

## Morning Prayer

### The Second Sunday after Christmas

Behold, the dwelling of God is with mankind. He will dwell with them, and they shall be his people, and God himself will be with them, and be their God.

*Revelation 21:3*

#### Invitatory and Psalter

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*Officiant* Lord, open our lips.

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

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.

#### Jubilate

***Psalm 100***

*Alleluia. To us a child is born: O come, let us adore him. Alleluia.*

Be joyful in the Lord, all you lands; \*

serve the Lord with gladness and come before his presence with a song.

Know this: The Lord himself is God; \*

he himself has made us, and we are his; we are his people and the sheep of his pasture.

Enter his gates with thanksgiving; go into his courts with praise; \*

give thanks to him and call upon his Name.

For the Lord is good; his mercy is everlasting; \*

and his faithfulness endures from age to age.

*Alleluia. To us a child is born: O come, let us adore him. Alleluia.*

#### Psalm 66

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Be joyful in God, all you lands; \*

sing the glory of his Name; sing the glory of his praise.

Say to God, "How awesome are your deeds! \*

because of your great strength your enemies cringe before you.

All the earth bows down before you, \*

sings to you, sings out your Name."

Come now and see the works of God, \*

how wonderful he is in his doing toward all people.

He turned the sea into dry land, so that they went through the water on foot, \*

and there we rejoiced in him.

In his might he rules for ever; his eyes keep watch over the nations; \*

let no rebel rise up against him.

Bless our God, you peoples; \*

make the voice of his praise to be heard;

Who holds our souls in life, \*  
and will not allow our feet to slip.  
For you, O God, have proved us; \*  
you have tried us just as silver is tried.  
You brought us into the snare; \*  
you laid heavy burdens upon our backs.  
You let enemies ride over our heads; we went through fire and water; \*  
but you brought us out into a place of refreshment.  
I will enter your house with burnt-offerings and will pay you my vows, \*  
which I promised with my lips and spoke with my mouth when I was in trouble.  
I will offer you sacrifices of fat beasts with the smoke of rams; \*  
I will give you oxen and goats.  
Come and listen, all you who fear God, \*  
and I will tell you what he has done for me.  
I called out to him with my mouth, \*  
and his praise was on my tongue.  
If I had found evil in my heart, \*  
the Lord would not have heard me;  
But in truth God has heard me; \*  
he has attended to the voice of my prayer.  
Blessed be God, who has not rejected my prayer, \*  
nor withheld his love from me.

**Psalm 67**

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May God be merciful to us and bless us, \*  
show us the light of his countenance and come to us.  
Let your ways be known upon earth, \*  
your saving health among all nations.  
Let the peoples praise you, O God; \*  
let all the peoples praise you.  
Let the nations be glad and sing for joy, \*  
for you judge the peoples with equity and guide all the nations upon earth.  
Let the peoples praise you, O God; \*  
let all the peoples praise you.  
The earth has brought forth her increase; \*  
may God, our own God, give us his blessing.  
May God give us his blessing, \*  
and may all the ends of the earth stand in awe of him.  
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.

**The Lessons**

**The First Lesson Wisdom 7:3-14**

A Reading from the Wisdom of Solomon.

And when I was born, I began to breathe the common air,  
and fell upon the kindred earth;

my first sound was a cry, as is true of all.  
I was nursed with care in swaddling cloths.  
For no king has had a different beginning of existence;  
there is for all one entrance into life, and one way out.  
Therefore I prayed, and understanding was given me;  
I called on God, and the spirit of wisdom came to me.  
I preferred her to sceptres and thrones,  
and I accounted wealth as nothing in comparison with her.  
Neither did I liken to her any priceless gem,  
because all gold is but a little sand in her sight,  
and silver will be accounted as clay before her.  
I loved her more than health and beauty,  
and I chose to have her rather than light,  
because her radiance never ceases.  
All good things came to me along with her,  
and in her hands uncounted wealth.  
I rejoiced in them all, because wisdom leads them;  
but I did not know that she was their mother.  
I learned without guile and I impart without grudging;  
I do not hide her wealth,  
for it is an unfailing treasure for mortals;  
those who get it obtain friendship with God,  
commended for the gifts that come from instruction.

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## **16. The Song of Zechariah**

*Luke 1: 68-79*

Blessed be the Lord, the God of Israel; \*  
he has come to his people and set them free.  
He has raised up for us a mighty savior, \*  
born of the house of his servant David.  
Through his holy prophets he promised of old, that he would save us from our enemies, \*  
from the hands of all who hate us.  
He promised to show mercy to our fathers \*  
and to remember his holy covenant.  
This was the oath he swore to our father Abraham, \*  
to set us free from the hands of our enemies,  
Free to worship him without fear, \*  
holy and righteous in his sight all the days of our life.  
You, my child, shall be called the prophet of the Most High, \*  
for you will go before the Lord to prepare his way,  
To give his people knowledge of salvation \*  
by the forgiveness of their sins.  
In the tender compassion of our God \*  
the dawn from on high shall break upon us,

To shine on those who dwell in darkness and the shadow of death, \*  
and to guide our feet into the way of peace.  
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.

### **The Second Lesson John 6:41-47**

A Reading from the Gospel According to John.

Then the Jews began to complain about him because he said, "I am the bread that came down from heaven." They were saying, "Is not this Jesus, the son of Joseph, whose father and mother we know? How can he now say, 'I have come down from heaven?'" Jesus answered them, "Do not complain among yourselves. No one can come to me unless drawn by the Father who sent me; and I will raise that person up on the last day. It is written in the prophets, 'And they shall all be taught by God.' Everyone who has heard and learned from the Father comes to me. Not that anyone has seen the Father except the one who is from God; he has seen the Father. Very truly, I tell you, whoever believes has eternal life.

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

### **21. You are God**

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You are God: we praise you; You are the Lord; we acclaim you; You are the eternal Father: All creation worships you. To you all angels, all the powers of heaven, Cherubim and Seraphim, sing in endless praise: Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. The glorious company of apostles praise you. The noble fellowship of prophets praise you. The white-robed army of martyrs praise you. Throughout the world the holy Church acclaim you; Father, of majesty unbounded, your true and only Son, worthy of all worship, and the Holy Spirit, advocate and guide. You, Christ, are the king of glory, the eternal Son of the Father. When you became man to set us free you did not shun the Virgin's womb. You overcame the sting of death and opened the kingdom of heaven to all believers. You are seated at God's right hand in glory. We believe that you will come and be our judge. Come then, Lord, and help your people, bought with the price of your own blood, and bring us with your saints to glory everlasting.

### **The Apostles' Creed**

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**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

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*Officiant* The Lord be with you.  
*People* **And also with you.**  
*Officiant* Let us pray.

## The Lord's Prayer

**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.

## Suffrages A

V. Show us your mercy, O Lord;  
R. **And grant us your salvation.**  
V. Clothe your ministers with righteousness;  
R. **Let your people sing with joy.**  
V. Give peace, O Lord, in all the world;  
R. **For only in you can we live in safety.**  
V. Lord, keep this nation under your care;  
R. **And guide us in the way of justice and truth.**  
V. Let your way be known upon earth;  
R. **Your saving health among all nations.**  
V. Let not the needy, O Lord, be forgotten;

R. **Nor the hope of the poor be taken away.**  
V. Create in us clean hearts, O God;  
R. **And sustain us with your Holy Spirit.**

### **The Collect of the Day**

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.**

### **A Collect for Sundays**

O God, you make us glad with the weekly remembrance of the glorious resurrection of your Son our Lord: Give us this day such blessing through our worship of you, that the week to come may be spent in your favor; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

### **A Prayer for Mission**

Almighty and everlasting God, by whose Spirit the whole body of your faithful people is governed and sanctified: Receive our supplications and prayers which we offer before you for all members of your holy Church, that in their vocation and ministry they may truly and devoutly serve you; through our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

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

### **The General Thanksgiving**

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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.**

Let us bless the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

May the God of hope fill us with all joy and peace in believing through the power of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

*Romans 15:13*