

Rock of Ages

(13th century Hebrew lyrics, composer unknown, English translation by M. Jastro and G. Gottheil, contemporary musical arrangement by L. Stein)

Rock of Ages, let our song
Praise Your saving power.
You, amidst the raging foes
Were our sheltering tower.
Furious, they assailed us
But Your arm availed us.
And Your Word broke their sword
When our own strength failed us.

Children of the Maccabees
Whether free or fettered,
Wake the echoes of the songs
Where you may be scattered.
Yours the message cheering,
That the time is nearing,
Which will see all people free
Tyrants disappearing.

Let There be Peace on Earth

Words and Music by Jill Jackson and Sy Miller

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Let there be peace on earth and let it begin with me.
Let there be peace on earth, the peace that was meant to be.
With God as our Father, brothers all are we; Let me walk with my
brother in perfect harmony.

Let peace begin with me, let this be the moment now.
With every step I take, let this be my solemn vow:
To take each moment and live each moment in peace eternally.
Let there be peace on earth and let it begin with me.



An Interfaith Celebration of Light and Peace

Friday, December 8, at 4:00 p.m.

Valley Presbyterian Church

2800 S. Camino Del Sol

Green Valley, AZ 85622

ORGAN PRELUDE Jan Brachel

WELCOME AND OPENING PRAYER Craig Lindsey, Host Pastor

TORAH READING Genesis 1: 1-5 Diane Christopher, Host Pastor

LIGHTING OF THE CANDLES Rabbi Norman Roman (Menorah)
Father Warren Leibovitch (Advent Wreath)

SOLO *"Light One Candle"* words and music by Peter Yarrow
Rabbi Roman, Soloist

Light one candle for the Maccabee children,

Give thanks that their light didn't die.

Light one candle for the pain they endured

When their right to exist was denied.

Light one candle for the terrible sacrifice

Justice and freedom demand.

And light one candle for the wisdom to know

When the peacemaker's time is at hand.

Don't let the light go out, it's lasted for so many years.

Don't let the light go out, let it shine through our love and our tears.

Light one candle for the strength that we need

To never become our own foe.

Light one candle for those who are suffering

The pain we learned so long ago.

Light one candle for all we believe in

Let anger not tear us apart.

And light one candle to bind us together

With peace as the song in our heart.

Don't let the light go out . . .

What is the memory that's valued so highly

That we keep it alive in that flame?

What's the commitment to those who have died

When we cry out, they've not died in vain?

We have come this far always believing

That justice will somehow prevail.

This is the burden, and this is the promise,

And this is why we will not fail.

HANNUKAH EXPLAINED Rabbi Roman

✠ **HYMN** *Rock of Ages (Let our Song)* by Leopold Stein
Rabbi Roman on Guitar

ADVENT THROUGH READINGS AND SCRIPTURE Father Warren

COMBINED CHOIRS *Make Me A Channel of Your Peace*
Directed by Bruce Van Sickle

SCRIPTURE READINGS:

Isaiah 60: 1-3; Zechariah 4: 1-6 Read by Gary Myers,
Pastor at The Peaks

Matthew 5: 14,15; 1 Peter 3: 8-12 Read by Hal Neuberger,
Retired Lutheran Pastor

PRAYERS FOR LIGHT AND PEACE Pastor Bruce Van Sickle

✠ **CONGREGATIONAL SONG** *Let There be Peace on Earth*
(words on back cover)

✠ **BENEDICTION AND BLESSING** Rabbi Roman Norman
Rev. Craig Lindsey

ORGAN POSTLUDE Jan Brachel

Thank you for coming.

We wish you all a blessed Hannukah and Christmas season.

Rabbi Norman