

Advent 2: “A Place at the Table (Peace)”

Take off your mourning clothes
and oppression, Jerusalem!

Dress yourself in the dignity
of God’s glory forever.

Wrap the justice that comes from God around yourself like a robe.

Place the eternal one’s glory
on your head like a crown.

God will show your brilliance everywhere under heaven.

God will give you this name
by which to be called forever:

The Peace That Comes from Justice,
The Honor That Comes
from Reverence for God!

Get up, Jerusalem!

Stand on the high place,
and look around to the east!

See your children gathered
from the west to the east

by the holy one’s word,

as they rejoice that God has remembered them. - Baruch 5: 1-5

This is my prayer: that your love might become even more and more rich with knowledge and all kinds of insight. I pray this so that you will be able to decide what really matters and so you will be sincere and blameless on the day of Christ. I pray that you will then be filled with the fruit of righteousness, which comes from Jesus Christ, in order to give glory and praise to God. - Philippians 1:9-11