

The Second Sunday after Christmas



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RITTENHOUSE SQUARE



Wide Open Doors Wide Open Hearts

Sunday Morning Prayer

The Second Sunday after Christmas

Prelude: Nocturne
Boydén Gardner, piano

Mona Rejino

Opening Hymn

*Angels, from the realms of glory,
Regent Square*

Hymnal 93

1 An - gels, from the realms of glo - ry, wing your flight o'er
2 Shep - herds in the field a - bid - ing, watch - ing o'er your
3 Sa - ges, leave your con - tem - pla - tions; bright - er vi - sions
4 Saints be - fore the al - tar bend - ing, watch - ing long in

all the earth; ye, who sang cre - a - tion's sto - ry,
flocks by night, God with you is now re - sid - ing;
beam a - far; seek the great De - sire of na - tions;
hope and fear, sud - den - ly the Lord, de - scend - ing,

Refrain
now pro - claim Mes - si - ah's birth:
yon - der shines the in - fant Light: come and wor - ship,
ye have seen his na - tal star:
in his tem - ple shall ap - pear:

come and wor - ship, wor - ship Christ, the new - born King.

The Opening Sentence

Leader Behold, I bring you good news of a great joy, which will come to all the people; for unto you is born this day in the city of David, a Savior, who is Christ the Lord. *Luke 2:10-11*

Confession of Sin

Leader Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Silence may be kept.

All **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.**

Leader 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

Leader Lord, open our lips.

People **And our mouth shall proclaim your praise.**

All **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.**

The Invitatory: Jubilate

Peter Hurford



Al-le - lu-ia! To us a child is born: O come, let us a - dore him. Al - le-lu - ia.



- 1 Be joyful in the Lord, / all you / lands; *
serve the Lord with gladness
and come before his / presence / with a / song.
- 2 Know this: The Lord him/self is / God; *
he himself has made us, and we are his;
we are his / people and the / sheep of his / pasture.
- 3 Enter his gates with thanksgiving;
go into his / courts with / praise; *
give thanks to him and / call u/pon his / Name.
- 4 For the Lord is good;
his mercy is / ever/lasting; *
and his faithfulness en/dures from / age to / age.



Al-le - lu-ia! To us a child is born: O come, let us a - dore him. Al - le-lu - ia.

Then follows

Psalm 84:1-8

Charles Hubert Hastings Parry



- 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 re/joyce 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 re/veal him/self in / Zion.
 - 7 Lord God of hosts, / hear my / prayer; *
— / hearken, O / God of / Jacob.
 - 8 Behold our de/fender, O / God; *
and look upon the / face of / your A/nointed.
- Glory to the Father, and / to the / Son, *
and / to the / Holy / Spirit:
As it was in the be/ginning, is / now, *
and / will be for/ever. A/men.

The Readings

The First Reading: 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.

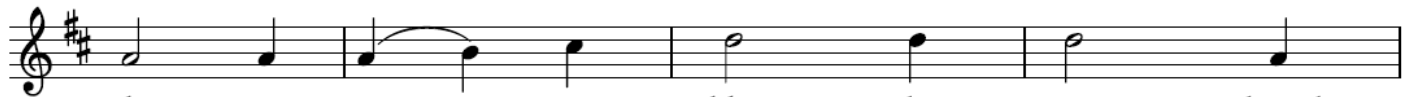
Reader The Word of the Lord
All **Thanks be to God.**

Canticle 11: The Third Song of Isaiah

Puer nobis



1. A - rise, now, shine, your light has come, God's
2. The Lord will rise a - bove his own, His
3. Your gates will be un - barred al - way, Your
4. Here vi - o - lence will be no more, With -
5. You will not need the sun by day, Nor
6. To God the Fa - ther, heaven - ly Light, to



glo - ry ri - ses like the sun; Though
glo - ry rest on you a - lone; The
por - tals o - pen night and day; Your
in your bor - ders peace is sure; Your
yet by night the moon's bright ray; The
Christ, re - vealed in earth - ly night, to



dark - ness still en - shrouds the land, Deep
na - tions stream to your light, And
name, the Ci - ty of the Lord, Zi -
walls will bear Sal - va - tion's name, Your
Lord will be your shi - ning light, And
God the Ho - ly Ghost we raise our



gloom re - mains on ev - ery hand.
kings come to your dawn - ing bright.
on, on whom his love is poured.
gates the name of Praise shall claim.
God your glo - ry day and night.
e - qual and un - ceas - ing praise.

The Second Reading: 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 The Word of the Lord
All **Thanks be to God.**

Canticle 20: Glory to God

Ronald Arnatt

Glo - ry to God in the high-est, and peace to his
peo-ple on earth. Lord God, hea-ven - ly King, al-migh - ty
God and Fa - ther, we wor - ship you, we give you thanks, we
praise you for your glo - ry. *a little slower* Lord Je - sus
Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God,
you take a - way the sin of the world: have mer - cy on us; —
— you are seat-ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther: re - ceive our
a tempo prayer. For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One, you a -
lone are the Lord, you a - lone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the
Ho - ly Spir - it, in the glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men.

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

Reader: A Reading from the Gospel of Matthew.

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
All **Thanks be to God.**

The Sermon

The Reverend John Gardner

The Apostles' Creed

All **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

Leader The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Leader Let us pray.

The Lord's Prayer

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.**

The Collect of the Day

Leader Almighty God, you have poured upon us the new light of your incarnate Word: Grant that this light, enkindled in our hearts, may shine forth in our lives; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

A Prayer for Guidance

Leader Heavenly Father, in you we live and move and have our being: We humbly pray you so to guide and govern us by your Holy Spirit, that in all the cares and occupations of our life we may not forget you, but may remember that we are ever walking in your sight; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Collect for Grace

Leader Lord God, almighty and everlasting Father, you have brought us in safety to this new day: Preserve us with your mighty power, that we may not fall into sin, nor be overcome by adversity; and in all we do, direct us to the fulfilling of your purpose; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

A Prayer for Spiritual Communion

All **My Jesus, I believe that you are truly present in the Blessed Sacrament of the Altar. I love you above all things, and long for you in my soul. Since I cannot now receive you sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. As though you have already come, I embrace you and unite myself entirely to you; never permit me to be separated from you. Amen. (St. Alphonsus de Liguori, 1696-1787)**

The Offertory / Parish Notices

Good Morning and Thank you for joining us today. We miss seeing you in person, yet we are blessed to continue to worship with you each week.

As we continue to bring the church to you in the virtual world, we want to share with you somethings that are happening:

Morning Prayer continues each weekday on Facebook Live at 9:00 am.

CH@Ts will resume next Sunday January 10th. Join us at 12:30 pm for our discussion.

If you wish to give a gift today, we encourage you to do it during the Offertory, either by texting CHT DONATE to 73256 or by pressing “Learn More” on our Facebook Page.

Offertory Sentence

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. *Ephesians 1:16-19a*

Offertory Anthem

A Christmas Carol

Charles Ives

Little star of Bethlehem! Do we see Thee now? Do we see
Thee shining O'er the tall trees?
Little Child of Bethlehem! Do we hear thee in our hearts? Hear
the Angels singing:
Peace on earth, good will to men! Noel!

O'er the cradle of a King, Hear the Angels sing: In Excelsis
Gloria, Gloria!
From his Father's home on high, Lo! for us He came to die;
Hear the Angels sing:
Venite adoremus Dominum.

Prayer for Mission

Leader 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 of the People Form III

Leader Father, we pray for your holy Catholic Church;
All **That we all may be one.**

Leader Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve you;
All **That your Name may be glorified by all people.**

Leader We pray for all bishops, priests, and deacons;
All **That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments.**

Leader We pray for all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world;
All **That there may be justice and peace on the earth.**

Leader Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake;
All **That our works may find favor in your sight.**

Leader Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble;
All **That they may be delivered from their distress.**

Leader Give to the departed eternal rest.
All **Let light perpetual shine upon them.**

Leader We praise you for your saints who have entered into joy;
All **May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.**

Leader Let us pray for our own needs and those of others.

We pray for the church, especially for Michael, our Presiding Bishop and Daniel, our Bishop. In the diocesan cycle of prayer we pray for the Widows Corporation. In our companion diocese of Guatemala, we pray for Iglesia Episcopal San Martin Obispo de Tours, (Saint Martin Bishop of Tours), Totonicapan, The Rev. Héber Ruiz.

We pray for all those who have asked for our prayers, especially Jack, Mick's family, Robert, Barbara, Elliott, Jean, Joel, Ava's Family, Nana, Tere, Olivia, the Rose Family, Richard's Family, Maggie, Nathan, Dorothy, Lynn, Grandma Susu, Grandma Moon, Joyce, Grandpa Edward, Nana Carol, Mike, Otis and those you wish to name.

We pray the prayers our children and youth have taught us, especially that no one gets COVID during Christmas, that everyone enjoys the holidays, grateful for teachers and their hard work and sacrifice.

We pray in thanksgiving for all the good things that have happened this week.

We pray for those who have died, and those you wish to name.

The General Thanksgiving

All 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.

Leader Let us bless the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Closing Sentence

Leader The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with us all evermore.

All **Amen.**



1 How bright ap - pears the Morn - ing Star, with mer - cy beam -
 2 Though cir - cled by the hosts on high, he deigned to cast
 3 Re - jice, ye heavens; thou earth, re - ply; with praise, ye sin -



ing from a - far; the host of heaven re - joic - es;
 a pit - ying eye up - on his help - less crea - ture;
 ners, fill the sky, for this his In - car - na - tion.



O right - eous Branch, O Jes - se's Rod! Thou Son of Man
 the whole cre - a - tion's Head and Lord, by high - est ser -
 In - car - nate God, put forth thy power, ride on, ride on,



and Son of God! We, too, will lift our voic - es:
 a - phim a - dored, as - sumed our ve - ry na - ture;
 great Con - quer - or, till all know thy sal - va - tion.



Je - sus, Je - sus! Ho - ly, ho - ly, yet most low - ly,
 Je - sus, grant us, through thy mer - it, to in - her - it
 A - men, a - men! Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!



draw thou near us; great Em - man - uel, come and hear us.
 thy sal - va - tion; hear, O hear our sup - pli - ca - tion.
 Praise be giv - en ev - er - more, by earth and hea - ven.

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