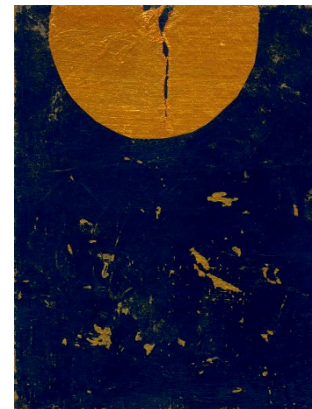


# Second Sunday in Advent

## 8<sup>th</sup> December 2024

*Interactive Church*  
*Led by Fiona Bennett & Sian Joyner*



*Winter Solstice*  
*Jan Richardson*

### Welcome & Gathering

#### Call to worship:

One: Waiting for Peace

ALL: We look to God's Promise

One: Waiting for Hope

ALL: We seek for God's Saviour

One: Waiting for Love

ALL: We work with God's Spirit

ALL: Holy Three-in-One we gather to worship you.

#### Hymn: It was on a starry night CH4 302

It was on a starry night when the hills were bright,  
earth lay sleeping, sleeping calm and still;  
then in a cattle shed, in a manger bed,  
a boy was born, King of all the world.

And all the angels sang for him,  
the bells of heaven rang for him;  
for a boy was born, King of all the world.

And all the angels sang for him,  
the bells of heaven rang for him;  
for a boy was born, King of all the world.

Soon the shepherds came that way, where the baby lay,  
and were kneeling, kneeling by his side,  
to celebrate his birth bringing peace on earth;  
a boy was born, King of all the world.

And all the angels sang for him,  
the bells of heaven rang for him;  
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## **Prayer**

One: By day and by night,

ALL: Emmanuel is with us (using BSL)

One: In our strength & fragility,

ALL: Emmanuel is with us (using BSL)

One: In our hope & fear,

ALL: Emmanuel is with us (using BSL)

*We unite our prayers together in the Jesus prayer or Lord's prayer...*

Source of Life,

Father and Mother of all,

Creation honours you!

May your Realm of

Justice and Love

sustain our hope

and come on earth.

With the bread we need for today, feed us.

In the hurts we absorb from one another, forgive us.

In times of temptation and test, strengthen us.

From the grip of all that is evil, free us.

For you reign in the glory

of the power that is love,

now and forever. Amen.

## **Advent Candle**

### **2nd Candle**

One: This is a candle for Peace.

We light this candle for all people

Confronting injustice and restoring the dream

of a world of peace and freedom for all.

ALL: GOD AS WE WAIT FOR YOUR PROMISE

GIVE LIGHT, GIVE PEACE.

### **Hymn: Hope is a candle CH4 284**

Hope is a candle, once lit by the prophets,

never consumed, though it burns through the years;

dim in the daylight of power and privilege —

when they are gone, hope will shine on.

Peace is a candle to show us a pathway,

threatened by gusts from our rage and our greed.

Friend, feel no envy for those in the shadows —

violence and force their dead-end course.

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## **Reading: Luke 3:1-6**

3In the fifteenth year of the reign of Emperor Tiberius, when Pontius Pilate was governor of Judea, and Herod was ruler of Galilee, and his brother Philip ruler of the region of Ituraea and Trachonitis, and Lysanias ruler of Abilene, 2during the high priesthood of Annas and Caiaphas, the word of God came to John son of Zechariah in the wilderness. 3He went into all the region around the Jordan, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins, 4as it is written in the book of the words of the prophet Isaiah, "The voice of one crying out in the wilderness: 'Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight. 5Every 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; 6and all flesh shall see the salvation of God.'"

## **Reflecting on the Passage together**

### **Stone & Water Meditation followed by music**

#### **Prayers of the People by Alex Peden**

#### **Offering & Dedication**

Praise God from whom all blessing flow  
Praise God all creature here below  
Praise God above, You heavenly host  
Praise Maker Christ and Holy Ghost

*Music: Louis Bourgeois, c. 1510-1561.  
Words: Thomas Ken, 1637-1711*

## **Notices**

### **Hymn: It came upon a midnight clear CH4 303**

It came upon a midnight clear  
That glorious song of old  
From angels bending near the earth  
To touch their harps of gold  
Peace on the earth, good will to all  
From heaven's all gracious King  
The world in solemn stillness lay  
To hear the angels sing.

Still through the cloven skies they come  
With peaceful wings unfurled  
And still their heavenly music floats  
O'er all the weary world  
Above its sad and lowly plains  
They bend on hovering wing  
And ever o'er its Babel sounds

The blessed angels sing.

For lo! the days are hastening on,  
 by prophet bards foretold,  
 when, with the ever-rolling years,  
 still dawns the Age of Gold,  
 when peace shall over all the earth  
 its ancient splendours fling,  
 and all the world give back  
 the song  
 which now the angels sing.

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## Blessing & Sung Amen

### What's on @ AUC this week?

Event	Date	Time	Location	Notes
OUTpatients Coffee Morning	Sat 7 <sup>th</sup> Dec	11am- 2pm	AUC	In partnership with The Sisters of Perpetual Indulgence. There will be affordable baked goods (£2-5) all to raise funds for OUTpatients, the UK's only LGBTQ+ cancer charity. So come grab a slice, have a chat, and support those affected by cancer.
Sunday Worship	Sun 8 <sup>th</sup> Dec	11am	AUC and Online	Interactive Sunday worship service led by Fiona Bennett and Carol Joyner. The Sanctuary will be laid out in café style.
Post Service Zoom Social	Sun 8 <sup>th</sup> Dec	12 noon	Online	
AUC Xmas Lunch	Sun 8 <sup>th</sup> Dec	12.30p m	AUC	Celebration lunch open to all.
AUC Church Meeting	Tues 10 <sup>th</sup> Dec	7.30pm	Online	Everyone is welcome to attend Church Meeting. If you are not a church member or associate member, but would like to receive papers for the meetings in advance, please email the Church Secretary Linda ( <a href="mailto:secretary@augustine.org.uk">secretary@augustine.org.uk</a> )
Contextual Bible Study	Weds 11 <sup>th</sup> Dec	7.30pm	Online	Advent 4 - Luke 1: 39-44 Email <a href="mailto:minister@augustine.org.uk">minister@augustine.org.uk</a> for the Zoom link
Contextual Bible Study	Thurs 12 <sup>th</sup> Dec	12 noon	Online	Advent 4 - Luke 1: 39-44 Email <a href="mailto:minister@augustine.org.uk">minister@augustine.org.uk</a> for the Zoom link

Sunday Worship	Sun 15 <sup>th</sup> Dec	11am	AUC and Online	Nativity service led by Fiona Bennett and Junior Church
Post Service Zoom Social	Sun 15 <sup>th</sup> Dec	12 noon	Online	
TLC Youth	Sun 15 <sup>th</sup> Dec	12.30- 3pm	AUC (Mull) and Online	For those in S1 and up. TLC Youth offers space to share food, reflect on topics of life and faith and spend time with each other. For more information please contact Matt ( <a href="mailto:youth@augustine.org.uk">youth@augustine.org.uk</a> )

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