The Second Sunday Her Christmas



January 3, 2021 10:30 HM

The Liturgy of the Word

Processional: Hymn # 93 Angels from the realms of glory (Vs. 1,4) Please stand and sing. Words: James Montgomery; Music: Henry Thomas



Opening Acclamation

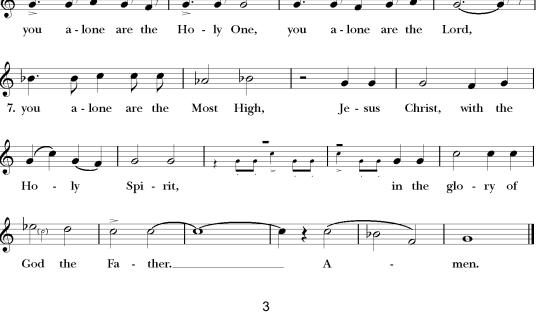
Celebrant: Blessed be God who comes to us in human form.

People: And blessed be God's kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.

Collect for Purity

Celebrant: Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**





Collect of the Day

The collect prayer "collects" the themes from the various readings for the day.

Celebrant: The Lord be with you. People: And also with you.

Celebrant: 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.

We Hear God's Word

First Lesson: Jeremiah 31:7-14

Please be seated.

Reader: A reading from the book of Jeremiah.

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.

Reader: The word of the Lord. People: Thanks be to God.

Psalm 84

Reader: How dear to me is your dwelling, O LORD of hosts! *

People: My soul has a desire and longing for the courts of the LORD; my heart and my

flesh rejoice in the living God.

Reader: The sparrow has found her a house and the swallow a nest where she may lay her

young; *

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

Reader: Happy are they who dwell in your house! *

People: they will always be praising you.

Reader: Happy are the people whose strength is in you! * People: whose hearts are set on the pilgrims' way.

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

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

Reader: They will climb from height to height, *

People: and the God of gods will reveal himself in Zion.

Reader: LORD God of hosts, hear my prayer; *

People: hearken, O God of Jacob.

Reader: Behold our defender, O God; *

People: and look upon the face of your Anointed.

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

People: and to stand at the threshold of the house of my God than to dwell in the tents

of the wicked.

Reader: For the LORD God is both sun and shield; *

People: he will give grace and glory;

Reader: No good thing will the LORD withhold * People: from those who walk with integrity.

Reader: O LORD of hosts, *

People: happy are they who put their trust in you!

Second Lesson: Ephesians 1:3-6,15-19a

Reader: A reading from book of Ephesians.

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.

Reader: The word of the Lord. People: Thanks be to God.

Gradual Anthem: We Three Kings Cello: Kaia Holder

Gospel: Matthew 2:13-15,19-23

Please stand as you are able.

Reader: The Holy Gospel of our Savior Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

People: 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."

Reader: The Gospel of the Lord.
People: Praise to you, Lord Christ

Sermon The Rev. Bob Wickizer

Silence for reflection after the sermon.

Nicene Creed

Please stand as you are able.

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. 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 kneel, sit or stand.

Reader: Bound together in Christ in the communion of the Holy Spirit, let us pray with one heart and mind to God our Father.

Reader: For peace from things that separate us from one another and for our salvation.

People: Lord, have mercy.

Reader: For the peace of the whole world, for the welfare of the holy churches of God, especially...

People: St. Andrew's, Stillwater; OSU Campus Ministry; St. Paul's Church, Progreso, Uruguay; Grace, Yukon; Diocese of Alabama; The Anglican Church in Aotearoa, New Zealand & Polynesia.

Reader: For this holy gathering and for those who enter with faith, reverence, and fear of God.

People: Lord, have mercy.

Reader: For...

People: Michael, our Presiding Bishop; Poulson, our Bishop; Bob & Tom, our clergy; Tim & Jennifer, our wardens; vestry, delegates, all who minister in Christ, and for all the holy people of God. Lord, have mercy.

Reader: For the world and its leaders, our nation and its people. We pray for our leaders, especially...

People: Donald, our President; Mike, our Vice-president; Markwayne, our Congressman; James & Jim, our Senators; Kevin, our Governor; and Marlon, our Mayor. Lord, have mercy.

Reader: For prisoners, the oppressed, all those in need or suffering, especially...

People: Barbara & Family, Blackwell Family, Brad, Brewer Family, James & Shirley,

Judy, Sherri, Bea, Eathen, Linda, John, Angie, Brian, Glen, Dante, Marilyn, Gary, Ann, Connie, Jan, Thomas, Cedric, Mary-Margaret, Jean, Barry, Cliff, Gabriella, Esther, Ann, all those affected by the pandemic, all the front line workers involved with patient care, and those whose suffering is known only to God.

Reader: We pray for those in the armed services. We pray for those who have died

especially...

People: Yee Se Ong, Lord, have mercy.

Reader: For ourselves, our families, and those we love. We pray for those in our parish,

especially ...

People: Ron, Stuart, Rebecca, Taylor, Tom.

Reader: Also those who are traveling, especially...

People: Lord, have mercy.

Reader: Remembering our most blessed Mary and all the saints, let us offer ourselves and one

another to the living God through Christ.

People: To you, O Lord.

Reader: Heavenly Father, you have promised to hear what we ask in the Name of your Son:

Accept and fulfill our petitions, we pray, not as we ask in our ignorance, nor as we deserve in our sinfulness, but as you know and love us in your Son Jesus Christ our

Lord. Amen.

Confession and Absolution

Celebrant: Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbors.

Silence is observed.

Celebrant & People: 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.

Celebrant: 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.

Peace Please stand as you are able.

Celebrant: Unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given, and his name shall be called the Prince

of Peace. The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People: And also with you.

Announcements, Birthdays & Anniversary Blessings

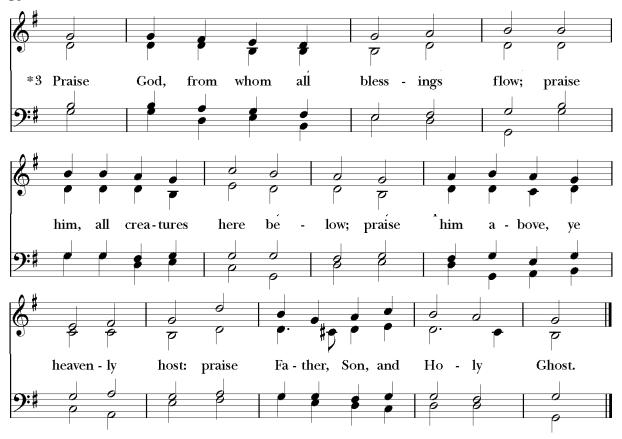
Please be seated.

Celebrant: Ascribe to the Lord the honor due his Name; bring offerings and come into his courts with thanksgiving

Offertory Anthem: Where Is the Child Soloist: Lora Sellers

Doxology:

Please stand and sing as you are able.



The Great Thanksgiving

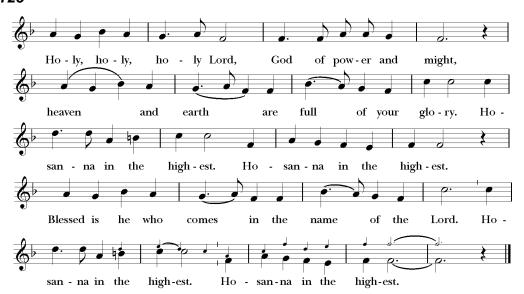
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Celebrant: The Lord be with you. People: And also with you Celebrant: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them to the Lord

Celebrant: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. People: It is right to give him thanks and praise.

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Lord's Prayer

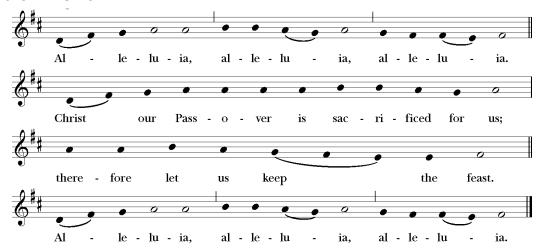
Celebrant: And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to pray,

People and Celebrant: 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

The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread. A period of silence is kept.

Fraction Anthem: #S-154



Breaking of the Bread

A period of silence is kept.

Celebrant: 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.

Communion Hymn: #101 Away in a manger, no crib for his bed Words: Traditional Carol; Music: William James Kirkpatrick

Congregation



We Go Out To Do Our Work

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Celebrant: Let us pray.

Celebrant & People:

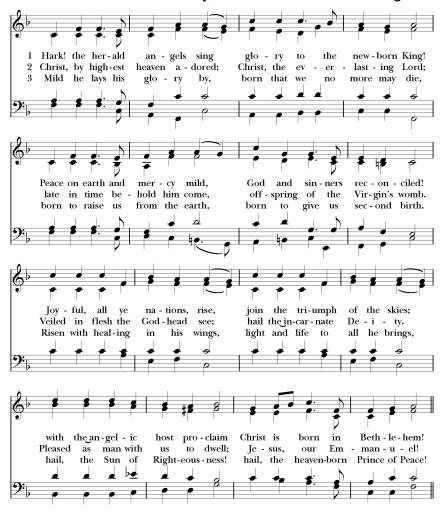
Gracious God, giver of every good gift, thank you for teaching me to be generous as you have been generous with me. Thank you for showing me all that I am and all that I have are gifts from you and that these gifts from you, Lord are meant to be shared.

Show me the joys of generosity and help me understand that others who may be unknown to me, depend upon me for help. Remind me that in my world of community, parish, family and friends, we need Good Samaritans to heal the wounds inflicted by the world. Lord, make me a gift to others in your name. Amen.

Blessing

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

Recessional: Hymn #93 Hark the herald angels sing (vs. 1,3) Please stand as you are able.
Words: Charles Wesley; Music: Williams Cummings



Sending

Celebrant: Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

In Loving Memory of:

- In memory of Tom Tobin Jr, Helen Tobin, Alex & Ruth Burrell and, Tom Tobin III by Barbara Tobin.
- Paul Archer, Ada Wood and, Debbie Schrader.

In Monor of:

Our Grace Family by Barbara Tobin.



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