



# THE SECOND SUNDAY OF CHRISTMAS

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# ▼ THE LITURGY OF THE WORD ❖

**Prelude** 

welcome

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# **OPENING ACCLAMATION**

Presider

Blessed are you, holy and living one.

People All You come to your people and set them free.

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 Savior. Amen.

GLOria



#### COLLECT OF THE DAY

Presider God be with you.

People And also with you.

Presider 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 the one who was humbled to share our humanity, our Savior Jesus Christ; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.** 

#### Trinity KIDS Announcement

Please be seated.

THE FIRST LESSON Jeremiah 31:7-14

Reader A reading from the Prophet 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 Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's People.

People Thanks be to God.

The verses will be offered by the cantor. All are invited to join on the antiphon.

#### **ANTIPHON:**



- 1b My soul has a desire and longing for the courts of the <u>Lord</u>;
  - 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.

[ANT.]

- 3 Happy are they who dwell in your <u>house</u>! \* they will always be <u>praising you</u>.
- 4 Happy are the people whose strength is in <u>you!</u> \* whose hearts are set on the <u>pilgrims' way</u>. [ANT.]
- 5 Those who go through the desolate valley will find it a place of <u>springs</u>, \*

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. [ANT.]
- A 7 Lord God of hosts, hear my <u>prayer</u>; \* hearken, O God of <u>Jacob</u>.
- A 8 Behold our defender, O God; \*

and look upon the face of your Anointed.

- B 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. [ANT.]
- A 10 For the Lord God is both sun and <u>shield</u>; \* he will give grace and <u>glory</u>;
- A 11 No good thing will the LORD withhold \*
  from those who walk with integrity.
- B 12 O LORD of hosts, \* happy are they who put their trust in you! [ANT.]

THE SECOND LESSON EPHESIANS 1:3-6,15-19a

*Reader* A reading from the letter to the 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 Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

People Thanks be to God.

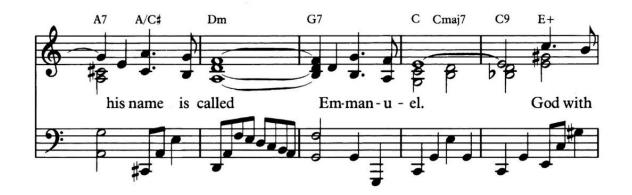
Sequence Hymn (Please rise.)

Emmanuel, Emmanuel Th

The United Methodist Hymnal #204

Sung twice.







THE THIRD LESSON Matthew 2:1-15, 19-23

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

People Glory to you, O Christ.

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.

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 Christ.

People Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon The Rev. Nancy Kin

NICENE CreeD Please rise.

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,

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.

Prayers of the people Form VI

Intercessor In peace, we pray to you, O God.

For all people in their daily life and work,

**People** For our families, friends, and neighbors, and for those who are alone.

*Intercessor* For this community, the nation, and the world;

**People** For all who work for justice, freedom, and peace.

*Intercessor* For the just and proper use of your creation;

**People** For the victims of hunger, fear, injustice, and oppression.

*Intercessor* For all who are in danger, sorrow, or any kind of trouble;

**People** For those who minister to the sick, the friendless, and the needy.

*Intercessor* For the peace and unity of the Church of God;

**People** For all who proclaim the Gospel, and all who seek the Truth.

Intercessor For Sarah, the Archbishop of Canterbury-designate; for Sean, our Presiding Bishop; for

Anne, our Bishop; and for all bishops and other ministers;

**People** For all who serve God in the Church.

*Intercessor* For the special needs and concerns of this congregation.

You are welcome to share your prayers silently or aloud.

A moment of silence is kept.

Hear us, O God;

**People** For your mercy is great.

Intercessor We thank you, O God, for all the blessings of this life.

You are invited to share your blessings, silently or aloud.

A moment of silence is kept. We will praise you, O God;

**People** And praise your Name for ever and ever.

*Intercessor* We pray for all who have died, that they may have a place in your eternal kingdom.

You are welcome to name your loved ones, silently or aloud.

A moment of silence is kept.

Let your loving-kindness be upon them;

People Who put their trust in you.

Intercessor Have mercy upon us, most merciful Father;

in your compassion forgive us our sins,

known and unknown,

things done and left undone; and so uphold us by your Spirit

that we may live and serve you in newness of life,

to the honor and glory of your Name; through Jesus Christ our Savior. **Amen.** 

THE PEACE

offertory

Presider The peace of Christ be always with you.

People And also with you.

#### Announcements & Offertory Invitation

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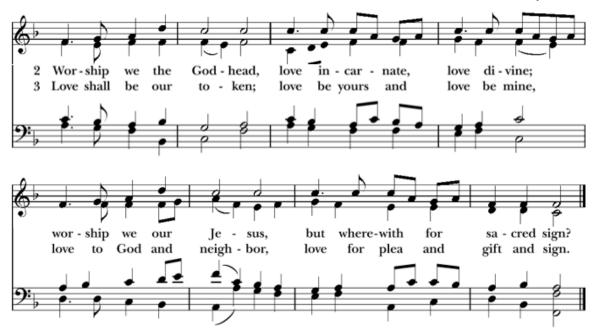
The Work of Christmas Dan Forrest

(Chelsie Cree, soprano and Grace Mauk, piano)

## Presentation Hymn

Love came down at Christmas

The Hymnal 1982 #84



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#### **EUCHARISTIC PRAYER**

Eucharistic Prayer A (Expansive Language Version)

Presider God be with you.

People And also with you.

Presider Lift up your hearts.

People We lift them to God.

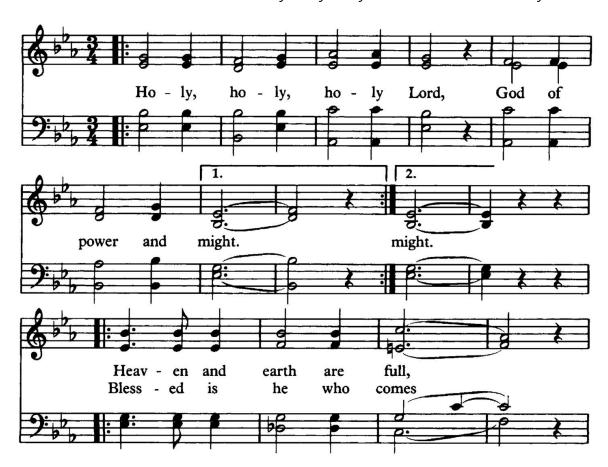
Presider Let us give thanks to Christ our God.

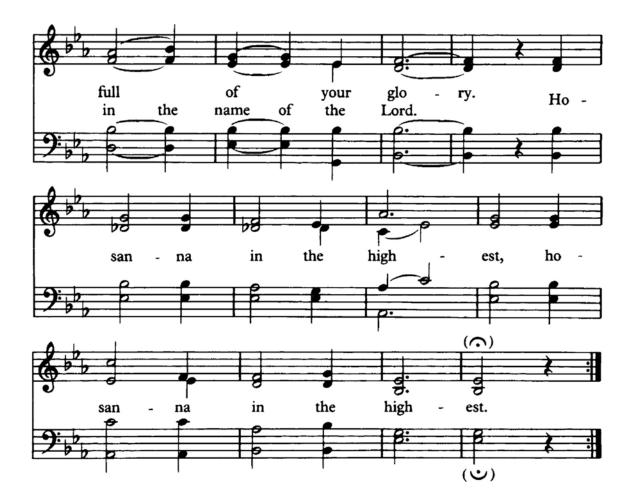
**People** It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Almighty God, Creator of heaven and earth. Because you gave Jesus Christ, your beloved child, to be born for us; who, by the mighty power of the Holy Spirit, was made a perfect example of humanity, born of the flesh of Blessed Mary, his mother; so that we might be delivered from the bondage of our faults, and receive power to become your children.

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

Sanctus Holy, Holy, Holy The Hymnal 1982 #130





Holy and gracious God: In your infinite love you made us for yourself; and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and maker and of all. Jesus stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night before being handed over to suffering and death, our Savior Jesus Christ took bread; and after giving thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to the disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper Jesus took the cup of wine; and after giving thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore, we proclaim the mystery of faith:

## **Memorial Acclamation**

Sanctus from Deutsche Messe by Franz Schubert



We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, Almighty God, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling Christ's death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in Christ. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through Jesus Christ our Savior. By Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty God, now and for ever. **Amen.** 

#### THE LOTD'S Prayer

Presider And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say:

All

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.

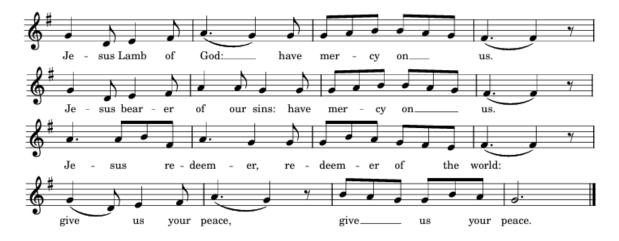
#### Breaking of the Bread

The Hymnal 1982 #S-164

Presider

We break this bread to share in the body of Christ.

**People** We who are many are one body, for we all share in the one bread.



Presider

The Gifts of God for the People of God. Receive this gift in remembrance that Christ lived, died, and rose for you, and feed in him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

## invitation to communion

The priest will invite everyone to come forward for communion. The ushers will direct you when it is time. At Trinity we offer both fresh bread and a gluten free option. In solidarity with our siblings in recovery, we offer only non-alcoholic wine. All are welcome.





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Presider

Let us pray.

All

Loving God, we give you thanks for restoring us in your image and nourishing us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of Christ's Body and Blood. Now send us forth as people who are forgiven, healed, and renewed; that we may proclaim your love to the world and continue in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.

#### **BLESSING**

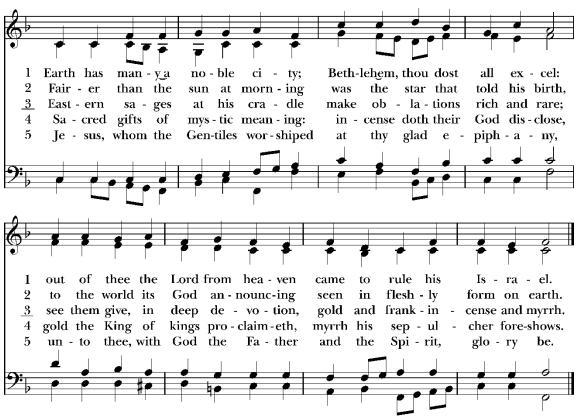
Presider

May Christ, who by the Incarnation gathered into one things earthly and heavenly, fill you with all joy and peace. And the blessing of God who creates us, Christ who walks with us, and the Holy Spirit who empowers us for the journey be among you now and remain with you always. **Amen.** 

#### sending song

Earth has many a noble city

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Presider

Go in peace to love and serve our loving, liberating, and life-giving God.

People Thanks be to God!

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