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The Second Sunday of Christmas

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Prelude

Processional Hymn *Please Stand*

“Let All Together Praise Our God”

- ♪ Let all together praise our God Before His glorious throne;
Today He opens heav'n again To give us His own son, To give us His own Son.
- ♪ He leaves his heav'nly Father's throne, Is born an infant small,
And in a manger, poor and lone, Lies in a humble stall, Lies in a humble stall.
- ♪ Within an earthborn form He hides His all-creating light;
To serve us all he humbly cloaks The splendor of His might, The splendor of His might.
- ♪ He undertakes a great exchange, Puts on our human frame,
And in return gives us His realm, His glory, and His name, His glory and His name.
- ♪ He is a servant, I a lord! How great a mystery!
How strong the tender Christ Child's love! No truer friend than He, No truer friend than He.
- ♪ He is the key and He the door To blessed paradise;
The angel bars the way no more. To God our praises rise, To God our praises rise.
- ♪ Your grace in lowliness revealed, Lord Jesus, we adore
And praise to God the Father yield And Spirit evermore; We praise You evermore.

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Invocation

In the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.

Matthew 28:19b

Amen.

For God so loved the world, that He gave His only Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life.

John 3:16

For the grace of God has appeared, bringing salvation for all people.

Titus 2:11

This is good, and it is pleasing in the sight of God our Savior, who desires all people to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth.

1 Timothy 2:3-4

He is the propitiation for our sins, and not for ours only but also for the sins of the whole world.

1 John 2:2

Confession and Absolution

For there is no distinction: for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, and are justified by his grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus, whom God put forward as a propitiation by his blood, to be received by faith.

Romans 3:22b-25a

For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Romans 6:23

Let us confess our sins to God our Father.

O Giver of all good gifts, we come to You today acknowledging our foolishness and shortsightedness. As we live in this world, we succumb to the thinking of this world, which does not always align with Your thoughts. Amid the strains and stresses of life, we forget about Your unfailing love for us and for all in our world. For the sake of Jesus, Your Son, our Lord, forgive our sins and renew us by Your love.

Our God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, loves us dearly and blesses us with every spiritual blessing. We have redemption through Jesus' blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of His grace. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

Kyrie

In peace, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For the gifts of forgiveness, grace, and the heavenly inheritance that awaits us, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For this nation, for our cities and communities, and for wisdom for all who lead, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For God's chosen people, gathered here and scattered throughout the earth, and for the proclamation of God's unconditional love for all and the calling of all to faith, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

Amen.

The Prayer

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray.

Lord God, You are the fountain and source of all wisdom. You made Solomon a wise king. Your Son demonstrated this wisdom in the temple. Grant us Your wisdom so that we may share it in our communities and throughout the world; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Hymn of Praise *Please Be Seated*

“Joy to the World”

♪ Joy to the world, the Lord is come! Let earth receive her King;
Let ev'ry heart prepare Him room And heav'n and nature sing,
And heav'n and nature sing, And heav'n, and heav'n and nature sing.

♪ Joy to the earth, the Savior reigns! Let men their songs employ,
While fields and floods, rocks, hills, and plains Repeat the sounding joy,
Repeat the sounding joy, Repeat, repeat the sounding joy.

♪ No more let sins and sorrows grow Nor thorns infest the ground;
He comes to make His blessings flow Far as the curse is found,
Far as the curse is found, Far as, far as the curse is found.

♪ He rules the world with truth and grace And makes the nations prove
The glories of His righteousness And wonders of His love,
And wonders of His love, And wonders, wonders of His love.

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Old Testament Reading

1 Kings 3:4–15

⁴And the king went to Gibeon to sacrifice there, for that was the great high place. Solomon used to offer a thousand burnt offerings on that altar. ⁵At Gibeon the LORD appeared to Solomon in a dream by night, and God said, “Ask what I shall give you.” ⁶And Solomon said, “You have shown great and steadfast love to your servant David my father, because he walked before you in faithfulness, in righteousness, and in uprightness of heart toward you. And you have kept for him this great and steadfast love and have given him a son to sit on his throne this day. ⁷And now, O LORD my God, you have made your servant king in place of David my father, although I am but a little child. I do not know how to go out or come in. ⁸And your servant is in the midst of your people whom you have chosen, a great people, too many to be numbered or counted for multitude. ⁹Give your servant therefore an understanding mind to govern your people, that I may discern between good and evil, for who is able to govern this your great people?” ¹⁰It pleased the Lord that Solomon had asked this. ¹¹And God said to him, “Because you have asked this, and have not asked for yourself long life or riches or the life of your enemies, but have asked for yourself understanding to discern what is right, ¹²behold, I now do according to your word. Behold, I give you a wise and discerning mind, so that none like you has been before you and none like you shall arise after you. ¹³I give you also what you have not asked, both riches and honor, so that no other king shall compare with you, all your days. ¹⁴And if you will walk in my ways, keeping my statutes and my commandments, as your father David walked, then I will lengthen your days.” ¹⁵And Solomon awoke, and behold, it was a dream. Then he came to Jerusalem and stood before the ark of the covenant of the Lord, and offered up burnt offerings and peace offerings, and made a feast for all his servants.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

The Epistle

Ephesians 1:3–14

³Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places, ⁴even as he chose us in him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and blameless before him. In love ⁵he predestined us for adoption to himself as sons through Jesus Christ, according to the purpose of his will, ⁶to the praise of his glorious grace, with which he has blessed us in the Beloved. ⁷In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of his grace, ⁸which he lavished upon us, in all wisdom and insight ⁹making known to us the mystery of his will, according to his purpose, which he set forth in Christ ¹⁰as a plan for the fullness of time, to unite all things in him, things in heaven and things on earth.

¹¹In him we have obtained an inheritance, having been predestined according to the purpose of him who works all things according to the counsel of his will, ¹²so that we who were the first to hope in Christ might be to the praise of his glory. ¹³In him you also, when you heard the word of

truth, the gospel of your salvation, and believed in him, were sealed with the promised Holy Spirit, ¹⁴who is the guarantee of our inheritance until we acquire possession of it, to the praise of his glory.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Gradual Hymn

“O Come, All Ye Faithful”

♪ O come, all ye faithful, Joyful and triumphant! O come ye, O come ye to Bethlehem;

Come and behold Him Born the king of angels:

~O come, let us adore Him, O come, let us adore Him,

O come, let us adore Him, Christ the Lord!

♪ Highest, most holy, Light of Light eternal, Born of a virgin, a mortal He comes;

Son of the Father Now in flesh appearing! ~O come,...

♪ Sing, choirs of angels, Sing in exultation, Sing, all ye citizens of heaven above!

Glory to God In the highest: ~O come,...

♪ Yea, Lord, we greet Thee, Born this happy morning; Jesus, to Thee be glory giv'n!

Word of the Father Now in flesh appearing! ~O come,....

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Holy Gospel *Please Stand*

Luke 2:40–52

The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the second chapter.

Glory to You, O Lord.

⁴⁰And the child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom. And the favor of God was upon him.

⁴¹Now his parents went to Jerusalem every year at the Feast of the Passover. ⁴²And when he was twelve years old, they went up according to custom. ⁴³And when the feast was ended, as they were returning, the boy Jesus stayed behind in Jerusalem. His parents did not know it, ⁴⁴but supposing him to be in the group they went a day's journey, but then they began to search for him among their relatives and acquaintances, ⁴⁵and when they did not find him, they returned to Jerusalem, searching for him. ⁴⁶After three days they found him in the temple, sitting among the teachers, listening to them and asking them questions. ⁴⁷And all who heard him were amazed at his understanding and his answers. ⁴⁸And when his parents saw him, they were astonished. And his mother said to him, “Son, why have you treated us so? Behold, your father and I have been searching for you in great distress.” ⁴⁹And he said to them, “Why were you looking for me? Did you not know that I must be in my Father's house?” ⁵⁰And they did not understand the saying that he spoke to them. ⁵¹And he went down with them and came to Nazareth and was submissive to them. And his mother treasured up all these things in her heart. ⁵²And Jesus increased in wisdom and in stature and in favor with God and man.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to You, O Christ.

Nicene Creed

Children's Message *Please Be Seated*

The Hymn

“God Loves Me Dearly”

♪ God loves me dearly, Grants me salvation,

God loves me dearly, Loves even me.
 ~Therefore I'll say again: God loves me dearly, God loves me dearly, Loves even me.

♪ I was in slav'ry, Sin, death, and darkness;
 God's love was working To make me free. ~Therefore...

♪ He sent forth Jesus, My dear Redeemer,
 He sent forth Jesus And set me free. ~Therefore...

♪ Jesus, my Savior, Himself did offer;
 Jesus, my Savior, Paid all I owed. ~Therefore...

♪ Now I will praise You, O Love Eternal;
 Now I will praise You All my life long. ~Therefore....

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Proclamation of the Word

“Continue to Grow”

Luke 2:40–52

Response Hymn

“What Child Is This”

♪ What child is this, who, laid to rest, On Mary's lap is sleeping?
 Whom angels greet with anthems sweet While shepherds watch are keeping?
 This, this is Christ the king, Whom shepherds guard and angels sing;
 Haste, haste to bring Him laud, The babe, the son of Mary!

♪ Why lies He in such mean estate Where ox and ass are feeding?
 Good Christian, fear; for sinners here The silent Word is pleading.
 Nails, spear shall pierce Him through, The cross be borne for me, for you;
 Hail, hail the Word made flesh, The babe, the son of Mary!

♪ So bring Him incense, gold, and myrrh; Come, peasant, king, to own Him.
 The King of kings salvation brings; Let loving hearts enthrone Him.
 Raise, raise the song on high, The virgin sings her lullaby;
 Joy, joy, for Christ is born, The babe, the son of Mary!

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Preface

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

Proper Preface

Sanctus

Music: “Angels We Have Heard”, Hymn 368

♪ Holy, holy, holy Lord, God by highest hosts adored, Heav'n and earth Your glory sing;
 With them we our praises bring. Glo- - -ria in excelsis Deo! Glo- - -ria in excelsis Deo!

♪ Sing hosanna, saints above; With the angels, sing God's love. Blest is He, the coming One;
 God the Father's only Son. Glo- - -ria in excelsis Deo! Glo- - -ria in excelsis Deo!

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Words of our Lord

Lord's Prayer

Agnus Dei *Music: "Lo, How a Rose", Hymn 359*

♪ O Lamb of God, our Savior, All sins You take away. Have mercy on us, Jesus,
And grant us peace, we pray. Rejoice we at Your birth: "To God on high be glory
And peace to all the earth!"

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Distribution Hymn

"Hark! The Herald Angels Sing"

♪ 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 th' angelic host proclaim, "Christ is born in Bethlehem!"

~Hark! The herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn King!"

♪ Christ, by highest heav'n adored, Christ, the everlasting Lord,
Late in time behold Him come, Offspring of a virgin's womb.
Veiled in flesh the Godhead see, Hail th' incarnate Deity!
Pleased as Man with man to dwell, Jesus, our Immanuel! ~Hark!...

♪ Hail, the heav'n-born Prince of Peace! Hail, the Sun of Righteousness!
Light and life to all He brings, Ris'n with healing in His wings.
Mild He lays His glory by, Born that man no more may die,
Born to raise the sons of earth, Born to give them second birth. ~Hark!....

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Prayer of the Church *Please Stand*

Each petition is concluded with:

Lord, in Your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

Benediction

The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look on you with favor and give you peace.

Amen.

Recessional Hymn *Please Be Seated*

"Go Tell It on the Mountain"

~Go tell it on the mountain, Over the hills and ev'rywhere;

Go tell it on the mountain That Jesus Christ is born!

♪ While shepherds kept their watching O'er silent flocks by night,
Behold, throughout the heavens There shone a holy light. ~Go tell it...

♪ The shepherds feared and trembled When lo, above the earth
Rang out the angel chorus That hailed our Savior's birth. ~Go tell it...

♪ Down in a lonely manger The humble Christ was born;
And God sent us salvation That blessed Christmas morn. ~Go tell it....

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Postlude

Door Offering *You may place your offering in the plate at the door as you leave.*