

# SECOND SUNDAY AFTER CHRISTMAS



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# H O L Y E U C H A R I S T

## R I T E I I A C C O R D I N G T O T H E B O O K O F C O M M O N P R A Y E R

{WELCOMING PRAYER}

**H**OLY SPIRIT living within us, guide our hearts and minds as we welcome today all those who worship with St. Mary's. Give us discerning hearts so that everyone who crosses our threshold feels welcomed in the spirit of your love. Help us to recognize each person as an individual sent by you who will enrich our lives. And most of all, O God, let this be a community of love and acceptance for all your children; in the name of your Son, our Savior, Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

## T H E L I T U R G Y O F T H E W O R D O F G O D

Beginning on page 355 of the *Book of Common Prayer*

{OPENING ACCLAMATION & COLLECT FOR PURITY}

*Celebrant* Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.  
*People* **And blessed be God's kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.**

*Celebrant* 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 Lord. **Amen.**

{GLORIA IN EXCELSIS}

Hymnal S 280

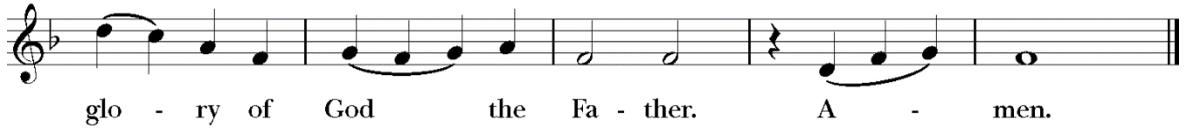


1. Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and



peace to his peo - ple on earth. 2. Lord God, heaven - ly

King, al - might - y God and Fa - ther, we wor - ship you, we  
 give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry. 3. Lord Je - sus  
 Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God, 4. you  
 take a - way the sin of the world: have mer - cy  
 on us; 5. you are seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther: re -  
 ceive our prayer. 6. For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One,  
 you a - lone are the Lord, 7. you a - lone are the Most  
 High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spi - rit, in the



{COLLECT OF THE DAY}

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.  
*People* **And also with you.**  
*Celebrant* 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 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.**

{THE LESSONS}

THE OLD TESTAMENT LESSON: JEREMIAH 31:7-14

A Reading from the Book of the Prophet Jeremiah.

**T**HUS 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.

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

THE PSALM: PSALM 84

*Antiphon:* O Lord of hosts, \*  
**happy are they who put their trust in you!**

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 rejoice in the living God.**

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.**

Happy are they who dwell in your house! \*  
**they will always be praising you.**

Happy are the people whose strength is in you! \*  
**whose hearts are set on the pilgrims' way.**

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.**

They will climb from height to height, \*  
**and the God of gods will reveal himself in Zion.**

Lord God of hosts, hear my prayer; \*  
**hearken, O God of Jacob.**

Behold our defender, O God; \*  
**and look upon the face of your Anointed.**

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.**

For the Lord God is both sun and shield; \*  
**he will give grace and glory;**

No good thing will the Lord withhold \*  
**from those who walk with integrity.**

O Lord of hosts, \*  
**happy are they who put their trust in you!**

## THE NEW TESTAMENT LESSON: EPHESIANS 1:3-6, 15-19

A Reading from Paul's Letter to the Ephesians.

**B**LESSED 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.

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## THE GOSPEL: MATTHEW 2:13-15, 19-23

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

**Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

**A**FTER 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."

The Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

{THE SERMON}

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**W**E BELIEVE in one God,  
the Father, the Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth,  
of all that is, seen and unseen.

**W**E 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:  
by the power of the Holy Spirit  
he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary,  
and was made man.  
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.

**W**E BELIEVE in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,  
Who proceeds from the Father and the Son.  
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}

As we join the whole creation and celebrate with joy the Word made flesh, let us offer prayers to God who comes to dwell among us.

**G**RANT, ALMIGHTY GOD, that all who confess your Name may be united in your truth, live together in your love, and reveal your glory in the world.  
Lord, in your mercy                      **Hear our prayer.**

**G**UIDE THE PEOPLE OF THIS LAND, and of all the nations, in the ways of justice and peace; that we may honor one another and serve the common good.

Lord, in your mercy                   **Hear our prayer.**

**O**PEN WIDE OUR HEARTS AND HANDS for the welfare of all your beloved creation, that we may learn to walk gently on this good earth, as you walked gently among us.

Lord, in your mercy                   **Hear our prayer.**

**B**LESS ALL WHOSE LIVES are closely linked with ours, and grant that we may serve Christ in them, and love one another as he loves us.

Lord, in your mercy                   **Hear our prayer.**

**P**RESERVE AND DEFEND all the men and women of our armed forces at home and abroad, especially **Kevin** Tye, **Josh** Tindall, **Craig** Froehlich, **Justin** Briggs, **Josom** Alomran, **Jason** Kelly, **James** Monaghan, **Scott, Blake** Abel, **Joshua, Jerry** Holley, **Corbin, Nick** McKenna, **Sean** Kellogg, **Brandon** Jamison, **Patrick** Kline, **Anna** Whetstone, **Kyle** Sholos, **Marcus** Powell, **LeeAnn** Beckman, and **Phillip** Halliburton.

Lord, in your mercy                   **Hear our prayer.**

**C**OMFORT AND HEAL all those who suffer in body, mind, or spirit, especially **Suzanne** LaBatt, **Linda & Al** Nielsen, **Sarah** DelCampo, **Christie** Rowden, **Dan R., Neil** King, **Irene** Howe, **Terry** Hart, **Jaime** Kinser, **Brian and the Kelly Family, Janet** Spears, **Barb** Sheldrick, **Joe** Shively, **Beth** Shively, **Victoria** Shively, **Marlyn** Stroud, **the Lee Family, Hannah and Tyler, Nancy** Marshall, **Todd** Rachel, **Bernie** Hetrick, **the Rev. Frederick Trumbore, Jim** Nielsen, **Becky, Locklyn** Masek, **Nancy** Guffey, **Mary Kay** Cummings, **Tracy, Cindy** Thomason, **Dee** Mead, **Sue and Tim** Pelletier, **Patty** Hartman, **Deb and Ron Lunney and Family, Bobbi** Patton, **Michelle** Andres, **Lynn** Redmond, **Joe and Lori** Schaffer, **Dorothea** Kenyon, **Wendy** Mikula, **Jenie, Chase** Hetrick, **Elizabeth** Halliburton, **Lindy, Vern** Geeck, and those we now name \_\_\_\_\_ (*please add your own names, silently or aloud*). Draw near to the broken-hearted, Lord; give them courage and hope in their troubles, and bring them the joy of your salvation.

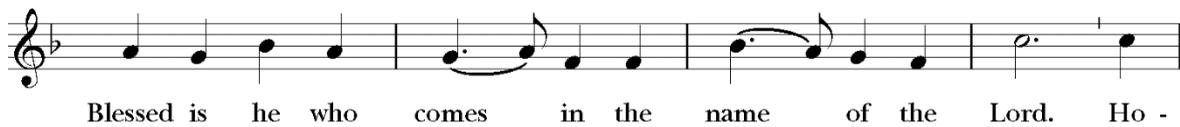
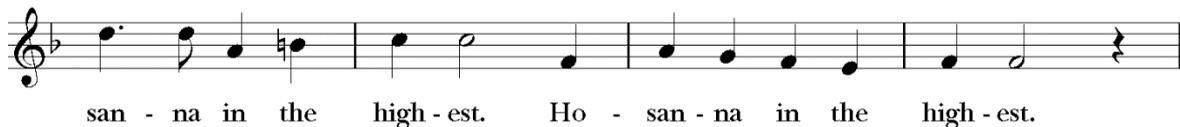
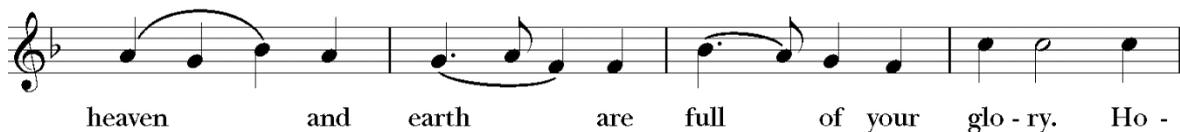
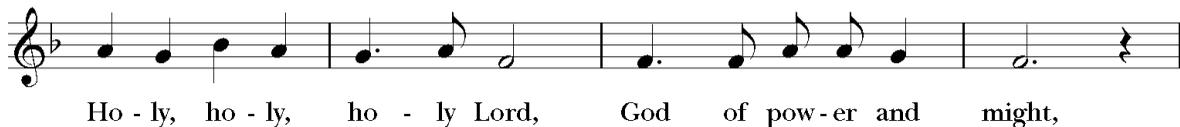
Lord, in your mercy                   **Hear our prayer.**

**W**E COMMEND TO YOUR MERCY all who have died, especially **Patsy, Tate** Myre, **Madisyn** Baldwin, **Hana** St. Juliana, **Justin** Shilling, and **Pat** Lyben, and those we now name \_\_\_\_\_ (*please add your own names, silently or aloud*): May your will for them may be fulfilled, and may we share with all your saints in your eternal kingdom.

Lord, in your mercy                   **Hear our prayer.**

*Silence. Please add your own intentions and petitions, silently or aloud.*





**H**OLY AND GRACIOUS FATHER: 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 Father of all.

He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself, in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

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:

**C**HRIST has died.  
CHRIST is risen.  
CHRIST will come again.

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his 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 him. 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 your Son Jesus Christ: By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever.



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

**O**UR 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 BREAKING OF THE BREAD}

*The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread. A period of silence is kept.*

Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;  
**Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.**

*Celebrant*

The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

{PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION}

*Officiant and People*

**A**LMIGHTY AND EVERLIVING GOD,  
we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food  
of the most precious Body and Blood  
of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ;  
and for assuring us in these holy mysteries  
that we are living members of the Body of your Son,  
and heirs of your eternal kingdom.  
And now, Father, send us out  
to do the work you have given us to do,  
to love and serve you  
as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord.  
To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit,  
be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.

{BLESSING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS}

{DISMISSAL}

*Officiant*        Let us bless the Lord.  
*People*            **Thanks be to God.**

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