

The Second Sunday after Christmas Day

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GATHER

Acclamation

Blessed be the one, holy, and living God.
Glory to God for ever and ever.

Song of Praise *Angels we have heard on high*

Gloria

***Angels we have heard on high, singing sweetly through the night
and the mountains in reply, echoing their brave delight.
GLORIA - in excelsis Deo. GLORIA - in excelsis Deo.***

The Collect of the Day

May God be with you.
And also with you.
Let us pray.

O God, who wonderfully created, and yet more wonderfully restored, the dignity of human nature: Grant that we may share the divine life of him who humbled himself to share our humanity, your Son Jesus Christ; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

WORD

The First Reading *(Jeremiah 31:7-14)*

Thus says the Lord:

Sing aloud with gladness for Jacob, and raise shouts for the chief of the nations; proclaim, give praise, and say, "Save, O Lord, your people, the remnant of Israel." See, I am going to bring them from the land of the north, and gather them from the farthest parts of the earth, among them the blind and the lame, those with child and those in labor, together; a great company, they shall return here. With weeping they shall come, and with consolations I will lead them back, I will let them walk by brooks of water, in a straight path in which they shall not stumble; for I have become a father to Israel, and Ephraim is my firstborn. Hear the word of the Lord, O nations, and declare it in the coastlands far away; say, "He who scattered Israel will gather him, and will keep him as a shepherd a flock." For the Lord has ransomed Jacob, and has redeemed him from hands too strong for him. They shall come and sing aloud on the height of Zion, and they shall be radiant over the goodness of the Lord, over the grain, the wine, and the oil,

and over the young of the flock and the herd; their life shall become like a watered garden, and they shall never languish again. Then shall the young women rejoice in the dance, and the young men and the old shall be merry. I will turn their mourning into joy, I will comfort them, and give them gladness for sorrow. I will give the priests their fill of fatness, and my people shall be satisfied with my bounty, says the Lord.

The Word of the Lord
Thanks be to God.

Psalm 84

How dear to me is your dwelling, O Lord of hosts! *

**My soul has a desire and longing for the courts of the Lord;
my heart and my flesh rejoice in the living God.**

The sparrow has found her a house
and the swallow a nest where she may lay her young; *

**by the side of your altars, O Lord of hosts,
my King and my God.**

Happy are they who dwell in your house! *

they will always be praising you.

Happy are the people whose strength is in you! *

whose hearts are set on the pilgrims' way.

Those who go through the desolate valley will find it a place of springs, *

for the early rains have covered it with pools of water.

They will climb from height to height, *

and the God of gods will reveal himself in Zion.

Lord God of hosts, hear my prayer; *

hearken, O God of Jacob.

Behold our defender, O God; *

and look upon the face of your Anointed.

For one day in your courts is better than a thousand in my own room, *

**and to stand at the threshold of the house of my God
than to dwell in the tents of the wicked.**

For the Lord God is both sun and shield; *

he will give grace and glory;

No good thing will the Lord withhold *

from those who walk with integrity.

O Lord of hosts, *

happy are they who put their trust in you!

The Second Reading *(Ephesians 1:3-6, 15-19a)*

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places, just as he chose us in Christ before the foundation of the world to be holy and blameless before him in love. He destined us for adoption as his children through Jesus Christ, according to the good pleasure of his will, to the praise of his glorious grace that he freely bestowed on us in the Beloved.

I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love toward all the saints, and for this reason I do not cease to give thanks for you as I remember you in my prayers. I pray that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation as you come to know him, so that, with the eyes of your heart enlightened, you may know what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance among the saints, and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power for us who believe.

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Sequence Hymn *Hark the herald angels sing v.1*

Mendelssohn

***Hark! the herald angels sing glory to the newborn King!
Peace on earth and mercy mild, God and sinners reconciled!
Joyful, all ye nations, rise, join the triumph of the skies;
with the angelic host proclaim Christ is born in Bethlehem!
Hark! the herald angels sing glory to the newborn King!***

The Holy Gospel *(Matthew 2:13-15, 19-23)*

The Holy Gospel of our Savior Jesus Christ according to Matthew.
Glory to you, Lord Christ.

After the wise men had left, an angel of the Lord appeared to Joseph in a dream and said, "Get up, take the child and his mother, and flee to Egypt, and remain there until I tell you; for Herod is about to search for the child, to destroy him." Then Joseph got up, took the child and his mother by night, and went to Egypt, and remained there until the death of Herod. This was to fulfill what had been spoken by the Lord through the prophet, "Out of Egypt I have called my son."

When Herod died, an angel of the Lord suddenly appeared in a dream to Joseph in Egypt and said, "Get up, take the child and his mother, and go to the land of Israel, for those who were seeking the child's life are dead." Then Joseph got up, took the child and his mother, and went to the land of Israel. But when he heard that Archelaus was ruling over Judea in place of his father Herod, he was afraid to go there. And after being warned in a dream, he went away to the district of Galilee. There he made his home in a town called Nazareth, so that what had been spoken through the prophets might be fulfilled, "He will be called a Nazorean."

The Gospel of Christ.
Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Sequence Hymn *Hark the herald angels sing v.2*

Mendelssohn

*Christ, by highest heaven adored; Christ, the everlasting Lord;
Late in time behold him come, offspring of the Virgin's womb.
Veiled in flesh the Godhead see; hail the incarnate Deity.
Please as man with us to dwell; Jesus, our Emmanuel!
Hark! The herald angels sing glory to the newborn King!*

The Homily

Nancy Smith, DOV Intern

The Nicene Creed

**We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.
We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God, begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made.
For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven,
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary
and became truly human.
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.
On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.
We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father,
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

The Prayers of the People

Liturgy for the Whole Church (adapted)

Wondrous God, whose love was made flesh, hear us as we pray, and take to your heart all of our longings and thanks. **Hear us and help us, O God.**

Wonderful Counselor, give wisdom to the leaders of the nations, that they might guide us to peace and bring an end to wars. **Wonderful Counselor, may your justice and righteousness be established on the earth.**

Mighty God, make your church to be one, in spirit and truth, strong with courage and rich with grace. Help us to tell the sweet, good news of your love in all we say and do. **Mighty God, may your church be united in serving the world.**

Everlasting Father, help all who suffer to remember your love. Bring relief and strength to endure to all those who are lonely, dying, and in pain. Stay near to those in prison. **Everlasting Father, may the day come soon when our tears are wiped away by your own hand.**

Prince of Peace, help us to bring an end to poverty and racism, which keep your children hungry and powerless. Grant that your peace would rule in our hearts and in our lives. **Prince of Peace, may you come soon to reign among us.**

Son of David, may all who live with you in glory help us by their example prayer to find our way home. Give us, especially, the courage of Isaiah, of Mary, and of John. Grant us the wonder of the shepherds and magi. Fill us with the songs of the angels. **Son of David, make us one with all your saints who enjoy your presence day and night.**

We pray for the special needs and concerns of this congregation.

You are invited to name, silently or aloud, prayers of intercession and thanksgiving.

Celebrant

Wondrous God, thank you for the miracle and grace of Christmas. May we be true all the year long to its call to believe the impossible that you made humanity the place of your dwelling. Hear us we pray, and take to your heart all of our longing and thanks, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The Lord's Prayer

As our Savior Christ taught us, we now pray:

**Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy Name,
thy kingdom come,
thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom,
and the power, and the glory,
for ever and ever. Amen.**

The Peace

May the peace of Christ be always with you.

And also with you.

Welcome & Announcements

Thanksgivings of the Community

You are invited to come forward to offer public thanks for the movement of God's Spirit in your own life: thanks for a birthday, an anniversary, a new job, and unexpected act of compassion, or another grace-filled change in your life. We close this time with the following prayer:

O God, our times are in your hands: Look with favor, we pray, on your servants as they mark this day. Grant that they may grow in wisdom and grace, and strengthen their trust in your goodness all the days of their lives; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Blessing

May almighty God, who sent his Son to take our nature upon him, bless you in this holy season, scatter the darkness of sin, and brighten your heart with the light of his holiness. **Amen.**

May God, who sent his angels to proclaim the glad news of the Savior's birth, fill you with joy, and make you heralds of the Gospel. **Amen.**

May God, who in the Word made flesh joined heaven to earth and earth to heaven, give

you his peace and favor. **Amen.**

And the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you for ever. **Amen.**

Closing Music: *O Little town of Bethlehem with Once in Royal David's City* arr. Mary McDonald

Dismissal

Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

Thanks be to God, alleluia, alleluia!