

## Advent Candle lighting Reading on **Peace**

You know what time it is. A voice has cried out from the wilderness, "Prepare the way of the Lord." It is time to make things ready, in our lives and in our world, for the Word to be flesh again. It is time to prepare to live as God showed the ancestors of our faith, through the teaching of the prophets and the stories we have passed down until now. Prepare to make all things ready, for Christ to be born in our hearts again, that we might remember who we are, who God intends us to be. Prepare the way of the Lord.

*Light the second candle*

Prayer: God of our Ancestors, we repent of where we have gone astray. Help us to listen to the voice that cries out from the wildernesses, the margins of our world. Help us to listen to your voice call us to prepare for justice, your voice that calls us into the hard work of reparation, your voice that calls us to pursue the path of peace. Amen.