD and THE CUP

BREAKING THE BREAD

We break this bread and take this cup so that we can share in the life of Christ. God's gifts for God's people.

SERVING THE BREAD AND THE CUP

HYMN: 782 "Go Now in Peace"

THE LORD'S PRAYER and SENDING OUT

The word of God came to John, Son of Zachariah, in the wilderness. The word of God has come to us, here in this place.

Let us go from here to prepare the way of Christ.

And now the blessing of God be upon you now and forever. Amen!

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THE PATH OF PEACE

**ORDER OF SERVICE
ADVENT 2 - PEACE**

5 December 2021

CALL TO WORSHIP

Blessed be God who has redeemed God's people:
by the tender mercy of our God, the dawn from on high will break upon us,
to give light to those who sit in darkness and in the shadow of death;
to guide our feet into the way of peace.
Let us worship God!

HYMN: 132 *“Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty”*

A LITANY OF ADVENT

Lord God, we come to adore You. You are the source of all that is.

Before we were born, before time began, before the universe came into being, You were.

When time is finished, when the universe is no more, You will still be.
Nothing can take Your power from you.

And in Your presence we can only be silent . . . (silence).

Yet You have spoken to us. Out of universal silence Your living word has reached us.

You have spoken, and given form and beauty to the world. You have spoken, and given purpose to human life.

You have spoken, and declared the forgiveness to our sin; You have spoken, and freed us from the fear of death.

Together: Lord Jesus Christ, divine Word, speak to us the eternal purpose; remove our guilt; conquer the fear of death in our hearts. Speak and let us hear You, Lord. Amen!

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Philippians 1:2-11

Grace and peace to you from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

I thank my God every time I remember you. In all my prayers for all of you, I always pray with joy because of your partnership in the gospel from the first day until now, being confident of this, that he who began a good work in you will carry it on to completion until the day of Christ Jesus. It is right for me to feel this way about all of you, since I have you in my heart and, whether I am in chains or defending and confirming the gospel, all of you share in God's grace with me. God can testify how I long for all of you with the affection of Christ Jesus. And this is my prayer: that your love may abound more and more in knowledge and depth of insight, so that you may be able to discern what is best and may be pure and blameless for the day of Christ, filled with the fruit of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ—to the glory and praise of God.

HYMN: 201 *“King of Glory, King of Peace”*

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE - PEACE

Ivy Lee

By the tender mercy of our God, the dawn from on high will break upon us, to give light to those who sit in darkness and in the shadow of death, to guide our feet into the way of peace. (Luke 1)

We light the second candle of Advent, the candle of peace.

Jesus, light of our world, we hope for change in our lives and in Your world.

We watch and work and wait together for peace. Amen!

HYMN: *“When Peace Like a River”*

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Ivy Lee

John the Baptist proclaimed with Isaiah:

‘Prepare the way of the Lord, make His paths straight. Every valley shall be filled, and every mountain and hill shall be made low, and the crooked shall be made straight, and the rough ways made smooth; and all flesh shall see the salvation of God’.

Jesus Dayspring of God, shine Your morning light into places of justice and entrenched conflict around the world. We pray for all those people who live under ongoing occupation and as they work towards a more peaceful future.

Give strength and hope to all who suffer, to all who work for change in the world and to all who work for a new dawn of peace in the world. Amen!

BIBLE READINGS

Wendy Phelps

Luke 1:68-79 (Page 1014)

Luke 3:1-6 (Page 1016)

MUSICAL REFLECTION

MESSAGE: *“The Way of the Lord - Path of Peace!”*

Krikor

HYMN: 284 *“O Bless the God of Israel”* (Tune ‘Forest Green’ 316)

NOTICES - Lane Cove Music - Tue 7 Dec 7:30 pm at LCM Anglican.

- **Christmas Carols’ Service - Sunday 12 Dec 9:30 am.**

- **Food & unwrapped Gifts for Exodus - All in by 12 Dec.**

- **Movie/Pizza Night - 6:30 pm Tuesday 14 December.**