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Advent Sunday 2: Peace

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"Peace I leave with you; my peace I give you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled and do not be afraid." — John 14:27

On the second Sunday of Advent, we focus on the theme of **peace**—a peace that transcends our understanding and defies the chaos around us. As we approach Christmas, a season of celebration and reflection, we remember that the peace we long for is not something that can be manufactured by circumstances, but a gift from Christ Himself.

In a world filled with noise, division, and unrest, it's easy to feel overwhelmed. Yet, Jesus offers us a peace that goes beyond what the world can provide. His peace is not the absence of problems or conflict, but the presence of His comforting, steadfast love in the midst of them. It is a peace that calms the storms of our hearts, that quiets our anxieties, and that reassures us that we are never alone.

This Advent, as we prepare for the coming of Christ, let us seek His peace, not as something to be earned, but as a gift to be received. Let His peace fill our hearts, guiding us in every situation and making us bearers of peace to those around us.

Prayer:

Lord Jesus, in the midst of a world that often feels unsettled, we receive Your gift of peace. Help us to reflect Your peace in our words and actions. Calm our anxious hearts, and fill us with Your presence. May Your peace reign in us this Advent season and always. Amen.