

ADVENT ~~WEEK~~ 4: PEACE

PASTOR:

PEACE ON EARTH WAS THE PROMISE THAT THE ANGELS' ANNOUNCED TO THE SHEPHERDS ON THE NIGHT JESUS WAS BORN. THEY SANG, "GLORY IN THE HIGHEST, AND ON EARTH, PEACE AMONG THOSE WITH WHOM HE IS PLEASED." THE PROPHETS HAD FORETOLD THAT THE MESSIAH WOULD COME TO SAVE GOD'S PEOPLE FROM THEIR SINS, AND GIVE THEM A CHANCE TO BE AT PEACE WITH GOD AND WITH EACH OTHER.



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CONGREGATION:

“FOR UNTO US A CHILD IS BORN, UNTO US A SON IS GIVEN; AND THE GOVERNMENT SHALL BE UPON HIS SHOULDER, AND HIS NAME SHALL BE CALLED WONDERFUL COUNSELOR, MIGHTY GOD, EVERLASTING FATHER, PRINCE OF PEACE. OF THE INCREASE OF HIS GOVERNMENT AND OF PEACE THERE WILL BE NO END.”



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Ryan and Kimberly Spainhower

Campfire Survivors, LA Times

Aldora Smith

South LA encampment; LA Times



¹ In those days Caesar Augustus issued a decree that a census should be taken of the entire Roman world. ² (This was the first census that took place while Quirinius was governor of Syria.) ³ And everyone went to their own town to register. ⁴ So Joseph also went up from the town of Nazareth in Galilee to Judea, to Bethlehem the town of David, because he belonged to the house and line of David.

Luke 2





⁵ He went there to register with Mary, who was pledged to be married to him and was expecting a child. ⁶ While they were there, the time came for the baby to be born, ⁷ and she gave birth to her firstborn, a son. She wrapped him in cloths and placed him in a manger, because there was no guest room available for them.

⁸ And there were shepherds living out in the fields nearby, keeping watch over their flocks at night. ⁹ An angel of the Lord appeared to them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. ¹⁰ But the angel said to them, “Do not be afraid. I bring you good news that will cause great joy for all the people. ¹¹ Today in the town of David a Savior has been born to you; he is the Messiah, the Lord.

Luke 2





¹² This will be a sign to you: You will find a baby wrapped in cloths and lying in a manger.” ¹³ Suddenly a great company of the heavenly host appeared with the angel, praising God and saying,

*¹⁴ “Glory to God in the highest heaven,
and on earth peace to those on
whom his favor rests.”*

¹⁵ When the angels had left them and gone into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, “Let’s go to Bethlehem and see this thing that has happened, which the Lord has told us about.”





SHALOM: WHOLENESS

“Rather than conflict, we have peace. Rather than chaos, we have peace. Rather than frustration or anxiety or domination, we have peace. This is not the peace of the world, but a deeper peace, a lasting peace, a thorough peace. It is not just the ceasing of violence and war, it is more; it is an entering into a rhythm with the Creator of all that is, and living in light of this rhythm. This is truly, thoroughly, good news.”

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“YOUR FAITH HAS SAVED YOU.
GO IN PEACE.”



THEY FOUND THE MAN... SITTING AT JESUS'
FEET, DRESSED AND IN HIS RIGHT MIND



“WHO TOUCHED ME?”







HE IS OUR PEACE.

