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BULLETIN

PRELUDE

Come, Now Savior of the Nations

-Buxtehude

OPENING SENTENCES

A voice cries out in the wilderness,  
**“Prepare the way of the Lord!”**  
Let us line the road with beauty  
**and pave it with acts of justice.**  
For the Holy One is coming our way,  
**the giver of life and the source of living water.**

LIGHTING THE ADVENT WREATH

A voice cries out in the wilderness:  
“Prepare the way of the Lord.”  
A choir sings in the silence,  
“Come, Emmanuel.”  
Every valley shall be filled.  
Every heart shall be made whole,  
for peace is stronger than turmoil,  
and love is louder than hate.

As we light our second Advent candle,  
**we pray for the holy peace of God.**  
Come now, O Child of Mary.  
**Come now, O Prince of Peace.**

HANDBELL MEDITATION

Come Thou Long Expected Jesus

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**“Prepare the way of the Lord,” your prophet  
says to us.**  
**Forgive us when we have failed to prepare  
your way.**  
**Forgive us when we have stood in your way,  
instead:**  
**when we let the challenging words of your  
prophets roll off of lives,  
rather than let them spark change;**  
**when we walk around a neighbor in need,  
rather than encounter a chance for**

