

## Advent 2 - The Prophets

Lighting the second candle, we reflect on the way the birth of the Messiah was foretold by the prophets on the Old Testament, and so we pray -

God our Father, you spoke to the prophets of old of a Saviour who would bring peace.

You helped them to spread the joyful message of his coming kingdom.

Help us, as we prepare to celebrate his birth, to share with those around us the good news of your power and love.

We ask this through Jesus Christ, the light who is coming into the world. **Amen.**

**Lord Jesus, light of the world,  
the prophets said you would bring peace  
and save your people in trouble.**

**Give peace in our hearts at Christmas  
and show all the world God's love. Amen.**





1.Hark the glad sound! The Saviour comes,  
The Saviour promised long;  
Let every heart prepare a throne,  
And every voice a song.

2.On Him the Spirit, largely poured,  
Exerts His sacred fire;  
Wisdom and might, and zeal and love,  
His holy breast inspire.

3.He comes the prisoners to release,  
In Satan's bondage held;  
The gates of brass before Him burst,  
The iron fetters yield.

4.He comes the broken heart to bind,  
The bleeding soul to cure,  
And with the treasures of His grace  
To enrich the humble poor.

### **Collect**

O Lord, raise up, we pray, your power  
and come among us, and with great  
might succour us;  
that whereas through our sins and  
wickedness we are grievously  
hindered in running the race that is  
set before us, your bountiful grace  
and mercy may speedily help and  
deliver us;  
Through Jesus Christ your Son our  
Lord, to whom with the Holy Spirit,  
be honour and glory, now and  
forever. Amen.

### **Lectionary readings:**

Isaiah 40: 1 - 11

Psalm 85: 1 - 2, 8 - 13

2 Peter 3: 8 - 15a

Mark 1: 1 - 8