



## **2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday After Christmas**

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## WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

GATHERING HYMN: *How Good Lord to Be Here*

### BRIEF ORDER FOR CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS

L: In the Name of the Father, and of the Son+, and of the Holy Spirit:

**C: Amen.**

L: 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.

**C: Amen.**

L: Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.  
(Silence may be kept.)

**C: Most merciful Father, Although in Christ our light has come, too much we prefer the darkness of sin. We do not let your holy light shine in our lives so others may see our good works and glorify you. We are deeply sorry and humbly repent. Forgive us and fill us with your Spirit. Give us once again the joy of your salvation; and send us out to proclaim your strong saving love, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

L: Arise, shine, for your Light has come; and the glorious mercy of the Lord shines round about you. In the name of and by the authority of our Savior Jesus Christ, I announce the forgiveness of your sin. May the Holy Spirit strengthen your faith, heal your spirit, and equip you to proclaim the greatness of the Lord until he comes in glory.

**C: Amen.**

### GREETING

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

**C: And also with you.**

# KYRIE (TIMELINE)

p.28 (WOV)

Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son: Lord, have mer - cy.  
 Lord, . . . . have mer - cy:

Chri - ste e - le - i - son: Christ, have mer - cy.  
 Christ, . . . . have mer - cy:

Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son: Lord, have mer - cy.  
 Lord, . . . . have mer - cy:

# HYMN OF PRAISE ("With Glory Bright v1")

(PASTOR ANN WILL PLAY ACCOMPANIMENT FROM HER PHONE)

1. With glo - ry bright and heav'n - ly peace, Lord, touch our hearts, we pray.  
 2. God, Fa - ther, glo - ry gilds your name; we wor - ship and a - dore,  
 3. O glor - ious Sun of right - eous ness, bring heal - ing on your wing.  
 4. Sing, 'Glo - ry be to you, O Lord; to you, O Christ, be praise,  
 5. Most glor - ious Spi - rit, Ho - ly Lord, con - form us to the Son,  
 6. O glo - ry to the Fath - er, Son, and Spir - it ev - er be!

With judg - ment true the earth re - new; turn — dark - ness in — to day.  
 We bless and praise, our thanks we raise; your — mer - cy we im - plo - re.  
 By your dear grace, re - veal your face, un - bar our hearts to sing.  
 God's Lamb of love from heav'n a - bove, Re - deem - er of our race."  
 To right - ly praise through all our days what — he for us has done.  
 God, bring your life a - midst our strife, and — reign tri - umph - ant - ly.

# PRAYER OF THE DAY

L: Let us pray.....

**C: Almighty and everlasting God, direct our actions according to your good pleasure, that in the name of your beloved Son, we might be made to abound in good works. Grant this, we pray, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

FIRST READING - 1 Kings 3:4-15

L: The first lesson is from the 3<sup>rd</sup> chapter of 1 Kings.

4 The king went to Gibeon to sacrifice there, for that was the principal high place; Solomon used to offer a thousand burnt offerings on that altar. 5 At Gibeon the Lord appeared to Solomon in a dream by night, and God said, "Ask what I should give you." 6 And Solomon said, "You have shown great and steadfast love to your servant my father David because he walked before you in faithfulness, in righteousness, and in uprightness of heart toward you, and you have kept for him this great and steadfast love and have given him a son to sit on his throne today. 7 And now, O Lord my God, you have made your servant king in place of my father David, although I am only a little child; I do not know how to go out or come in. 8 And your servant is in the midst of the people whom you have chosen, a great people so numerous they cannot be numbered or counted. 9 Give your servant, therefore, an understanding mind to govern your people, able to discern between good and evil, for who can govern this great people of yours?" 10 It pleased the Lord that Solomon had asked this. 11 God said to him, "Because you have asked this and have not asked for yourself long life or riches or for the life of your enemies but have asked for yourself understanding to discern what is right, 12 I now do according to your word. Indeed, I give you a wise and discerning mind; no one like you has been before you, and no one like you shall arise after you. 13 I give you also what you have not asked, both riches and honor all your life; no other king shall compare with you. 14 If you will walk in my ways, keeping my statutes and my commandments, as your father David walked, then I will lengthen your life." 15 Then Solomon awoke; it had been a dream. He came to Jerusalem, where he stood before the ark of the covenant of the Lord. He offered up

burnt offerings and offerings of well-being and provided a feast for all his servants.

L: Here ends the reading.

PSALM 119:97-104

L: We will read the Psalm responsively.

97 Oh, how I love your law!

It is my meditation all day long.

**98 Your commandment makes me wiser than my enemies,  
for it is always with me.**

99 I have more understanding than all my teachers,  
for your decrees are my meditation.

**100 I understand more than the aged,  
for I keep your precepts.**

101 I hold back my feet from every evil way,  
in order to keep your word.

**102 I do not turn away from your ordinances,  
for you have taught me.**

103 How sweet are your words to my taste,  
sweeter than honey to my mouth!

**104 Through your precepts I get understanding;  
therefore I hate every false way.**

SECOND READING: Ephesians 1:3-14

L: The Second Lesson is from the 1st chapter of Ephesians.

3 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, 4 just as he chose us in Christ before the foundation of the world to be holy and blameless before him in love. 5 He destined us for adoption as his children through Jesus Christ, according to the good pleasure of his will, 6 to the praise of his glorious grace that he freely bestowed on us in the Beloved. 7 In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of his grace 8 that he lavished on us. With all wisdom and insight 9 he has made known to us the mystery of his will, according to his good pleasure that he set forth in Christ, 10 as a plan for the fullness of time, to gather up all things in him, things in heaven and things on earth. 11 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, 12 so that we, who were the first to set our hope on Christ, might live for the praise of his glory. 13 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; 14 this is the pledge of our inheritance toward redemption as God's own people, to the praise of his glory.

L: Here ends the reading.

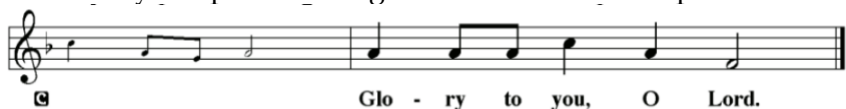
### GOSPEL VERSE (ACAPPELLA)

p.31 (WOV)



### HOLY GOSPEL

L: The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke the 2<sup>nd</sup> chapter.



### Luke 2:40-52

40 The child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom, and the favor of God was upon him. 41 Now every year his parents went to Jerusalem for the festival of the Passover. 42 And when he was twelve years old, they went up as usual for the festival. 43 When the festival was ended and they started to return, the boy Jesus stayed behind in Jerusalem, but his parents were unaware of this. 44 Assuming that he was in the group of travelers, they went a day's journey. Then they started to look for him among their

relatives and friends. 45 When they did not find him, they returned to Jerusalem to search for him. 46 After three days they found him in the temple, sitting among the teachers, listening to them and asking them questions. 47 And all who heard him were amazed at his understanding and his answers. 48 When his parents saw him they were astonished, and his mother said to him, "Child, why have you treated us like this? Your father and I have been anxiously looking for you." 49 He said to them, "Why were you searching for me? Did you not know that I must be in my Father's house?" 50 But they did not understand what he said to them. 51 Then he went down with them and came to Nazareth and was obedient to them, and his mother treasured all these things in her heart. 52 And Jesus increased in wisdom and in years and in divine and human favor.

L: The Gospel of the Lord.



## CHILDREN'S SERMON

SERMON: Pastor Ann Auten

*What do Solomon and Jesus have in Common?*

SONG AFTER SERMON: *Goodness of God* (VIDEO)

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p. 64 (LBW)

**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 worshipped  
and glorified.  
He has spoken through the prophets.  
We believe in one holy Christian 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 CHURCH

L: Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ  
Jesus, and for all people according to their needs.

L: Lord, in your mercy,

**C: Hear our prayer.**

L: Into your hands, O Lord, we commend all for  
whom we pray, trusting in your mercy; through  
your Son Jesus Christ our Lord.

**C: Amen**

## RECEIVE OFFERING

### OFFERTORY: *For the Gifts Which You Have Given*

(Pastor Ann will play accompaniment from her phone)

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For the gifts which you have giv - en, Gen'-rous, gra - cious, lav - ish Lord,

We give thanks and prayers and off - 'rings: tok - ens of your love out - poured.

Use our tal - ents and our trea - sures; use our heart and mind and hand.

Hal - low all for lov - ing ser - vice to your folk in ev - 'ry land.

Rev. Cathy Ammlung, STS

## OFFERING PRAYER

L: Let us pray.

**C: Merciful Father, the magi brought gifts to your Son, the Babe of Bethlehem. Graciously accept our gifts, given to glorify and worship Christ our Savior, and to bring healing and hope to the people he came to redeem. Amen.**

# THE GREAT THANKSGIVING (ACAPPELLA) p.68 (LBW)

The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.  
 Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.  
 Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.  
 It is right to give him thanks and praise.

## PREFACE

L: It is indeed right and salutary that we should at all times and in all places offer thanks and praise to you, O Lord, holy Father, through Christ our Lord; who on this day overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. And so, with the Church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

## (TIMELINE)

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might:  
 Heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na. Ho - san - na.  
 Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who  
 comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

## THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

L: In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me. Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

## LORD'S PRAYER

p. 76 (LBW)

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

**C: 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.**

## INVITATION TO COMMUNION

## COMMUNION

## SONGS DURING COMMUNION (ALL VIDEO)

*Hungry*

*Good Good Father*

*Lord I Need You*

# POST COMMUNION CANTICLE (TIMELINE)

p. 72 (LBW)



**C** Thank the Lord and sing His praise; tell ev-'ry-one what He has done.



Let all who seek the Lord re - joice and proud-ly bear His name.



He re-calls His prom-is - es and leads His peo-ple forth in joy



with shouts of thanks-giv-ing. Al-le - lu - ia, al-le - lu - ia.

## PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

L: We give you thanks, almighty God, that you have refreshed us through the healing power of this gift of life; and we pray that in your mercy you would strengthen us, through this gift, in faith toward you and in fervent love toward one another; for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord. AMEN

## BENEDICTION & AMEN

p. 221 (ELW)

L: The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace.

**C: Amen**

## CLOSING SONG: *You Are Holy* (VIDEO)

## DISMISSAL

L: Go tell it on the mountain

**C: Jesus Christ is born!**

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

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