

# *Third Sunday of Advent*

## *Peace*

**Scripture:** Luke 2:4,6,7

*Joseph also went from the town of Nazareth in Galilee to Judea, to the city of David called Bethlehem, because he was descended from the house and family of David. While they were there, the time came for her to deliver her child. And she gave birth to her firstborn son and wrapped him in bands of cloth, and laid him in a manger, because there was no place for them in the inn.*

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### **Introduction**

The third candle is the *Candle of Peace*. It is Rose-colored fulfilling the prophecy of Isaiah 35:1, “The wilderness and the solitary place shall be glad for them and the desert shall rejoice, and blossom as the rose.” Regardless of the difficulties confronted, and Mary and Joseph met many, God searched through them till he found a place in a manger for the Prince of Peace to be born.

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### **Introduction (continued)**

We, too, must pass through many trials and difficulties on the way to inner peace and happiness. As Jesus came to bring peace, may that peace we love be seen in our lives.



## **Lighting of the Third Advent Candle**

*Light the first and second purple candles and  
the rose-colored or pink candle..*

### **Response:**

May the lighted candles of Promise, Preparation,  
and Peace remind and fill us with God's presence  
as we celebrate in worship.