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"Peacify"  
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Advent II, Invite a Friend

All of us need peace. In the turmoil of our lives, particularly for many of us in this season, we can take a moment and consider the source of our peace.

Many of us find an amazing fulfillment and sense of peace and harmony in music. Music is a God given gift, both for the person giving the music and the person receiving it. It is in that sense a gift that keeps on giving.

Choral music has the added dimension of the words which complement the music or rather the opposite. Handel sought to put words to the greatest story ever told. He chose dozens of passages from the Bible. But the three we are hearing today are:

For to us a child is born, a Son is given, and the government shall be upon his shoulders, and his name shall be called, Wonderful, Counsellor, Almighty God, the Everlasting Father, the Prince of Peace. (Isaiah 9:6)  
*Of the increase of his government and peace there will be no end. He will reign on David's throne and over his kingdom, establishing and upholding it with justice and righteousness from that time on and forever. The zeal of the Lord Almighty will accomplish this. (Isaiah 9:7)*

And the glory of the Lord will be revealed, and all people will see it together. For the mouth of the Lord has spoken. (Isaiah 40:5)  
*A voice of one calling: In the wilderness prepare the way for the Lord; make straight in the desert a highway for our God. Every valley shall be raised up, every mountain and hill made low; the rough ground shall become level, the rugged places plain. (Isaiah 40: 3-4)*

The kingdom of the world has become the kingdom of our Lord and of his Christ, and he will reign for ever and ever. (Revelation 12:15) And after this I heard what sounded like the roar of a great multitude in heaven shouting: Hallelujah! ... (Revelation 19:1)

I hope you will take a moment and consider the source of your peace. We meet here regularly to receive the peace we cannot give to ourselves, that we believe comes from God in Jesus Christ. We hope you might consider

joining us for the rest of this season and into the new one. If you already have a church home, please don't take this as an invitation away. In fact, there are more than fifty choices in this city alone for worshipping. We hope you will choose to receive the peace you need as God directs you. Thanks for being with us.

Let us pray.