

# *The Holy Eucharist: Rite Two*



*Second Sunday after Christmas*

*January 3, 2021*



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Rite II

**Prelude**

**THE WORD OF GOD**

**Welcome & Announcements**

**Opening Words**

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

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

**Song of Praise**

*Gloria*

Steffey

**Prayer of the Day**

*(The people remain standing)*

*Celebrant:* God be with you.

*People:* **And also with you.**

*Celebrant:* Let us pray.

*(In unison)* **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.**

**First Reading: Jeremiah 31:7-14**

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.

The Word of the Lord.

*People:* **Thanks be to God.**

## **Psalm 84 or 84:1-8**

*(to be read responsively by whole verse)*

- 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 rejoice 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 reveal himself in Zion.**
- 7 LORD God of hosts, hear my prayer;  
hearken, O God of Jacob.
- 8 Behold our defender, O God;  
and look upon the face of your Anointed.**

## **Second Reading: Ephesians 1:3-6,15-19a**

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.

The Word of the Lord.

*People:* **Thanks be to God.**

## **Gospel Song**

## ***Earth has many a noble city***

Hymn #126

### **Gospel: Matthew 2:1-12**

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

*People:* **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

In the time of King Herod, after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, wise men from the East came to Jerusalem, asking, "Where is the child who has been born king of the Jews? For we observed his star at its rising, and have come to pay him homage." When King Herod heard this, he was frightened, and all Jerusalem with him; and calling together all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Messiah was to be born. They told him, "In Bethlehem of Judea; for so it has been written by the prophet:

`And you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah,  
are by no means least among the rulers of Judah;  
for from you shall come a ruler  
who is to shepherd my people Israel."

Then Herod secretly called for the wise men and learned from them the exact time when the star had appeared. Then he sent them to Bethlehem, saying, "Go and search diligently for the child; and when you have found him, bring me word so that I may also go and pay him homage." When they had heard the king, they set out; and there, ahead of them, went the star that they had seen at its rising, until it stopped over the place where the child was. When they saw that the star had stopped, they were overwhelmed with joy. On entering the house, they saw the child with Mary his mother; and they knelt down and paid him

homage. Then, opening their treasure chests, they offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. And having been warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they left for their own country by another road.

The Gospel of the Lord.

*People:*       **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

## **The Sermon**

Rev. Guimond Pierre Louis

### **The Nicene Creed**

**We believe in one God,  
the Father, the Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth,  
of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We 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.  
We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the  
giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father and the  
Son.  
With the Father and the Son he is  
worshiped and glorified.  
He 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**

Leader: Joining our voices with the song of the angels, let us pray for the church, the world, and all who are in need.

*A brief silence.*

Leader: Glorious God, fill your church with joy. Let your faithful people live as beacons of your hope and redemption. Give wisdom and courage to your church, that it may boldly embody your mercy and love. Hear us O God,

**Your mercy is great.**

Leader: Show us your faithfulness in the rising and setting of the sun. Place wonder in the hearts of those who search the skies and explore the heavens. Help us curb waste and pollution, that all might have clean air to breathe and water to drink. Hear us O God,

**Your mercy is great.**

Leader: Bring all nations and rulers to the splendor of your kingdom. Inspire [Donald, Ralph] and the leaders of the nations to be generous with abundance, that all people might live in stability and freedom. Hear us O God,

**Your mercy is great.**

Leader: You bring consolation to those who weep. Embrace those who feel afraid, lonely or defeated. Accompany those living with chronic and invisible illness. Heal the sick, sustain the caregivers, strengthen the weak and weary. especially ... **Patty, Fred, Sharon, Arleta, Helen, Bob, Wynn, Mary, Katherine, The Spurlock Family, Bill, Desiree, Karen, David, Stephanie, Jack, Bruce, Bob** Hear us O God,

**Your mercy is great.**

Leader: You overflow with grace upon grace. We give thanks for those celebrating birthdays ... **Jim Martens, Carol MacLean, Ellen Howerton** and anniversaries ... Hear us O God,

**Your mercy is great.**

Leader: For the congregation gathered here, for students returning to school, in person or online, for families and those seeking renewal in their daily work, that all may experience your grace and peace. Hear us O God,

**Your mercy is great.**

Leader: We remember all who have died and now rest in your glory, especially ... **Bob Malila** and those who have given their lives in service to our country, especially ... We remember with gratitude those who have died in the faith of Christ and those whose faith is known to you alone. Hear us O God,

**Your mercy is great.**

### ***Celebrant, Concluding Collect:***

Merciful God, hear the prayers of your people, spoken or silent, for the sake of the one who dwells among us, your Son, Jesus Christ our Savior. **AMEN.**

### **The Confession of Sin**

*Celebrant:* Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

*Celebrant & People:* **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.**

### **Declaration of Absolution**

*Celebrant:* At every moment, you are held in existence by the love of God; renewed by the Spirit within and among you; and made alive again in Christ. Receive this assurance in Jesus' name: you are forgiven and freed to live for the healing of the world. **Amen.**

### **The Peace**

*Celebrant:* The peace of the Lord be always with you.

*People:* **And also with you.**

### **Welcome & Announcements**

The Very Rev. Susan Hartzell

## **THE HOLY COMMUNION**

*Today we offer a Celebration of Spiritual Communion. During this time when we cannot be physically together to receive the Body and Blood of our Lord, Spiritual Communion draws us together in the liturgy and allows us to express our desire to be united spiritually with Jesus through Holy Communion. We pray this act of prayer and meditation opens us to God's grace and blessing, trusting that Christ is truly present in our very desire to receive him, here.*

### **Invitation to the Offering**

*Online giving is encouraged. Your gift of gratitude will be used to build up God's kingdom and serve others. Thank you!*

## **Prayer of Thanksgiving** *(In unison)*

**We give you thanks, O God, for every blessing and spiritual gift you have poured out upon us. Let the gifts of our lives be a source of blessing in your world, all to the glory of your holy name. Amen.**

## **The Great Thanksgiving - Eucharistic Prayer B**

*(The people remain standing).*

*Celebrant:* The Lord be with you.

*People:* **And also with you.**

*Celebrant:* Lift up your hearts.

*People:* **We lift them to the Lord.**

*Celebrant:* Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

*People:* **It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

*Celebrant:* It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth...Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever proclaim the glory of your Name:

## **Sanctus**

**Holy, Holy, Holy Lord, God of power and might,  
heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

**Hosanna in the highest.**

**Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.**

**Hosanna in the highest.**

*Celebrant:* We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night before he died for us, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore according to his command, O Father,

*Celebrant and People:*

**We remember his death  
We proclaim his resurrection  
We await his coming glory.**

*Celebrant:* And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with St. Peter, and all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

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,

### **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.**

### **The Breaking of the Bread**

*Celebrant:* Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

*People:* **Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.**

### **Prayer for Spiritual Communion for those worshipping online**

*A spiritual communion is a personal devotional that anyone can pray at any time to express their desire to receive Holy Communion at that moment, but in which circumstances impede them from actually receiving Holy Communion. All are invited to receive a spiritual communion.*

*Excerpted from St. Augustine's Prayer Book*

## ***A moment of silence for prayer and meditation.***

*Celebrant:* Let us pray.

*Celebrant & People:* **O God, we believe that you are truly present in the Holy Sacrament, and, since we cannot at this time receive communion, we pray you to come into our hearts.**

**We unite ourselves with you and embrace you with all our heart, our soul, and our mind. Let nothing separate us from you; let us serve you in this life until, by your grace, we come to your glorious kingdom and unending peace. Amen.**

## **The Blessing**

### **Dismissal**

*Celebrant:* Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

*People:* **Thanks be to God. Alleluia. Alleluia.**

## ***January 3, 2021 Announcements & Events***

Please go to weekly E-news for links and more information.



**Sunday Coffee Hour Zoom @ 11 AM** – Virtual fellowship hour  
Join Rev. Susan and your church friends via Zoom this morning at 11. We can “see” each other, check in, share our news and support one another!

**Mission and Outreach Zoom:** Join us as we discuss new M&O initiatives for 2021. Open to everyone with a heart for serving our neighbors!

**Sacred Ground first meeting January 4<sup>th</sup>, 7-9 PM**

**Annual Parish Meeting on Zoom:** Join us as we prepare for 2021.

**Seeking SPW Ambassadors! Virtual Connection Committee**

If you have a gift for reaching out to your fellow parishioners join us on January 14<sup>th</sup> at 4 pm. Let Rev. G know you can attend, [guimondpl8@gmail.com](mailto:guimondpl8@gmail.com)

*All are welcome!*