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2nd Sunday of Advent - Peace

A Warm Welcome

to an Advent Festival of Reflections and Carols

Welcome

Lighting the Candle for Peace

Prayer: Come and find the quiet centre FFS 10, v1



Come and find the quiet centre
in the crowded life we lead,

find the room for hope to enter,
find the frame where we are freed:
clear the chaos and the clutter,
clear our eyes, that we can see
all the things that really matter,
be at peace, and simply be.

Lighting the Candle for Peace

Prayer for the Holy Land.

God of peace and justice
we pray for the people of the Holy Land
Palestinian and Israeli,
Christian, Jew and Muslim.
We pray for an end to acts of violence and
terror.
We lift to you all who are fearful and hurting.
We ask for wisdom and compassion for those
in leadership
Above all, we ask that Jesus, the Prince of
Peace,
Would bring lasting reconciliation and justice
for all.
Amen.

Sing: The first Nowell WOV221

The first Nowell the angel did say
was to certain poor shepherds in fields as they
lay,

in fields where they lay keeping their sheep
on a cold winter's night that was so deep.

*Nowell, nowell, nowell, nowell,
born is the King of Israel.*

When they looked up they saw a star
shining in the east, beyond them far,
and to the earth it gave great light
and so in continued both day and night.

Nowell, nowell...

And by the light of that same star
three wise men came from country far;
to seek for a king was their intent,
and to follow the star wherever it went.

Nowell, nowell...

This star drew nigh to the north-west;
over Bethlehem it took its rest,
and there it did both stop and stay
right over the place where Jesus lay.

Nowell, nowell...

Then entered in those wise men three
and reverently, upon their knee,
they offered there in his presence
their gold and myrrh and frankincense.

Nowell, nowell...

Now let us all with one accord
sing praises to our heavenly Lord,
who brought forth heaven and earth from
nought,
and with his blood mankind has bought.

Nowell, nowell...

Reflection: Advent

Reading: Isaiah 7: 10 -14 and Isaiah 9:6 - 7

Sing: Come to this Christmas singing COC 16

Come to this Christmas singing!
Come to a birthday, bringing
Gifts from our country's treasure
Beauty of shell and stone

**Wisdom the old have taught us
Laughter the young have brought us
Love to surround a manger
Making this Child our own.**

**Wealth of land and water
Riches of race and culture
These be our gold and incense
Offered for Christmas Day
Where we make peace, declare it
Where we have much, let's share it
Aroha warm our hearts, and
Aroha be our way**

**Here where the sheep are grazing
Where summer sun is blazing
Harvests for others ripen
Food for the world can grow
Christ of a cold December
Quicken us to remember
Poverty in a stable
Need, like the sting of snow.**

Reading: Matthew 1:18-25

Reflection: Rosemary 'What Christmas means to me'

Reading: John: 1:1-14

Listen:

Unto us a child is born
In Dulci Jubilo

Reading: St Joseph, Eileen Duggan COC 8



Reflection: Evan 'What Christmas means to me'

Sing: Where is the room (COC 48)

Where is the room,
Where is the house of Christmas?
Where shall we welcome Jesus,
Where are the signs of home?
Where are the signs of home?

Let Christ have space,
Place at the heart of living,
Centre for birth's new breathing,
Cradle for hope and peace,
Cradle for hope and peace.

Let there be room,
Room for the friend and stranger,
Room without hurt or anger,
Room for whoever come,
Room for whoever come.

Let love be here,
Love from the Christmas stable,
Love at our open table,

**Love to be shared all year,
Love to be shared all year.**

Shirley Murray

Reflection: Beth 'What Christmas means to me'



Sing: Not on a snowy night (COC 31)

**Not on a snowy night
by star or candle light;
Nor by an angel band
there came to our dear land –
 Te Harinui, Te Harinui.
 *Te Harinui, Glad tidings of great joy.***

But on a summer day

within a quiet bay;
The Maori people heard
the great and glorious word –
Te Harinui, Te Harinui.
Te Harinui, Glad tidings of great joy.

The people gathered round
upon the grassy ground;
And heard the preacher say
“I’ll bring to you this day” –
Te Harinui, Te Harinui.
Te Harinui, Glad tidings of great joy.



Now in this blessed land
united heart and hand;
We praise the glorious birth
and sing to all the earth –
Te Harinui, Te Harinui.
Te Harinui,
Glad tidings of great joy.

Willow Macky

Reflection: Nativity, Joy Cowley

Offering & Prayers:

Sing: Hark the Herald Angels sing glory to the
new born King WOV227

**Hark the herald angels sing
“Glory to the new-born King
peace on earth and mercy mild
God and sinners reconciled!”
Joyful all ye nations, rise
Join the triumph of the skies
With the angelic host proclaim
“Christ is born in Bethlehem”
*Hark the herald angels sing
“Glory to the new-born King.***

**Christ by highest heaven adored
Christ the everlasting Lord
Late in time behold him come
Offspring of a virgin’s womb
Veiled in flesh the Godhead see
Hail the incarnate deity
Pleased as Man with man to dwell**

Jesus, our Immanuel

Hark the herald angels sing...

Mild he lays his glory by

Born that man no more may die

Born to raise the sons of earth

Born to give them second birth

Hail, the heaven-born Prince of Peace!

Hail! The Sun of Righteousness!

Light and life to all he brings

Risen with healing in his wings

Hark the herald angels sing...

Arohanui Blessing (Joy Cowley)

**May the mystery of God enfold us, the wisdom
of God uphold us,**

may the fragrance of God be around us,

may the mystery of God surround us,

may the wonder of God renew us, may the

loving of God flow through us,

may the peace of God deeply move us,

may the moving of God bring us peace.

The Grace

FOR UNTO US
a child is born,
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a son is
given.
- ISAIAH 9:6

