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THE SECOND SUNDAY AFTER CHRISTMAS DAY

HOLY COMMUNION: RITE I
JANUARY 3, 2021 • 10:30 AM



WELCOME

To all who are spiritually weary *and seek rest,*
to all who mourn *and long for comfort,*
to all who struggle *and desire victory,*
to all who sin *and need a Savior,*
to all who are strangers *and want fellowship,*
to all who hunger *and thirst after righteousness,*
to all who have been blessed *and wish to give thanks,*
and to whoever will come—*this church opens wide her doors*
and offers her welcome in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ.

HOLY COMMUNION: RITE I

10:30 A.M.

THE PRELUDE

Fantasia on “Greensleeves”
Eric Pickford, *violin*; Elise Pickford, *piano*

R. Vaughan Williams (1872-1958)

THE INTROIT

Coventry Carol

arr. M. Shaw (1875–1958)

Refrain: Lully, lulla, thou little tiny child, by by, lully lullay.

O sisters, too, how may we do for to preserve this day
This poor youngling, for whom we do sing, by by, lully lullay?

Herod, the king, in his raging, charged he hath this day
His men of might, in his own sight, all young children to slay.

That woe is me, poor child for thee! And ever morn and day,
For thy parting neither say nor sing by by, lully lullay!

15th c. English Carol, arr. by Martin Shaw (1875–1958). This arrangement copyrighted A.R. Mowbray & Co., Ltd.

THE WORD OF GOD

THE OPENING HYMN 28

Angels From the Realms of Glory

Regent Square

Angels from the realms of glory, wing your flight o'er all the earth;
Ye, who sang creation's story, now proclaim Messiah's birth.

Refrain: Come and worship, come and worship,
Worship Christ, the newborn king.

Shepherds in the field abiding, watching o'er your flocks by night,
God with man is now residing; yonder shines the infant Light. *Refrain*

Sages, leave your contemplations, brighter visions beam afar:
Seek the great Desire of nations, ye have seen his natal star. *Refrain*

Saints before the altar bending, watching long in hope and fear,
Suddenly the Lord, descending, in his temple shall appear. *Refrain*

Words: James Montgomery (1771-1854), alt. Music: *Regent Square*, Henry Thomas Stuart (1813-1879)

THE ACCLAMATION

The people standing, the celebrant says

Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

People **And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.**

THE COLLECT FOR PURITY

The celebrant says

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

THE SUMMARY OF THE LAW

The celebrant continues

Hear what our Lord Jesus Christ saith: Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind. This is the first and great commandment. And the second is like unto it: Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself. On these two commandments hang all the Law and the Prophets.

THE KYRIE

Celebrant Lord, have mercy upon us.

People **Christ, have mercy upon us.**

Celebrant Lord, have mercy upon us.

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And with thy spirit.**

Celebrant Let us pray.

The people kneel.

O God, who didst wonderfully create, and yet more wonderfully restore, the dignity of human nature: Grant that we may share the divine life of him who humbled himself to share our humanity, thy Son Jesus Christ; who liveth and reigneth with thee, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

The people sit for the reading of God's word.

THE LESSON

Jeremiah 31:7-14

⁷Thus says the Lord: "Sing aloud with gladness for Jacob, and raise shouts for the chief of the nations; proclaim, give praise, and say, 'O Lord, save your people, the remnant of Israel.' ⁸Behold, I will bring them from the north country and gather them from the farthest parts of the earth, among them the blind and the lame, the pregnant woman and she who is in labor, together; a great company, they shall return here. ⁹With weeping they shall come, and with pleas for mercy I will lead them back, I will make them walk by brooks of water, in a straight path in which they shall not stumble, for I am a father to Israel, and Ephraim is my firstborn. ¹⁰Hear 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 keeps his flock.' ¹¹For the Lord has ransomed Jacob and has redeemed him from hands too strong for him. ¹²They 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 be like a watered garden, and they shall languish no more. ¹³Then 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. ¹⁴I will feast the soul of the priests with abundance, and my people shall be satisfied with my goodness, declares the Lord."

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

The people are invited to stand and sing the gradual hymn.

THE GRADUAL HYMN 331

When Jesus Left His Father's Throne

Kingsfold

When Jesus left his Father's throne, He chose an humble birth;
Like us, unhonored and unknown, He came to dwell on earth.
Like him may we be found below, in wisdom's path of peace;
Like him in grace and knowledge grow, as years and strength increase.

Sweet were his words and kind his look, when mothers round him pressed;
Their infants in his arms he took, and on his bosom blessed.
Safe from the world's alluring harms, beneath his watchful eye,
Thus in the circle of his arms may we for ever lie.

When Jesus into Sion rode, the children sang around;
For joy they plucked the palms and strowed their garments on the ground.
Hosanna our glad voices raise, Hosanna to our King!
Should we forget our Savior's praise, the stones themselves would sing.

Text: James Montgomery, 1816, *alt*, Music: *Kingsfold*, Traditional English melody, arr. R. Vaughan Williams, 1906

THE GOSPEL

Matthew 2:13-23

The people remain standing. The priest reads the Gospel, first saying

The Holy Gospel of Our Lord Jesus Christ according to St. Matthew.

People **Glory be to thee, O Lord.**

¹³When the wise men had departed, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared to Joseph in a dream and said, "Rise, 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."

¹⁴And he rose and took the child and his mother by night and departed to Egypt ¹⁵and remained there until the death of Herod. This was to fulfill what the Lord had spoken by the prophet, "Out of Egypt I called my son." ¹⁶Then Herod, when he saw that he had been tricked by the wise men, became furious, and he sent and killed all the male children in Bethlehem and in all that region who were two years old or under, according to the time that he had ascertained from the wise men. ¹⁷Then was fulfilled what was spoken by the prophet Jeremiah: ¹⁸"A voice was heard in Ramah, weeping and loud lamentation, Rachel weeping for her children; she refused to be comforted, because they are no more." ¹⁹But when Herod died, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared in a dream to Joseph in Egypt, ²⁰saying, "Rise, take the child and his mother and go to the land of Israel, for those who sought the child's life are dead." ²¹And he rose and took the child and his mother and went to the land of Israel. ²²But when he heard that Archelaus was reigning over Judea in place of his father Herod, he was afraid to go there, and being warned in a dream he withdrew to the district of Galilee. ²³And he went and lived in a city called Nazareth, so that what was spoken by the prophets might be fulfilled, that he would be called a Nazarene.

After the Gospel, the priest says

The Gospel of the Lord.

People **Praise be to thee, O Christ.**

THE SERMON

Where is God When There's Weeping and Fear?

The Rev. Andrew R. O'Dell

THE NICENE CREED

All stand and say in unison

I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, and of all things visible and invisible; and in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of his Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father; by whom all things were made; who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven, and was incarnate by the Holy Ghost of the Virgin Mary, and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate; he suffered and was buried; and the third day he rose again according to the Scriptures, and ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of the Father; and he shall come again, with glory, to judge both the quick and the dead; whose kingdom shall have no end. And I believe in the Holy Ghost, the Lord, and Giver of Life, who proceedeth from the Father and the Son; who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified; who spake by the Prophets. And I believe one holy catholic and Apostolic Church; I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins; and I look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

The leader and people kneel and pray responsively

Father, we pray for your holy catholic Church; **that we all may be one.**

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

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

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

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

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

Give to the departed eternal rest; **let light perpetual shine upon them.**

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

The celebrant continues

Almighty God, to whom our needs are known before we ask: Help us to ask only what accords with your will; and those good things which we dare not, or in our blindness cannot ask, grant us for the sake of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

CONFESSION OF SIN

Celebrant Let us humbly confess our sins unto Almighty God.

The celebrant and people say in unison

Almighty God, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, maker of all things, judge of all men: We acknowledge and bewail our manifold sins and wickedness, which we from time to time most grievously have committed, by thought, word, and deed, against thy divine Majesty, provoking most justly thy wrath and indignation against us. We do earnestly repent, and are heartily sorry for these our misdoings; the remembrance of them is grievous unto us, the burden of them is intolerable. Have mercy upon us, have mercy upon us, most merciful Father; for thy Son our Lord Jesus Christ's sake, forgive us all that is past; and grant that we may ever hereafter serve and please thee in newness of life, to the honor and glory of thy Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

THE ABSOLUTION

The celebrant stands and says

Almighty God, our heavenly Father, who of his great mercy hath promised forgiveness of sins to all those who with hearty repentance and true faith turn unto him, have mercy upon you, pardon and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and bring you to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

THE COMFORTABLE WORDS

The celebrant reads several sentences from Scripture.

Hear the Word of God to all who truly turn to him. Come unto me, all ye that travail and are heavy laden, and I will refresh you. (*Matthew 11:28*) God so loved the world, that he gave his only-begotten Son, to the end that all that believe in him should not perish, but have everlasting life. (*John 3:16*) This is a true saying, and worthy of all men to be received, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners. (*1 Timothy 1:15*) If any man sin, we have an Advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous; and he is the perfect offering for our sins, and not for ours only, but for the sins of the whole world. (*1 John 2:1-2*)

THE PEACE

All stand.

Priest The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And with thy spirit.**

THE WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE HOLY COMMUNION

CHORAL OFFERING

I Wonder As I Wander

John Rutter (b. 1945)

I wonder as I wander out under the sky, how Jesus, the Savior, did come for to die.
For poor ornery people like you and like I: I wonder as I wander, out under the sky.

When Mary birthed Jesus, 'twas in a cow's stall, with wise men and farmers and shepherds and all.
But high from God's heaven a star's light did fall, and the promise of ages it then did recall.

If Jesus had wanted for any wee thing: A star in the sky or a bird on the wing;
Or all of God's angels in heav'n to sing, He surely could have had it, 'cause He was the King!

American folk carol. Words and melody collected by John Jacob Niles. This arr. by John Rutter, © 1981 Oxford University Press, liscensed to Hinshaw Music, Inc. ARR.

All are invited to stand and sing

THE DOXOLOGY, HYMN 775

Joy to the World

Antioch

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 world! The Saviour reigns: let men their songs employ
While fields and floods, rock, 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 glory of his righteousness, and wonders of his love,
And wonders of his love, and wonders, and wonders of his love.

Words: Isaac Watts. Music: Arranged from George F. Händel (1685-1759) by Lowell Mason (1792-1872)

The celebrant faces the people and says

The Lord be with you.

People **And with thy spirit.**

Celebrant Lift up your hearts.

People **We lift them up unto the Lord.**

Celebrant Let us give thanks unto our Lord God.

People **It is meet and right so to do.**

All remain standing as the celebrant continues with the Eucharistic Prayer. The people are invited to sing

THE SANCTUS AND BENEDICTUS, HYMN 797

Healey Willan

Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of hosts,
Heaven and earth are full of thy glory:
Glory be to thee, O Lord most High.
Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord, Hosanna in the highest.

All kneel. The celebrant continues with the Eucharistic Prayer, concluding with

And here we offer and present unto thee, O Lord, our selves, our souls and bodies, to be a reasonable, holy, and living sacrifice unto thee; humbly beseeching thee that we, and all others who shall be partakers of this Holy Communion, may worthily receive the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son Jesus Christ, be filled with thy grace and heavenly benediction, and made one body with him, that he may dwell in us, and we in him. And although we are unworthy, through our manifold sins, to offer unto thee any sacrifice, yet we beseech thee to accept this our bounden duty and service, not weighing our merits, but pardoning our offenses, through Jesus Christ our Lord; by whom, and with whom, in the unity of the Holy Ghost all honor and glory be unto thee, O Father Almighty, world without end. Amen.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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.

Remaining kneeling, all are invited to sing

THE AGNUS DEI, HYMN 712

Healey Willan

O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us.
O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us.
O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world, grant us thy peace.

THE PRAYER OF HUMBLE ACCESS

People and Celebrant

We do not presume to come to this thy Table, O merciful Lord, trusting in our own righteousness, but in thy manifold and great mercies. We are not worthy so much as to gather up the crumbs under thy Table. But thou art the same Lord whose property is always to have mercy. Grant us therefore, gracious Lord, so to eat the flesh of thy dear Son Jesus Christ, and to drink his blood, that we may evermore dwell in him, and he in us. Amen.

Those worshiping from home may participate in the Eucharist by speaking the following words of the Prayer for Spiritual Communion.

PRAYER FOR SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

Dear Jesus, I believe that you are truly present in the Holy Sacrament. I love you above all things, and I desire to possess you within my soul. And since I cannot now receive you sacramentally, I beseech you to come spiritually into my heart. I unite myself to you, together with all your faithful people gathered around every altar of your Church, and I embrace you with all the affections of my soul. Never permit me to be separated from you. Amen.

COMMUNION HYMN 34

Unto Us a Boy Is Born!

Puer Nobis Nascitur

Unto us a boy is born! The King of all creation,
Came he to a world forlorn, the Lord of ev'ry nation.

Cradled in a stall was he with sleepy cows and asses;
But the very beasts could see that he all men surpasses.

Herod then with fear was filled: "A prince," he said, "in Jewry!"
All the little boys he killed at Bethl'hem in his fury.

Now may Mary's son, who came so long ago to love us,
Lead us all with hearts aflame unto the joy above us.

Text: *Latin Carol, 15th cent.*; Tr. O.B.C. Music: *Puer Nobis Nascitur*, From *Piae Cantoines*, 1518 arr. by Geoffrey Shaw
Music and words from *Enlarged Songs of Praise* by permission of the Oxford University Press

COMMUNION HYMN 36

What Child Is This

Greensleeves

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?

Refrain: 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. *Refrain*

So bring Him incense, gold, and myrrh, come, peasant, king to own Him.
The King of kings salvation brings; let loving hearts enthrone Him. *Refrain*

Text: William Chatterton Dix, c. 1865. Music: *Greensleeves*, English, before 1642

COMMUNION HYMN 40

God Rest You Merry, Gentlemen

God Rest You Merry

God rest you merry, gentlemen, let nothing you dismay,
Remember Christ our Savior was born on Christmas day,
To save us all from Satan's pow'r when we were gone astray;

Refrain: O tidings of comfort and joy, comfort and joy, O tidings of comfort and joy.

From God our heav'nly Father, a blessed angel came;
And unto certain shepherds brought tidings of the same:
How that in Bethlehem was born the Son of God by name. *Refrain*

"Fear not, then," said the angel, "let nothing you affright;
This day is born a Savior of a pure virgin bright,
To free all those who trust in him from Satan's pow'r and might." *Refrain*

Now to the Lord sing praises, all you within this pace,
And with true love and brotherhood each other now embrace;
This holy tide of Christmas doth bring redeeming grace. *Refrain*

Text: *London Carol*, 18th cent. Music: London Melody, 18th century, harmonized by W. D., 1940; Descant by David Willcocks

THE POSTCOMMUNION PRAYER

Celebrant Let us pray.

The people join in saying this prayer

Almighty and everliving God, we most heartily thank thee for that thou dost feed us, in these holy mysteries, with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and dost assure us thereby of thy favor and goodness towards us; and that we are very members incorporate in the mystical body of thy Son, the blessed company of all faithful people; and are also heirs, through hope, of thy everlasting kingdom. And we humbly beseech thee, O heavenly Father, so to assist us with thy grace, that we may continue in that holy fellowship, and do all such good works as thou hast prepared for us to walk in; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom with thee and the Holy Ghost, be all honor and glory, world without end. Amen.

THE BLESSING

All are invited to stand and sing the closing hymn.

THE CLOSING HYMN 30

The First Nowell the Angel Did Say

The First Nowell

The first Nowell the angel did say was to certain poor shepherds in fields where they lay;
In fields where they lay, keeping their sheep, on a cold winter's night that was so deep.

Refrain: Nowell, Nowell, Nowell, Nowell, Born is the king of Israel.

They looked up and saw a star shining in the east, beyond them far;
And to the earth it gave great light, and so it continued both day and night. *Refrain*

And by the light of that same star three Wise Men came from country far;
To seek for a king was their intent, and to follow the star wherever it went. *Refrain*

This star drew nigh to the northwest, o'er Bethlehem it took its rest;
And there it did both stop and stay, right over the place where Jesus lay. *Refrain*

Then entered in those Wise Men three, full reverently upon the knee,
And offered there, in his presence, their gold and myrrh and frankincense. *Refrain*

Then let us all with one accord sing praises to our heav'nly Lord;
That hath made heav'n and earth of naught and with his blood mankind hath bought. *Refrain*

Words: Old English carol, 18th cent.

Music: *The First Nowell*, Traditional English carol, pub. 1833

THE DISMISSAL

The priest dismisses the people, and the people respond: Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

POSTLUDE

Prelude and Fugue in C major, BWV 553

attr. J.S. Bach (1685-1750)



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