

# The Second Sunday after Christmas

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Holy Communion Rite One



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## WELCOME TO GOOD SHEPHERD

**During this time of social distancing:** Please sit in one of the spaces in a pew marked with a piece of white masking tape. People in the same household may sit together, but everyone else should sit 6 feet apart.

**Restrooms:** Handicap-accessible restrooms are located to the right as you go up the ramp through the archway across from the doors of the sanctuary.

**Hymnals, Prayer Books and Bibles** are in a bookcase in the back of the church. If you would like to use one, please take one and return it in the box after the service.

**We have gluten-free wafers available:** Please tell us when you come to the altar rail.

**Symbols in the Bulletin:** **P** Priest **D** Deacon **L** Leader **C** Congregation **All** Everyone

**Standing, sitting, and kneeling:** Throughout the bulletin there are invitations to stand, sit or kneel, as you choose. You are free to be seated at any time when that is best for you.

***A gentle reminder: please silence your mobile phone before the service.***

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## GATHERING FOR WORSHIP

PRELUDE

*How Brightly Shines the Morning Star*

D. Buxtehude

***[During the Prelude, please prepare for worship by observing attentive silence.]***

**WELCOME, ANNOUNCEMENTS AND MISSION MOMENT**

**ACCLAMATION**

***[Please stand.]*** Symbols in the Bulletin **P** Priest, **D** Deacon, **C** Congregation, **L** Leader, **All** Everyone.

**P** Blessed be God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

**C** And blessed be God's kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.

## COLLECT FOR PURITY

**Al** Almighty God, unto whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid. Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of thy Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love thee, and worthily magnify thy holy Name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

**P** Lord, have mercy upon us.

**C** Christ, have mercy upon us.

**P** Lord, have mercy upon us.

## COLLECT OF THE DAY

**P** The Lord be with you.

**C** And with thy Spirit.

**P** 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.

**C** Amen.

## THE WORD OF GOD

**The Readings** Jeremiah 31:7-14, Psalm 84: 1-8, Ephesians 1:3-6, 15-19, Mathew 2:1-12

*[Please be seated.]*

### The First Reading

**L** *The First Reading is taken from Jeremiah, chapter 31...*

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.

**L** The Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

## The Psalm

℣ *We will read responsively 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.**

## The Second Reading

℣ *The Second Reading is taken from Ephesians chapter 1...*

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.**

## The Gospel

*[Please stand.]*

☐ The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

☑ **Glory be to thee, O Lord.**

☐ In the time of King Herod, after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, wise men from the East came to Jerusalem, asking, "Where is the child who has been born king of the Jews? For we observed his star at its rising, and have come to pay him homage." When King Herod heard this, he was frightened, and all Jerusalem with him; and calling together all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Messiah was to be born. They told him, "In Bethlehem of Judea; for so it has been written by the prophet: `And you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, are by no means least among the rulers of Judah; for from you shall come a ruler who is to shepherd my people Israel.'" Then Herod secretly called for the wise men and learned from them the exact time when the star had appeared. Then he sent them to Bethlehem, saying, "Go and search diligently for the child; and when you have found him, bring me word so that I may also go and pay him homage." When they had heard the king, they set out; and there, ahead of them, went the star that they had seen at its rising, until it stopped over the place where the child was. When they saw that the star had stopped, they were overwhelmed with joy. On entering the house, they saw the child with Mary his mother; and they knelt down and paid him homage. Then, opening their treasure chests, they offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. And having been warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they left for their own country by another road.

☐ The Gospel of the Lord.

☑ **Praise be to thee, O Christ.**

## SERMON

The Rev. Michael Durning

*[Please be seated.]*

## NICENE CREED

*[Please stand.]*

☑ **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: by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary, and was made man. 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 and the Son. With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified. He 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.**

## PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

*[Please sit, stand, or kneel, as you prefer.]*

- Ⓓ Let us pray for the whole state of Christ's Church and the world.
- Ⓔ Almighty and everliving God, who in thy holy Word hast taught us to make prayers, and supplications, and to give thanks for all humanity. Receive these our prayers which we offer unto thy divine Majesty, beseeching thee to inspire continually the Universal Church with the spirit of truth, unity, and concord; and grant that all those who do confess thy holy Name may agree in the truth of thy holy Word, and live in unity and godly love. God of Light and Life,
- ☩ **We pray to you.**
- Ⓔ Give grace, O heavenly Father, to all bishops, especially to Michael, our Presiding Bishop; Dabney, our Bishop; Barry and Michael, our Assisting Bishops; Michael, our Priest in Charge; Cindy, our Deacon; to our companion diocese of the Dominican Republic; to these Episcopal Churches in our Diocese: All Souls, North Fort Myers; St. John's, Naples; and DaySpring Conference Center, Parrish; to the Clearwater Deanery Collaboration Partners; and to all priests, deacons, and the laity in their ministry; that they may, both by their life and doctrine, set forth thy true and lively Word, and rightly and duly administer thy holy Sacraments. God of Light and Life,
- ☩ **We pray to you.**
- Ⓔ And to all thy people give thy heavenly grace, and especially to this congregation here present; that, with meek heart and due reverence, they may hear and receive thy holy Word, truly serving thee in holiness and righteousness all the days of their life. God of Light and Life,
- ☩ **We pray to you.**
- Ⓔ We beseech thee also so to rule the hearts of those who bear the authority of government in this and every land, especially President Trump, that they may be led to wise decisions and right actions for the welfare and peace of the world. We pray that all God's children, especially those in the Middle East, might live in the hope of the world peace for which we are created. God of Light and Life,
- ☩ **We pray to you.**
- Ⓔ And we most humbly beseech thee, of thy goodness, O Lord, to comfort and succor [*Add handwritten names from notebook*] and all those who, in this transitory life, are in trouble, sorrow, need, sickness, or any other adversity, especially those listed in the weekly news who have asked for our prayers. I now invite you to pray for others by name, aloud or in your hearts. [*Leave time...*] God of Light and Life,
- ☩ **We pray to you.**
- Ⓔ Open, O Lord, the eyes of all people to behold thy gracious hand in all thy works, that, rejoicing in thy whole creation, they may honor thee with their substance, and be faithful stewards of thy bounty. We give thanks for the flowers given today to your glory, and for all the blessings of this life. I invite you to name a blessing either silently or aloud. [*Leave time...*] God of Light and Life,
- ☩ **We pray to you.**
- Ⓔ And we also bless thy holy Name for all thy servants departed this life in thy faith and fear, [*especially... add names from notebook*]. Please add names of those on your heart, silently or aloud. [*Leave time...*] We beseech thee to grant them continual growth in thy love and service; and to grant us grace so to follow the good examples of all thy saints, that with them we may be partakers of thy heavenly kingdom. God of Light and Life,
- ☩ **We pray to you.**

- ℣ Empower, O Lord, our Search Committee and Vestry as we pray....
- ☩ **Almighty God, giver of every good gift: Look graciously on our Church, and so guide the minds of those who shall choose a rector for this parish, that we may receive a faithful pastor, who will care for your people and equip us for our ministries; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen**
- ℣ Grant these our prayers, O Father, for Jesus Christ's sake, our only Mediator and Advocate.
- ☩ **Amen.**

### THE GREETING OF PEACE

*[Please stand. During this time of social distancing, a wave or bow, accompanied by a smile and "the Peace of the Lord be with you," will do nicely.]*

- ℣ The peace of the Lord be always with you.
- ☩ **And with thy spirit.**

### THE HOLY COMMUNION

#### OFFERTORY SENTENCE

- ℣ Thine, O Lord, is the greatness, and the power, and the glory, and the victory, and the majesty. For all that is in the heaven and in the earth is thine. Thine is the kingdom, O Lord, and thou art exalted as head above all. Let us with gladness present the offerings and oblations of our life and labor to the Lord.

*[Please be seated. The offering plates are on stands in the front and the back of the church. If you wish, you may place an offering there.]*

#### OFFERTORY

#### PRESENTATION OF THE OFFERINGS

*[Please stand when the offerings of bread, wine, and money are presented by the Deacon.]*

- ℣ As we receive these gifts, we acknowledge
- ☩ **All things come from thee, O Lord and of thine own have we given thee.**

#### THE GREAT THANKSGIVING: Eucharistic Prayer II

- ℣ The Lord be with you.
- ☩ **And with thy spirit.**
- ℣ Lift up your hearts.
- ☩ **We lift them up unto the Lord.**
- ℣ Let us give thanks unto our Lord God.
- ☩ **It is meet and right so to do.**
- ℣ It is very meet, right, and our bounden duty, that we should at all times, and in all places, give thanks unto thee, O Lord, holy Father, almighty, everlasting God. Because in the mystery of the Word made flesh, thou hast caused a new light to shine in our hearts, to give the knowledge of thy glory in the face of thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord. Therefore, with Angels and Archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we laud and magnify thy glorious Name; evermore praising thee, and saying,

**☩ Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of Hosts Heaven and earth are full of thy glory. Glory be to thee, O Lord Most High. Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.**

*[Please kneel or stand, as you choose.]*

**P** All glory be to thee, O Lord our God, for that thou didst create heaven and earth, and didst make us in thine own image; and, of thy tender mercy, didst give thine only Son Jesus Christ to take our nature upon him, and to suffer death upon the cross for our redemption. He made there a full and perfect sacrifice for the whole world; and did institute, and in his holy Gospel command us to continue, a perpetual memory of that his precious death and sacrifice, until his coming again.

For in the night in which he was betrayed, he took bread; and when he had given thanks to thee, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take, eat, this is my Body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

**P** Likewise, after supper, he took the cup; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, saying, "Drink this, all of you; for this is my Blood of the New Covenant, which is shed for you, and for many, for the remission of sins. Do this, as oft as ye shall drink it, in remembrance of me."

Wherefore, O Lord and heavenly Father, we thy people do celebrate and make, with these thy holy gifts which we now offer unto thee, the memorial thy Son hath commanded us to make; having in remembrance his blessed passion and precious death, his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension; and looking for his coming again with power and great glory. And we most humbly beseech thee, O merciful Father, to hear us, and, with thy Word and Holy Spirit, to bless and sanctify these gifts of bread and wine, that they may be unto us the Body and Blood of thy dearly-beloved Son Jesus Christ.

**☩ And we earnestly desire thy fatherly goodness to accept this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving, whereby we offer and present unto thee, O Lord, our selves, our souls and bodies. Grant, we beseech thee, that all who partake of this Holy Communion may worthily receive the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son Jesus Christ, and be filled with thy grace and heavenly benediction; and also that we and all thy whole Church may be made one body with him, that he may dwell in us, and we in him; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord;**

**P** By whom, and with whom, and in whom, in the unity of the Holy Ghost all honor and glory be unto thee, O Father Almighty, world without end.

**☩ AMEN.**

#### **THE LORD'S PRAYER**

**P** And now, as our Savior Christ hath taught us, we are bold to say,

**☩ 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.**

#### **BREAKING OF THE BREAD**

**P** This is the true bread which comes down from heaven and gives life to the world.

**☩ Whoever eats this bread has Eternal Life.**

☞ The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

[PLEASE FOLLOW THESE NEW PROCEDURES: **To ensure social distancing, please go forward to receive Holy Communion one at a time**, following the directions of the usher, who will let you know when it's your turn. Two people will stand in front of the altar to distribute the consecrated wafers. **Please keep your mask on**, receive the wafer, and return to your seat by the side aisle. After returning to your seat, you may remove your mask to consume your wafer.]

### PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

*[Please kneel or stand, as you choose.]*

☞ Let us pray.

☞ **Almighty and everliving God, we most heartily thank thee for that thou dost feed us, in these holy mysteries, with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and dost assure us thereby of thy favor and goodness towards us; and that we are very members incorporate in the mystical body of thy Son, the blessed company of all faithful people; and are also heirs, through hope, of thy everlasting kingdom. And we humbly beseech thee, O heavenly Father, so to assist us with thy grace, that we may continue in that holy fellowship, and do all such good works as thou hast prepared for us to walk in; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with thee and the Holy Ghost, be all honor and glory, world without end. Amen.**

### THE BLESSING AND DISMISSAL

*[Please stand.]*

☞ The Wisdom of God, the Love of God, and the Grace of God strengthen you to have the faith, heart, and hands of Christ in this world, as you go from here blessed in the name of the Holy Trinity, God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit.

☞ **Amen.**

☞ Alleluia, alleluia! Behold, unto us a Savior is born.

Let us go into the world proclaiming this good news of great joy.

☞ **Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia!**

### POSTLUDE

*As With Gladness Men of Old*

Wayne Wold

### SERVING US TODAY

Celebrant & Preacher	Michael Durning
Deacon	Cindy Roehl
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Ushers	John Schmidt & Jay Harvey
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