

# Morning Prayer Rite II January 3rd 2021

## Second Sunday after Christmas

*Officiant*

Behold, the dwelling of God is with mankind. He will dwell with them, and they shall be his people, and God himself will be with them, and be their God. *Revelation 21:3*

### **Confession of Sin**

*The Officiant says to the people*

Dearly beloved, we have come together in the presence of Almighty God our heavenly Father, to set forth his praise, to hear his holy Word, and to ask, for ourselves and on behalf of others, those things that are necessary for our life and our salvation. And so that we may prepare ourselves in heart and mind to worship him, let us be in silence, and with penitent and obedient hearts confess our sins, that we may obtain forgiveness by his infinite goodness and mercy.

*Silence is kept.*

*Officiant and People together*

Most merciful God,  
 we confess that we have sinned against you  
 in thought, word, and deed,  
 by what we have done,  
 and by what we have left undone.  
 We have not loved you with our whole heart;  
 we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.  
 We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.  
 For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ  
 have mercy on us and forgive us;  
 that we may delight in your will,  
 and walk in your ways,  
 to the glory of your Name. Amen.

*Officiant*

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. *Amen.*

## The Invitatory and Psalter

*Officiant*                    Lord, open our lips.  
*People*                        And our mouth shall proclaim your praise.

*Officiant and People*

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: as  
it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen. Alleluia.

### **Jubilate** *Psalm 100*

*Officiant and People*

Alleluia. To us a child is born: Come let us adore him. Alleluia.

Be joyful in the Lord, all you lands; \*  
serve the Lord with gladness  
and come before his presence with a song.  
Know this: The Lord himself is God; \*  
he himself has made us, and we are his;  
we are his people and the sheep of his pasture.

Enter his gates with thanksgiving;  
go into his courts with praise; \*  
give thanks to him and call upon his Name.

For the Lord is good;  
his mercy is everlasting; \*  
and his faithfulness endures from age to age.

Alleluia. To us a child is born: Come let us adore him. Alleluia.

### **The Psalm Appointed**

Psalm 84                    *Quam Dilecta!*

*Officiant and People*

- 1    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.
- 2    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.

- 3 Happy are they who dwell in your house! \*  
they will always be praising you.
- 4 Happy are the people whose strength is in you! \*  
whose hearts are set on the pilgrims' way.
- 5 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.
- 6 They will climb from height to height, \*  
and the God of gods will reveal himself in Zion.
- 7 Lord God of hosts, hear my prayer; \*  
hearken, O God of Jacob.
- 8 Behold our defender, O God; \*  
and look upon the face of your Anointed.
- 9 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.
- 10 For the Lord God is both sun and shield; \*  
he will give grace and glory;
- 11 No good thing will the Lord withhold \*  
from those who walk with integrity.
- 12 O Lord of hosts, \*  
happy are they who put their trust in you!

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: \*  
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.

## The Lessons

### **A reading from 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.

*Answer*           The word of the Lord.  
                           Thanks be to God.

## Canticle 10 The Second Song of Isaiah *Quaerite Dominum*

*Isaiah 55:6-11*

*Officiant and People*

Seek the Lord while he wills to be found; \*  
 call upon him when he draws near.  
 Let the wicked forsake their ways \*  
 and the evil ones their thoughts;  
 And let them turn to the Lord, and he will have compassion, \*  
 and to our God, for he will richly pardon.  
 For my thoughts are not your thoughts, \*  
 nor your ways my ways, says the Lord.

For as the heavens are higher than the earth, \*  
 so are my ways higher than your ways,  
 and my thoughts than your thoughts.  
 For as rain and snow fall from the heavens \*  
 and return not again, but water the earth,  
 Bringing forth life and giving growth, \*  
 seed for sowing and bread for eating,  
 So is my word that goes forth from my mouth; \*  
 it will not return to me empty;  
 But it will accomplish that which I have purposed, \*  
 and prosper in that for which I sent it.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: \*  
 as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.

### **A Reading from 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.

*Answer*                    The word of the Lord.  
                                   Thanks be to God.

### **Canticle 15            The Song of Mary    *Magnificat***

*Luke 1:46-55*

*Officiant and People*

My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord,  
 my spirit rejoices in God my Savior; \*  
 for he has looked with favor on his lowly servant.

From this day all generations will call me blessed: \*  
 the Almighty has done great things for me,  
 and holy is his Name.  
 He has mercy on those who fear him \*  
 in every generation.

He has shown the strength of his arm, \*  
 he has scattered the proud in their conceit.  
 He has cast down the mighty from their thrones, \*  
 and has lifted up the lowly.  
 He has filled the hungry with good things, \*  
 and the rich he has sent away empty.  
 He has come to the help of his servant Israel, \*  
 for he has remembered his promise of mercy,  
 The promise he made to our fathers, \*  
 to Abraham and his children for ever.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: \*  
 as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.

### **A Reading from the Gospel of Matthew 2:13-15,19-23**

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."

*Answer*                    The Word of the Lord.  
                                   Thanks be to God.

### **Sermon**

#### **The Apostles' Creed**

*Officiant and People*

I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
 creator of heaven and earth.  
 I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.  
 He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit  
 and born of the Virgin Mary.  
 He suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
 was crucified, died, and was buried.  
 He descended to the dead.

On the third day he rose again.  
 He ascended into heaven,  
 and is seated at the right hand of the Father.  
 He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
 the holy catholic Church,  
 the communion of saints,  
 the forgiveness of sins,  
 the resurrection of the body,  
 and the life everlasting. Amen.

## The Prayers

*Officiant*      The Lord be with you.

*People*          And also with you.

*Officiant*      Let us pray.

*Officiant and People*

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.

Our Father in heaven,  
 hallowed be your Name,  
 your kingdom come,  
 your will be done,  
 on earth as in heaven.

Give us today our daily bread.

Forgive us our sins  
 as we forgive those  
 who sin against us.

Save us from the time of trial,  
 and deliver us from evil.

For the kingdom, the power,  
 and the glory are yours,  
 now and for ever. Amen.

V. Save your people, Lord, and bless your inheritance;

R. Govern and uphold them, now and always.

V. Day by day we bless you;

R. We praise your Name for ever.

V. Lord, keep us from all sin today;

R. Have mercy on us, Lord, have mercy.

V. Lord, show us your love and mercy;

R. For we put our trust in you.

V. In you, Lord, is our hope;

R. And we shall never hope in vain.

*Officiant*

*The Collect of the Day*

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.*

*A Collect for Sundays*

O God, you make us glad with the weekly remembrance of the glorious resurrection of your Son our Lord: Give us this day such blessing through our worship of you, that the week to come may be spent in your favor; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

*A Collect for Mission*

O God, you have made of one blood all the peoples of the earth, and sent your blessed Son to preach peace to those who are far off and to those who are near: Grant that people everywhere may seek after you and find you; bring the nations into your fold; pour out your Spirit upon all flesh, and hasten the coming of your kingdom; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

*Prayers, and thanksgivings may now be offered.*

*Officiant*

O God, in our global distress we pray earnestly to you.

God our Sanctuary,  
gather us when separated into your presence.

God our Physician,  
heal those who have contracted the virus.

God our Comforter,  
embrace all who mourn the dead.

God our Homeland,  
mother all who are quarantined.



God our Friend,  
 accompany all who are alone or afraid.

God our Guardian,  
 protect physicians and nurses.

God our Hope,  
 assist all who are distributing the vaccine.

God our Mighty Fortress,  
 preserve our societies from devastation.

God our Governor,  
 guide the leaders of nations toward wise policies.

God of Everlasting Arms,  
 in you we live and move and have our being.

God our Creator,  
 make once again a world of sabbath rest.

God our Savior,  
 redeem the suffering world by your cross.

God our Light,  
 shine your radiant peace into our darkness.

O God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit,  
 bless and preserve us. Amen.

*The General Thanksgiving*

*Officiant and People*

Almighty God, Father of all mercies,  
 we your unworthy servants give you humble thanks  
 for all your goodness and loving-kindness  
 to us and to all whom you have made.  
 We bless you for our creation, preservation,  
 and all the blessings of this life;  
 but above all for your immeasurable love  
 in the redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ;  
 for the means of grace, and for the hope of glory.  
 And, we pray, give us such an awareness of your mercies,  
 that with truly thankful hearts we may show forth your praise,  
 not only with our lips, but in our lives,

by giving up our selves to your service,  
and by walking before you  
in holiness and righteousness all our days;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord,  
to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit,  
be honor and glory throughout all ages. *Amen.*

Let us bless the Lord.  
*Thanks be to God.*

Glory to God whose power, working in us, can do infinitely  
more than we can ask or imagine: Glory to him from  
generation to generation in the Church, and in Christ Jesus  
for ever and ever. *Amen. Ephesians 3:20,21*