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The Second Sunday after Christmas Day
in the Octave of the Circumcision of Christ

4 January 2026

Low Mass

Processional

King's Weston

Hymn 356, 1st Tune

R. Vaughan Williams, 1925

1. At the name of Je - sus Ev - 'ry knee shall bow,
2. Hum-bled for a sea - son, To re - ceive a Name
3. Bore it up tri - umph - ant, With its hu - man light,
4. In your hearts en - throne him; There let him sub - due
5. Bro-thers, this Lord Je - sus Shall re - turn a - gain,

Ev - 'ry tongue con - fess him King of glo - ry now;
From the lips of sin - ners, Un - to whom he came,
Through all ranks of crea - tures, To the cen - tral height,
All that is not ho - ly, All that is not true;
With his Fa - ther's glo - ry O'er the earth to reign;

'Tis the Fa - ther's plea - sure We should call him Lord,
Faithful - ly he bore it Spot - less to the last,
To the throne of God - head, to the Fa - ther's breast;
Crown him as your Cap - tain In temp - ta - tion's hour;
For all wreaths of em - pire Meet up - on his brow,

Who from the be - gin - ning Was the migh - ty Word.
Brought it back vic - to - rious, When from death he passed.
Filled it with the glo - ry Of that per - fect rest.
Let his will en - fold you In its light and power.
And our hearts con - fess him King of glo - ry now.

Caroline Maria Noel, 1870, alt.

Collect for Purity

Introit

BCP 67

The Decalogue (may be said here)

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Minister: GOD spake these words, and said:
I am the LORD thy God; Thou shalt have none other gods but me.

People: Lord, have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep this law.

Minister: Thou shalt not make to thyself any graven image, nor the likeness of any thing that is in heaven above, or in the earth beneath, or in the water under the earth; thou shalt not bow down to them, nor worship them;

People: Lord, have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep this law.

Minister: Thou shalt not take the Name of the LORD thy God in vain

People: Lord, have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep this law.

Minister: Remember that thou keep holy the Sabbath-day.

People: Lord, have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep this law.

Minister: Honour thy father and thy mother;

People: Lord, have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep this law.

Minister: Thou shalt do no murder.

People: Lord, have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep this law.

Minister: Thou shalt not commit adultery.

People: Lord, have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep this law.

Minister: Thou shalt not steal.

People: Lord, have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep this law.

Minister: Thou shalt not bear false witness against thy neighbour.

People: Lord, have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep this law.

Minister: Thou shalt not covet.

People: Lord, have mercy upon us, and write all these thy laws in our hearts, we beseech thee.

Summary of the Law

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Kyrie Eleison

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Celebrant: Lord, have mercy upon us.
People: Christ, have mercy upon us.
Celebrant: Lord, have mercy upon us.

Collect for the Second Sunday after Christmas Day

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ALMIGHTY God, who hast poured upon us the new light of thine incarnate Word; Grant that the same light enkindled in our hearts may shine forth in our lives; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Collect for the Circumcision of Christ

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ALMIGHTY God, who madest thy blessed Son to be circumcised, and obedient to the law for man; Grant us the true circumcision of the Spirit; that, our hearts, and all our members, being mortified from all worldly and carnal lusts, we may in all things obey thy blessed will; through the same thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

The Lesson**Deuteronomy 30:6-10**

And the Lord thy God will circumcise thine heart, and the heart of thy seed, to love the Lord thy God with all thine heart, and with all thy soul, that thou mayest live. And te Lord thy God will put all these curses upon thine enemies, and on them that hate thee, which persecuted thee. And thou shalt return and obey the voice of the Lord, and do all his commandments which I command

thee this day. And the Lord thy God will make thee plenteous in every work of thine hand, in the fruit of thy body, and in the fruit of thy cattle, and in the fruit of thy land, for good: for the Lord will again rejoice over thee for good, as he rejoiced over thy fathers:0 If thou shalt hearken unto the voice of the Lord thy God, to keep his commandments and his statutes which are written in this book of the law, and if thou turn unto the Lord thy God with all thine heart, and with all thy soul.

BCP 10

Te Deum Laudamus

WE praise thee, O God; we acknowledge thee to be the Lord.
All the earth doth worship thee, the Father everlasting.
To thee all Angels cry aloud; the Heavens, and all the Powers therein;
To thee Cherubim and Seraphim continually do cry,
Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God of Sabaoth;
Heaven and earth are full of the Majesty of thy glory.
The glorious company of the Apostles praise thee.
The goodly fellowship of the Prophets praise thee.
The noble army of Martyrs praise thee.
The holy Church throughout all the world doth acknowledge thee;
The Father, of an infinite Majesty;
Thine adorable, true, and only Son;
Also the Holy Ghost, the Comforter.

THOU art the King of Glory, O Christ.
Thou art the everlasting Son of the Father.
When thou tookest upon thee to deliver man, thou didst humble thyself to be born of a Virgin.
When thou hadst overcome the sharpness of death, thou didst open the Kingdom of Heaven to all
believers.
Thou sittest at the right hand of God, in the glory of the Father.
We believe that thou shalt come to be our Judge.
We therefore pray thee, help thy servants, whom thou hast redeemed with thy precious blood.
Make them to be numbered with thy Saints, in glory everlasting.

O LORD, save thy people, and bless thine heritage.
Govern them, and lift them up for ever.
Day by day we magnify thee;
And we worship thy Name ever, world without end.
Vouchsafe, O Lord, to keep us this day without sin.
O Lord, have mercy upon us, have mercy upon us.
O Lord, let thy mercy be upon us, as our trust is in thee.
O Lord, in thee have I trusted; let me never be confounded.

For the Epistle

Isaiah 61:1-3

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THE Spirit of the Lord GOD is upon me; because the LORD hath anointed me to preach good tidings unto the meek; he hath sent me to bind up the brokenhearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives, and the opening of the prison to them that are bound; to proclaim the acceptable year of the LORD, and the day of vengeance of our God; to comfort all that mourn; to appoint unto them that mourn in Zion, to give unto them beauty for ashes, the oil of joy for mourning, the garment

of praise for the spirit of heaviness; that they might be called trees of righteousness, the planting of the LORD, that he might be glorified.

Gradual and Alleluia

The Gospel

St. Matthew 2:19-23

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AT that time: When Herod was dead, behold, an angel of the Lord appeareth in a dream to Joseph in Egypt, saying, Arise, and take the young child and his mother, and go into the land of Israel: for they are dead which sought the young child's life. And he arose, and took the young child and his mother, and came into the land of Israel. But when he heard that Archelaus did reign in Judaea in the room of his father Herod, he was afraid to go thither: notwithstanding, being warned of God in a dream, he turned aside into the parts of Galilee: and he came and dwelt in a city called Nazareth: that it might be fulfilled which was spoken by the prophets, He shall be called a Nazarene.

Nicene Creed

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I BELIEVE in one God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, And of all things visible and invisible:

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God; Begotten of his Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, Very God of very God; Begotten, not made; Being of one substance with the Father; By whom all things were made: Who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven, And was incarnate by the Holy Ghost of the Virgin Mary, And was made man: And was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate; He suffered and was buried: And the third day he rose again according to the Scriptures: And ascended into heaven, And sitteth on the right hand of the Father: And he shall come again, with glory, to judge both the quick and the dead; Whose kingdom shall have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Ghost, The Lord, and Giver of Life, Who proceedeth from the Father and the Son; Who with the Father and the Son together is worshipped and glorified; Who spake by the Prophets: And I believe one Catholic and Apostolic Church: I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins: And I look for the Resurrection of the dead: And the Life of the world to come. *Amen.*

Announcements

Sermon Hymn

Puer Nobis Nascitur

Hymn 34

Piae Cantiones, 1582

1. Un - to us a boy is born! The King of all cre - a - tion, Came he to a
 2. Cra - dled in a stall was he With sleep - y cows and ass - es; But the ve - ry
 3. He - rod then with fear was filled: "A prince," he said, "in Jew - ry!" All the lit - tle
 4. Now may Ma - ry's son, who came So long a - go to love us, Lead us all with



world for - lorn, The Lord of ev - 'ry na - - - - - tion.
 beasts could see That he all men sur-pass - - - - - es.
 boys he killed At Beth - lhem in his fu - - - - - ry.
 hearts a - flame Un - to the joys a - bove - - - - - us.

Latin Carol, 15th cent.; Tr. *Oxford Book of Carols*, 1940**Sermon**

The Rt. Rev. Anthony F. Rasch

Offertory Verse and Sentences**Offertory Hymn**

St. Peter

Hymn 455

Alexander R. Reinagle, 1836



1. How sweet the Name of Je - sus sounds In a be - liev - er's ear!
 2. It makes the wound - ed spi - rit whole, And calms the trou - bled breast;
 3. Dear Name, the rock on which I build, My shield and hi - ding place,
 4. Je - sus! my Shep - herd, Guard - ian, Friend, My Pro - phet, Priest, and King,
 5. Weak is the ef - fort of my heart, And cold my warm - est thought;
 6. Till then I would thy love pro - claim With ev - 'ry fleet - ing breath;



It soothes our sor - rows, heals our wounds, And drives a - way our fear/
 'Tis man - na to the hun - gry soul, And to the wea - ry, rest.
 My ne - ver-fail - ing trea - sry, filled With bound-less stores of grace!
 My Lord, my Life, my Way, my End, Ac - cept the praise I bring.
 But, when I see thee as thou art, I'll praise thee as I ought.
 And may the mu - sic of thy Name Re - fresh my soul in death.

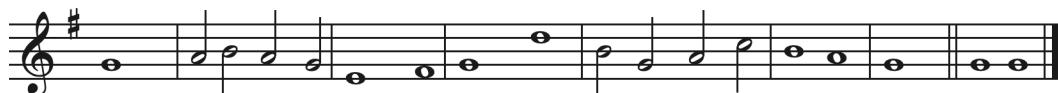


A - men.

John Newton, 1774

Doxology (Hymnal 139, 1st verse)

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise him, all creatures here be - low;



Praise him above, ye heav'n-ly host: Praise Father, Son, and Ho-ly Ghost. Amen.

Bidding Prayers**Orate, Fratres**

Celebrant: Brethren, pray that my sacrifice and yours may be acceptable to God the Father Almighty.

People: The Lord receive this sacrifice at thy hands, to the praise and glory of his Name; both to our benefit and that of all his holy Church. *Amen.*

Prayer for the Whole State of Christ's Church

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General Confession

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ALMIGHTY God, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, Maker of all things, Judge of all men; We acknowledge and bewail our manifold sins and wickedness, Which we, from time to time, most grievously have committed, By thought, word, and deed, Against thy Divine Majesty, Provoking most justly thy wrath and indignation against us. We do earnestly repent, And are heartily sorry for these our misdoings; The remembrance of them is grievous unto us; The burden of them is intolerable. Have mercy upon us, Have mercy upon us, most merciful Father; For thy Son our Lord Jesus Christ's sake, Forgive us all that is past; And grant that we may ever hereafter Serve and please thee In newness of life, To the honour and glory of thy Name; Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Absolution

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The Comfortable Words

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Sursum Corda

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Celebrant: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them up unto the Lord.

Celebrant: Let us give thanks unto our Lord God.

People: It is meet and right so to do.

Preface**Sanctus and Benedictus**

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HOLY, HOLY, HOLY, Lord God of hosts, Heaven and earth are full of thy glory: Glory be to thee, O Lord Most High.

✠ Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord, Hosanna in the highest.

Prayer of Consecration

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Celebrant: And now, as our Saviour Christ hath taught us, we are bold to say,

The Lord's Prayer

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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 Fracture

The Peace

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

People: And with thy spirit.

Agnus Dei

Celebrant: O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world,

People: Have mercy upon us.

Celebrant: O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world,

People: Have mercy upon us.

Celebrant: O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world,

People: Grant us thy peace.

Prayer of Humble Access

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By traditional use, prayed by the Priest on behalf of all who will receive. By St. Mary's usage, the congregation may join in praying aloud:

WE do not presume to come to this thy Table, O merciful Lord, trusting in our own righteousness, but in thy manifold and great mercies. We are not worthy so much as to gather up the crumbs under thy Table. But thou art the same Lord, whose property is always to have mercy: Grant us therefore, gracious Lord, so to eat the flesh of thy dear Son Jesus Christ, and to drink his blood, that our sinful bodies may be made clean by his body, and our souls washed through his most precious blood, and that we may evermore dwell in him, and he in us. *Amen.*

Communion of the Faithful

Celebrant: Behold the Lamb of God; behold Him that taketh away the sins of the world.

People: (3x) Lord, I am not worthy that thou shouldst come under my roof, but speak the word only and my soul shall be healed.

For those attending in person, we have resumed the customer of kneeling or standing at the Altar Rail to Receive. Here are the various Ways of Receiving:

1. *Receive the Host into your hands, or directly onto the tongue.*
Receive directly from the Chalice, guiding it gently by the base.
2. *Receive by Intinction, receiving the Host into your hands and leaving it there; the Deacon will take it and dip it in the Chalice and place it onto your tongue.*
3. *You may receive only the Host of itself, either in your hands or on your tongue. Our Lord is equally present in either Form.*

As a precaution and courtesy to others and for your own safety, we respectfully request that in the event you are currently suffering from a cold or other communicable illness, please refrain from receiving from the Chalice.

For those attending remotely: Please take a moment of silence to realize the presence of Jesus Christ in your soul and make your spiritual communion.

In union, O Dear Lord, with the faithful at every Altar of Thy Church, where Thy blessed Body and Blood have been offered to the Father, I desire to offer Thee praise and thanksgiving. I present to Thee my soul and body, with the earnest wish that I may ever be united to Thee. And since I cannot now receive Thee sacramentally, I beseech Thee to come spiritually into my heart. I unite myself to Thee, and embrace Thee with all the affections of my soul. O let nothing ever separate me from Thee. Let me live and die in Thy love. Amen.

Grant, O Lord Jesus Christ, that as the hem of Thy garment, touched in faith, healed the woman who could not touch Thy Body, so the soul of Thy servant may be healed by like faith in Thee, Whom I cannot now sacramentally receive; through Thy tender mercy, Who livest and reignest with the Father in the unity of the Holy Ghost ever one God. Amen.

Communion Hymn

Adoro Devote

Hymn 204

Benedictine Plainsong, Mode V, 13th cent.



1. Hum - bly I a - dore thee, Ve - ri - ty un - seen,
2. Taste, and touch, and vi - sion, to dis - cern thee fail;
3. O me - mo - rial won - drous of the Lord's own death;
4. Je - sus, whom now veil - ed, I by faith de - scry,



Who thy glo - ry hid - est 'neath these sha - dows mean;
Faith, that comes by hear - ing, pier - ces through the veil.
Liv - ing Bread, that giv - est all thy crea - tures breath,
What my soul doth thirst for, do not, Lord, de - ny,



Lo, to thee sur - ren - dered, my whole heart is bowed,
I be - lieve what e'er the Son of God hath told;
Grant my spi - rit ev - er by thy life may live,
That thy face un - veil - ed, I at last may see,



Tranced as it be - holds thee, shrined with - in the cloud.
What the Truth hath spo - ken, that for truth I hold.
To my taste thy sweet - ness ne - ver - fail - ing give.
With the bliss - ful vi-sion blest, my God, of thee.



A - men.

St. Thomas Aquinas, c. 1260

By traditional use, prayed by the Priest. By St. Mary's usage, the congregation may join in praying aloud:

Almighty and everliving God, we most heartily thank thee, for that thou dost vouchsafe to feed us who have duly received these holy mysteries, with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son our Saviour Jesus Christ; and dost assure us thereby of thy favour and goodness towards us; and that we are very members incorporate in the mystical body of thy Son, which is the blessed company of all faithful people; and are also heirs through hope of thy everlasting kingdom, by the merits of his most precious death and passion. And we humbly beseech thee, O heavenly Father, so to assist us with thy grace, that we may continue in that holy fellowship, and do all such good works as thou hast prepared for us to walk in; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with thee and the Holy Ghost, be all honour and glory, world without end. *Amen.*

Communion Verse and Post-Communion Prayers**Dismissal****Final Blessing**

Celebrant: The Peace of God, which passeth all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord: And the **Blessing** of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost, be amongst you, and remain with you always. *Amen.*

Retiring Processional:

Laudes Domini

Hymn 367

Joseph Barnby, 1868

1. When mor - ning gilds the skies, My heart, a - wa - king,
2. When mirth for mu - sic longs, This is my song of
3. No love - lier an - ti - phon In all high heav'n is
4. Ye na - tions of man - kind, In this your con - cord
5. Sing, suns and stars of space, Sing, ye that see his

cries, May Je - sus Christ be praised!
songs: May Je - sus Christ be praised!
known Than, Je - sus Christ be praised!
find: May Je - sus Christ be praised!
face, Sing, Je - sus Christ be praised!

When eve - ning sha - dows fall, This rings my cur - few
God's ho - ly house of prayer Hath none that can com -
There to the e - ter - nal Word The e - ter - nal psalm is
Let all the earth a - round Ring joy - ous with the
God's whole cre - a - tion o'er, For aye and ev - er -

call, May Je - sus Christ be praised!
pare With: Je - sus Christ be praised!
heard: May Je - sus Christ be praised!
sound: May Je - sus Christ be praised!
more Shall Je - sus Christ be praised!

German, c. 1800; Tr. Robert Bridges, 1899

Announcements

Celebrant

The Right Reverend Anthony F. Rasch

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The Reverend Deacon John Yeager

Epistoler

Robert Jones

Lector

Evan Sears

Acolytes

Tony Shehata, Robert Yeager

Acolyte in Training

Evan Sears

Altar Guild

Tori Wood

Zoom Wrangler

Landon Melamed

Thank you for joining us for this service! Please continue to take care of yourselves and let us know if you need additional prayers or assistance.

The midweek Mass will be celebrated on Tuesday at 10 am (Epiphany).

Happy Birthday!

Jill Jones (7 January)

John Bowyer (9 January)

Our thanks to Debbie Ruiz for hosting the annual Parish Christmas Party and for providing us with a delicious Christmas holiday dinner. All had a great time! And the gift exchange was great fun too!

Next Sunday: The Vestry meets for our customary monthly meeting.

The Fourth Quarter Mike Box Offering will be received throughout January.

The ANNUAL PARISH MEETING will be held in the Parish Hall following Mass on Sunday, January 25th. Sandwiches will be available only for those who will be staying for the meeting. More details appear in next week's bulletin.

If your intention was to submit a voluntary Pledge Card for 2026, if you have not as yet submitted it, please return it to the Treasurer by mail asap. Thank you.