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*Second Sunday of Christmas*



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# SERVICE of WORD and PRAYER

## from *With One Voice*

THE PRELUDE: *Bring a Torch, Jeanette, Isabella*

ANNOUNCEMENTS

INVOCATION

HYMN: "O Morning Star, How Fair and Bright!" vs 1,4

## 76 O Morning Star, How Fair and Bright!

1 O Morn - ing Star, how fair and bright! You shine with God's  
2 Come, heav'n - ly bride - groom, light di - vine, And deep with - in  
3 Lord, when you look on us in love, At once there falls  
4 Al - might - y Fa - ther, in your Son You loved us, when

own truth and light, A - glow with grace and mer - cy!  
our hearts now shine; There light a flame un - dy - ing!  
from God a - bove A ray of pur - est plea - sure.  
not yet be - gun Was this old earth's foun - da - tion!

Of Ja - cob's race, King Da - vid's Son, Our Lord and mas -  
In your one bod - y let us be As liv - ing branch -  
Your Word and Spir - it, flesh and blood Re - fresh our souls  
Your Son has ran - somed us in love To live in him

ter, you have won Our hearts to serve you on - ly!  
es of a tree, Your life our lives sup - ply - ing,  
with heav'n - ly food. You are our dear - est trea - sure!  
here and a - bove: This is your great sal - va - tion.

Low - ly, ho - ly! Great and glo-rious, All vic - to-rious, Rich in  
 Now, though dai - ly Earth's deep sad-ness May per - plex us And dis-  
 Let your mer - cy Warm and cheer us! Oh, draw near us! For you  
 Al - le - lu - ia! Christ the liv - ing, To us giv - ing Life for-

bless-ing! Rule and might o'er all pos - sess - ing!  
 tress us, Yet with heav'n - ly joy you bless us.  
 teach us God's own love through you has reached us.  
 ev - er, Keeps us yours and fails us nev - er!

### THE GREETING & DIALOG

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**And also with you.**

In the beginning was the Word,

**and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.**

In the Word was life,

**and the life was the light of all people.**

The Word became flesh and lived among us,

**and we have seen his glory, full of grace and truth.**

# SCRIPTURE SONG

*Refrain*



■ Sal - va - tion be - longs to our God and to



Christ the Lamb for - ev - er and ev - er.



¶ Great and won - der - ful are your deeds, O God of the u - ni - verse;



just and true are your ways, O Rul - er of all the na - tions.



*Refrain*

Who can fail to hon - or you, Lord, and sing the glo - ry of your name?



¶¶ For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One. All



na - tions will draw near and wor - ship be - fore you,



*Refrain*

for your just and ho - ly works have been re - vealed.

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Let us pray.

Almighty God, you have filled us with the new light of the Word who became flesh and lived among us. Let the light of our faith shine in all that we do; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**Amen**

INSTRUMENTAL ENSEMBLE: *God Rest Ye Merry, Gentlemen*

For 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<sup>[a]</sup> 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.

THE PSALM

*Psalm 147:13-21'*

<sup>13</sup> Worship the LORD, O Jerusalem;  
praise your God, O Zion;

**14 for he has strengthened the bars of your gates;  
he has blessed your children within you.**

**15** He has established peace on your borders;  
he satisfies you with the finest wheat.

**16 He sends out his command to the earth,  
and his word runs very swiftly.**

**17** He gives snow like wool;  
he scatters hoarfrost like ashes.

**18 He scatters his hail like bread crumbs;  
Who can stand against his cold?**

**19** He sends forth his word and melts them;  
he blows with his wind, and the waters flow.

**20 He declares his word to Jacob,  
his statutes and his judgments to Israel.**

**21** He has not done so to any other nation;  
to them he has not revealed his judgments. Hallelujah!

## THE SECOND LESSON

Ephesians 1:3-14

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. In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of his grace that he lavished on us. With all wisdom and insight he has made known to us the mystery of his will, according to his good pleasure that he set forth in Christ, as a plan for the fullness of time, to gather up all things in him, things in heaven and things on earth. In Christ we have also obtained an inheritance, having been destined according to the purpose of him who accomplishes all things according to his counsel and will, so that we, who were the first to set our hope on Christ, might live for the praise of his glory. In him you also, when you had heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, and had believed in him, were marked with the seal of the promised Holy Spirit; this is the pledge of our inheritance toward redemption as God's own people, to the praise of his glory.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: "Word of Life"

Word of life, Je - sus Christ, all glo - ry to you!

Word of life, Je - sus Christ, all praise to you!

Our hearts burn with - in us while you o - pen to us the Scrip-tures.

Word of life, Je - sus Christ, all glo - ry to you!

Word of life, Je - sus Christ, all praise to you!

The image shows five staves of musical notation in G major (one sharp). The first staff begins with a square symbol. The lyrics are: "Word of life, Je - sus Christ, all glo - ry to you!". The second staff has lyrics: "Word of life, Je - sus Christ, all praise to you!". The third staff has lyrics: "Our hearts burn with - in us while you o - pen to us the Scrip-tures.". The fourth staff has lyrics: "Word of life, Je - sus Christ, all glo - ry to you!". The fifth staff has lyrics: "Word of life, Je - sus Christ, all praise to you!".

THE GOSPEL ANNOUNCEMENT

The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the 1<sup>st</sup> chapter.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

THE GOSPEL

John 1:10-18

He was in the world, and the world came into being through him; yet the world did not know him. He came to what was his own, and his own people did not accept him. But to all who received him, who believed in his name, he gave power to become children of God, who were born, not of blood or of the will of the flesh or of the will of man, but of God.

And the Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen his glory, the glory as of a father's only son, full of grace and truth. (John testified to him and cried out, "This was he of whom I said, 'He who comes after me ranks ahead of me because he was before me.'") From his fullness we have all received, grace upon grace. The law indeed was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ. No one has ever seen God. It is God the only Son, who is close to the Father's heart, who has made him known.

The Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

HYMN: "Word of God, Come Down on Earth" vs 1,2,4

1 Word of God, come down on earth, liv - ing rain from heav'n de -  
 2 Word e - ter - nal, throned on high, Word that brought to life cre -  
 3 Word that caused blind eyes to see, speak and heal our mor - tal  
 4 Word that speaks God's ten - der love, one with God be - yond all

scend - ing; touch our hearts and bring to birth faith and  
 a - tion, Word that came from heav'n to die, cru - ci -  
 blind - ness; deaf we are: our heal - er be; loose our  
 tell - ing, Word that sends us from a - bove, God the

hope and love un - end - ing, Word al - might - y, we re -  
 fied for our sal - va - tion, sav - ing Word, the world re -  
 tongues to tell your kind - ness, Be our Word in pit - y  
 Spir - it, with us dwell - ing, Word of truth, to all truth

vere you; Word made flesh, we long to hear you.  
 stor - ing, speak to us, your love out - pour - ing.  
 spo - ken, heal the world, by our sin bro - ken.  
 lead us; Word of life, with one bread feed us.

THE SERMON

Sara Galyon

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

In Christ, you have heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation.

**We believe in him and are marked with the seal of the promised Holy Spirit**

Living together in trust and hope, we confess our faith.

**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 into hell.**

**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**

Build yourselves up on your most holy faith;

**pray in the Holy Spirit.**

Keep yourselves in the love of God;

**look forward to the mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ.**

If anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation:

**Everything old has passed away;**

**behold, everything has become new!**

#### CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

God has given us the ministry of reconciliation.

Therefore, let us be reconciled to God and to one another.

*(silence for reflection and self examination.)*

Gracious God,

**Have mercy on us. In your compassion forgive us our sins,  
known and unknown, things done and left undone.**

**Uphold us by your Spirit so that we may live and  
serve you in newness of life,**

**To the honor and glory of your holy name;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

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 SHARING OF THE PEACE

Sisters and brothers, rejoice. Mend your ways, encourage one another,  
Agree with one another, live in peace.

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**And also with you.**

## THE OFFERING

### THE OFFERTORY: "Glory to You, God" vs. 1



☐ *(Advent to Transfiguration)* Glo - ry to you, God, for yours is the earth;  
*(Lent to Pentecost)* Glo - ry to you, God, for yours is the earth;  
*(Season after Pentecost)* Glo - ry to you, God, for yours is the earth;



yours is the prom - ise, the bless - ing, the birth.  
yours the ho - san - nas, the dy - ing, re - birth.  
yours the a - noint - ing, the ra - di - ant worth.



Ours the re - joic - ing for Word giv - en frame;  
Ours the re - joic - ing for na - ture re - claimed;  
Ours the re - joic - ing for spir - its a - flame;



ours the thanks - giv - ing to your ho - ly name.



Ours be the tell - ing of deeds great - ly done;



yours be the glo - ry, O God, yours a - lone.

## OFFERTORY PRAYER

Let us pray.

Merciful God,

**In the mystery of the Word made flesh, you embrace our lives with your great love for humanity. With joy and gladness we ask that these gifts may be for many a sign of that love, and that we may**

**continue to share in your divine life, through Jesus Christ our Lord.  
Amen**

#### THE PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

As God's people called to love one another,  
let us pray for the needs of the Church, the human family, and all the  
world.

God of mercy,  
**Hear our prayer.**

All these things and whatever else you see that we need, grant us, O God,  
for the sake of Christ who died and rose again, and now lives and reigns  
with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever.

**Amen**

#### THE LORD'S PRAYER

Lord, remember us in your kingdom, and teach us to pray:

**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,  
forever and ever. Amen**

#### THE BLESSING

Almighty God, Father, + Son, and Holy Spirit,  
bless you now and forever.

**Amen**

HYMN: "We Three Kings of Orient Are" vs 1,5

# We Three Kings of Orient Are

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1 We three kings of O - ri - ent are; bear - ing gifts we tra - verse a -  
 2 Born a king on Beth-le-hem's plain, gold I bring to crown him a -  
 3 Frank-in - cense to of - fer have I; in - cense owns a de - i - ty  
 4 Myrrh is mine; its bit - ter per - fume breathes a life of gath - er - ing  
 5 Glo - rious now be - hold him a - rise, King and God and Sac - ri -

far, field and foun-tain, moor and moun-tain, fol - low - ing yon - der star.  
 gain; king for - ev - er, ceas - ing nev - er, o - ver us all to reign.  
 night; prayer and prais-ing, glad - ly rais - ing, wor - ship - ing God Most High.  
 gloom; sor - rowing, sigh - ing, bleed - ing, dy - ing, sealed in the stone-cold tomb.  
 fice; heav'n sings al - le - lu - ia: al - le - lu - ia the earth re - plies.

*Refrain*

Oh, star of won - der, star of night, star with roy - al beau - ty

bright; west - ward lead - ing, still pro - ceed - ing, guide us to thy per - fect light!

THE DISMISSAL

THE POSTLUDE: *Masters in This Hall*