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Revised Common Lectionary

Advent 2023 Meeting Righteousness and Peace

REFLECTION

Mary said, I'm bursting with God-news; I'm dancing the song of my Savior. The Holy One took one good look at me, and look what happened—I am the most fortunate woman on earth! What the Holy One has done for me will never be forgotten, the One whose very name is holy, set apart from all others. Divine mercy flows in wave after wave on those who are in awe before the Divine Mystery. Baring a holy arm, the Holy One showed strength and scattered the bluffing braggarts. The Holy One knocked tyrants off their high horses, and pulled victims out of the mud. The starving poor sat down to a banquet; the callous rich were left out in the cold. The Holy One fulfills the promise made to our ancestors when blessing Sarah and Hagar and all their descendants to the utmost generations.

adapted from The Message, Luke 1:46b-55,

What does meeting righteousness and peace look like?

December 3

Isaiah 64:1-9 Psalm 80:1-7, 17-19 1 Corinthians 1:3-9 Mark 13:24-37

December 10

Isaiah 40:1-11 Psalm 85:1-2, 8-13 2 Peter 3:8-15a Mark 1:1-8

December 17

Isaiah 61:1-4, 8-11 Psalm 126 1 Thessalonians 5:16-24 John 1:6-8, 19-28

December 24

2 Samuel 7:1-11,16 Luke 1:46b-55 Romans 16:25-27 Luke 1:26-38

December 31

CHRISTMASTIDE

Isaiah 61:10-62:3 Psalm 148 Galatians 4:4-7 Luke 2:22-40

<u>January 7, 2021</u>

EPIPHANY/BAPTISM OF JESUS (observed)

Isaiah 60:1-6 Psalm 72:1-7, 10-14 Ephesians 3:1-12 Matthew 2:1-12