

Candle of Peace

Week 2

Scripture: Luke 3:1-6; Isaiah 40:3-5

**Leader: The voice of one crying out in the wilderness:
“Prepare the way of the Lord, make His paths straight.”**

Response: O God, help us to walk gently in the way of peace.

Leader: “Every valley shall be filled, and every mountain and hill should be made low.”

Response: O God, help us to walk gently in the way of peace.

Leader: “The crooked shall be made straight, and the rough way made smooth.”

Response: O God, help us to walk gently in the way of peace.

Leader: “All flesh shall see the salvation of God.”

Response: O God, help us to walk gently in the way of peace.

All: We light again the first Advent candle and remember that hope is coming. As we light the second Advent candle, the candle of peace we remember that the Prince of Peace is coming and we join the work of preparing the way. We can walk gently in the way of peace. Amen.

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Luke 3:1-6 New International Version (NIV)

3 In the fifteenth year of the reign of Tiberius Caesar—when Pontius Pilate was governor of Judea, Herod tetrarch of Galilee, his brother Philip tetrarch of Iturea and Traconitis, and Lysanias tetrarch 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 country around the Jordan, preaching a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. ⁴As it is written in the book of the words of Isaiah the prophet:

“A voice of one calling in the wilderness,
‘Prepare the way for the Lord,
make straight paths for him.
⁵Every valley shall be filled in,
every mountain and hill made low.
The crooked roads shall become straight,
the rough ways smooth.
⁶And all people will see God’s salvation.”^[a]

Isaiah 40:3-5 New International Version (NIV)

³A voice of one calling:
“In the wilderness prepare
the way for the LORD^[a];
make straight in the desert
a highway for our God.^[b]
⁴Every valley shall be raised up,
every mountain and hill made low;
the rough ground shall become level,
the rugged places a plain.
⁵And the glory of the LORD will be revealed,
and all people will see it together.
For the mouth of the LORD has spoken.”