



# THE SECOND SUNDAY AFTER CHRISTMAS

CHURCH OF  
OUR SAVIOUR  
圣公会救主堂

HOLY EUCHARIST: RITE TWO  
JANUARY 4, 2026 | 10:00 AM



# THE WORD OF GOD

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At 9:55, the gathering Tower Bell rings.

## Welcome

## Prelude

*Es ist ein Ros*

Kevin Hildebrand (b. 1973)

*The final Tower Bell rings. All stand, as they are able, to sing the following hymn:*

## Hymn in Procession

Hymn 128 – We three kings

*Kings of Orient*

## Opening Acclamation

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

*People*      **And blessed be God's kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.**

## The Collect for Purity

*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.**

*During the Hymn of Praise we invite all children ages 4 years through 5th grade to follow the cross and process out of the historic sanctuary and into Grace Chapel to have their own worship experience. While everyone ages 4 years through 5th grade is invited, they certainly are not expected or required to go to Children's Church. We hope to give you a variety of ways to worship and encourage you to engage in a way that feels life giving for you and your family.*

## Hymn of Praise

Hymn S-277 – Glory to God

David Hurd (b. 1950)

1. Glo - ry to God in the high-est, and peace to his peo - ple on earth.

2. Lord God, hea-ven-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 glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men.

## 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 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

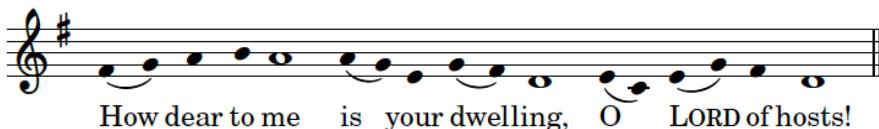
old shall be merry. I will turn their mourning into joy, I will comfort them, and give them gladness for sorrow. I will give the priests their fill of fatness, and my people shall be satisfied with my bounty, says the LORD.

*Reader* The Word of the Lord.

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

*Silence is kept.*

## The Psalm *Psalm 84:1-8 Quam dilecta!*



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.

*Antiphon*

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.

*Antiphon*

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.

*Antiphon*

## Sequence Hymn

Hymn 119 (vv. 1-3) – As with gladness men of old

*Dix*

## The Holy Gospel

Matthew 2:1-12

*Deacon* 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.

*Deacon*      The Gospel of the Lord.

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

## Sequence Hymn

Hymn 119 (vv. 4-5) – As with gladness men of old

*Dix*

*The people are seated for the sermon.*

## The Sermon

The Rev. Tim Hartley

*After a brief silence for reflection, the people stand, as they are able.*

## The Nicene Creed

*Celebrant and People*

**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

*Intercessor* Let us pray for the needs of God's world, for peace and justice on earth, and for the unity and mission of the Church for which Jesus died.

And because Jesus particularly loves them, let us remember in his name the poor and helpless, the cold, the hungry and the oppressed, the sick and those who mourn, the lonely and unloved, the aged and little children, as well as all those who do not know the love of God in Christ.

Finally, let us remember before God his pure and lowly Mother, and that whole multitude which no one can number, whose hope was in the Word made flesh, and with whom, in Jesus, we are one for evermore.

*During the silence, the people add their own prayers, either silently or aloud. The Celebrant concludes with a Collect.  
The people stand, as they are able, for The Peace.*

## The Peace

*Celebrant* The peace of the newborn Prince of Peace be always with you.  
*People* **And also with you.**

*All greet one another in the name of the Lord.*

## Welcome and Announcements

# THE HOLY COMMUNION

*The Celebrant says the offertory sentence.*

## Offertory Music

*We have seen his star*

Everett Titcomb (1884-1968)

We have seen His Star in the East, and are come with our offerings to worship the Lord.

## The Great Thanksgiving *Eucharistic Prayer B*

*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.**

*The people remain standing, as they are able, and the Celebrant begins,*

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

Because you gave Jesus Christ, your only Son, to be born for us; who, by the mighty power of the Holy Spirit, was made perfect Man of the flesh of the Virgin Mary his mother; so that we might be delivered from the bondage of sin, and receive power to become your children.

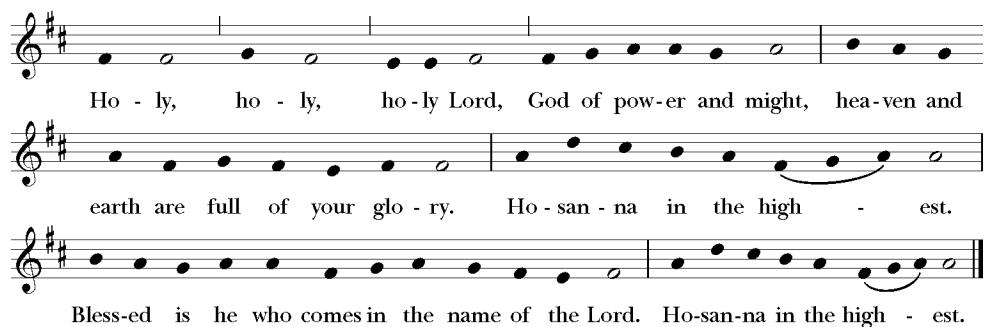
Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

*The Celebrant and people sing together,*

## Holy, holy, holy Lord

Hymn S 124 – Sanctus

Hurd



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow-er and might, hea-ven and  
earth are full of your glo - ry. 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.

*The Celebrant continues*

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,

**We remember his death,  
We proclaim his resurrection,  
We await his coming in glory;**

*The Celebrant continues*

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 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. **AMEN.**

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

**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

*A period of silence is kept.*

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

*The Celebrant says the Invitation to Communion.*

## Communion Music

*Lo, how a rose e'er blooming*

Lo, how a Rose e'er blooming  
From tender stem hath sprung!  
Of Jesse's lineage coming  
As men of old have sung.  
It came, a flower bright,  
Amid the cold of winter  
When half-gone was the night.

Isaiah 'twas foretold it,  
The Rose I have in mind:  
With Mary we behold it,  
The virgin mother kind.  
To show God's love aright  
She bore to men a Savior  
When half-gone was the night.

Michael Praetorius (1571-1621)

This Flower, whose fragrance  
tender  
With sweetness fills the air,  
Dispels with glorious splendor  
The darkness everywhere.  
True man, yet very God,  
From sin and death He saves us  
And lightens every load.

## Prayer for Spiritual Reception

*(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).*

*The Celebrant says the following.*

Let us pray.

*Celebrant and People*

**My Jesus, I believe that you are truly present in the Blessed Sacrament of the Altar. I love you above all things, and long for you in my soul. Since I cannot now receive you sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. As though you have already come, I embrace you and unite myself entirely to you; never permit me to be separated from you. Amen.**

(St. Alphonsus de Liguori, 1696-1787; from Bishop Curry)

## The Sending Forth of Lay Eucharistic Visitor

**Celebrant** I send you forth bearing these holy gifts that those to whom you go may share with us in the communion of Christ's body and blood.  
**People** **We who are many are one body, because we all share one bread and one cup.**

*The Priest blesses the People.*

## Dismissal

*After the Dismissal, you are welcome to leave quietly.*

*Please join Coffee Hour in Telleen Courtyard (exit through the nave to the patio in front of Cleaver Hall).*

*If you would like to remain in your seat to listen to the Postlude, please do.*

*Deacon* Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

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

## Hymn in Recession

Hymn 109 – The first Nowell

*The first Nowell*

## Postlude

*As With Gladness Men of Old*

Wayne Wold (b. 1954)

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Please join us on the patio for coffee  
and fellowship!

## Today's New Testament Lectionary Reading

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*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.

# ILLUMINATIONS



## Christmas 2

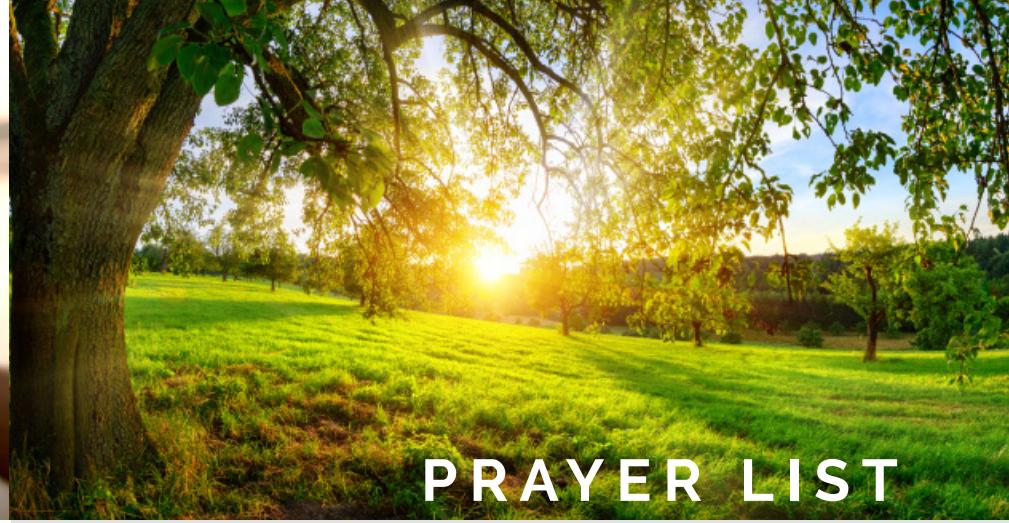
### First reading: Jeremiah 31:7-14

Jeremiah lived and prophesied under the last kings of the Judah, witnessing the fall of Jerusalem in 587 BC. He prophesied the destruction of Jerusalem, yet he also prophesied its restoration. Jeremiah longed not only for the restoration of Judah and Jerusalem, but for the restoration of the united monarchy, which had split into Judah and Israel ("Ephraim") over 300 years earlier. Israel had fallen 150 years earlier, but Jeremiah sees a God who says to his people "I shall not make an end of you; I shall discipline you only as you deserve."

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

Paul says that God "has made known to us his secret purpose, ... that the universe, everything in heaven and on earth, might be brought into a unity in Christ" [Eph 1:9-10]. He says that Christ has broken down the wall between Jews and Gentiles: Gentiles, once "far off" from God's chosen people, have now been made one with them. God gave wisdom to the Magi to find the newborn Jesus, vision to Joseph to flee to Egypt with Mary and Jesus, and understanding to the boy Jesus in the Temple; Paul now prays for the same gifts to the Ephesians.

-JAB



## PRAYER LIST

### SHORT TERM

Ariana  
Celso & Ching  
Sheri Ferguson  
Bob Gibson  
Gina  
Hal  
Heidi  
Waylon James  
Jessica  
Tom Kibler  
Erik L.  
Marina & Juan Medina  
Nick  
Jim P.  
Phil & Joan  
Alan Potter  
Jeanne Roberts  
Danna Rountree  
Ben Stafford  
Marilyn Stalder-Burke  
Trisa  
Dr. Colin Zimbleman

### LONG TERM

Maria Lucero Aguilar  
Robert Aguilar  
Wilma & Alistair Anderson  
Anne & family  
Annamarie Arnold  
David Arnt  
Bettina Ayers  
Freya Baldwin  
Virginia Barger  
Mary Betancourt  
Bill & Dina  
Steve Black  
Amy Bonady  
Gary & Peg Bradley  
Shirley Brown  
Travis Burgdorf  
Nancy Bushnell  
Kathy Buskirk  
Andrew Cairns-Berteau  
Carl  
Maria Clement  
Margaret Coombe  
Karen Cranston  
Lenny Dalrymple  
Saraswathi Dasu  
John De Modena  
Sara Dooley  
Gail Downs  
Will Durmain  
Eliza  
Sherri Enz  
Thomas Ewig  
Brennan Feidler  
Bill Ferry  
Trevor Fox  
Russ Giambelluca  
Alaine Gill  
Fabian Gonzalez  
Michael & Stephen Gutierrez  
Renee Guy  
Ursula Hawkins  
Blanca Hidalgo  
Jerry Hoff  
Terri Hoff  
Ian and David Jackson  
John  
Maria Juarez  
Kathleen  
Jaimi Keller  
Joanna Kinsley  
Michael Lawler  
the Lee family  
Tracey Lemon  
Charlene Liebau  
Linda & Sarah  
Greg M.  
the MacDonald family  
Angel Manuelos, Jr.  
Dewey Martin  
Mary McConnell-Garside  
Elizabeth Meek  
Meredith  
Jerry Messing  
Mike & Barb  
the Moss family  
Marion N.  
Harriette Nagata  
Laurie Norman  
Octavia  
Trevor Orme  
Sally Padilla  
Susan R.  
Erin and Josh Rehard  
Lorraine Richter  
Diana Davis Rieger  
Olive Rosvall  
Nicholas Ruggiero  
Bo S.  
the Schlacter family  
Sheryl Schreiner  
Sylvia Seitz  
Gigi Sherman  
Nicholas Pinkerton Smith  
Kirsten Stanwych  
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Sterling  
Amanda Stringer  
Natasha Suter  
Patti Teele  
Vicki Thompson  
Rebecca Trouber  
Lillian Turner  
Victoria  
Jason Vine  
Marnee W.  
Michael W.  
Cathy Wetzell  
Ashley Whitehead  
Claire Hornsby Windham  
Marnee Woodruff  
Jacob Wright  
Liliana Eileen Wysocki  
Sherry Xiao  
Milana Zotovich

### Departed

We pray for the dying and the dead.

### Memorials & Thanksgivings

See insert.

### Law Enforcement & Military

We pray for all those serving in our law enforcement and military, especially:

Los Angeles Police Sergeant Louie Origel  
Captain Thomas Matthews  
Lieutenant Commander Ross Cooper  
1st Class Petty Officer Kevin Rossini  
Air Force Captain Daniel McAllister  
Lieutenant Jonathan Moss  
Staff Sergeant Adam Briceno

Captain K. C. Chase  
Major J. W. Hammond  
USMC First Class Michael Yeast  
Captain William Cooper  
Private First Class Vito He  
Private First Class James Zhang  
Officer Dylan Bartley (Upland PD)

# FOR FLOWER MEMORIALS AND THANKSGIVINGS, PLEASE SEE INSERT.

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**Clergy** The Rev. Jeff D. S. Thornberg, *Rector* • The Rev. Tim Hartley • The Rev. Dr. Thomas Ni • The Rev. Brian O'Rourke • The Rev. Anne Thornberg • The Rev. Marilyn Omernick • The Rev. Reese Riley • The Rev. Bill Doulos, *Deacon*

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