

Choir will respond aloud those portions in **BLUE, BOLD FONT, CAPS**

- DATELINE: 1969 AD, John Lennon: All we are saying is: **GIVE PEACE A CHANCE**
- DATELINE: 700 BC, The Prophet Micah: Today’s reading in chapter 5 tells of the coming Messiah who will bring Peace. One chapter before today’s reading, this same prophet said that *the Messiah will:*
judge between many peoples, ... and they shall beat their swords into plowshares, and their spears into pruning hooks; nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war anymore
- DATELINE: 4 BC, Angels appearing on a hillside outside Bethlehem: an angel of the Lord appeared to them, and ... there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God and saying,
“Glory to God in the highest,
AND ON EARTH PEACE, GOOD WILL TO MEN”

DATELINE: these past weeks of Advent: we have heard:

- ❖ *We cannot be saved without being changed*
- ❖ *We do not have to make the first response in a situation that comes to mind. We can stop, pause, and let the Kingdom of God shape how we respond.*
- ❖ *The peace that passes all understanding does not come from conquering the source of our fears. We will always have something to fear. This peace only comes from trusting God.*
- DATELINE: 29 AD, Jesus: *Peace I give you, my peace I leave with you; I give not as the world gives.*
- DATELINE: 1969 AD, John Lennon: All we are saying is: **GIVE PEACE A CHANCE**
- DATELINE: November 29, December 6, December 13, 2015 AD, Congregation of Saint Marks singing in response to the benediction:
Let there be peace on earth **AND LET IT BEGIN WITH ME.**

In the Name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. **AMEN.**