

# Second Sunday of Christmas

## January 3, 2021 11:15 a.m.

**Gathering Song** *Worship Band*

**Announcements** *Vicar Jason Christ, Director of Attract and Middle School Ministries*

## Welcome

### Preparing for Worship *(Stand)*

Leader In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People Amen.

Leader For to us a Child is born, to us a Son is given;

People **The government shall be upon His shoulder.** *Isaiah 9:6a*

Leader His name shall be called Wonderful Counselor,

People **Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.** *Isaiah 9:6b*

Leader The LORD is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear?

People **The LORD is my light and my salvation.** *Psalm 27:1a*

Leader The LORD is the stronghold of my life; of whom shall I be afraid? *Psalm 27:1b*

People **The LORD is my light and my salvation.** *Psalm 27:1a*

Leader Hear, O LORD, when I cry aloud; be gracious to me and answer me! *Psalm 27:7*

People **The LORD is my light and my salvation.** *Psalm 27:1a*

Leader Wait for the LORD; be strong, and let your heart take courage; wait for the LORD! *Psalm 27:14*

People **The LORD is my light and my salvation.** *Psalm 27:1a*

## Opening Song

### *God You Reign*

*Verse 1*

You paint the night

You count the stars and You call them by name

The skies proclaim God You reign

Your glory shines

You teach the sun when to bring a new day

Creation sings God You reign

*Chorus*

God You reign

God You reign

Forever and ever

God You reign

*Verse 2*

You part the seas

You move the mountains with the words that You say

My song remains God You reign

You hold my life

You know my heart and You call me by name

I live to say God You reign

*Bridge*

Hallelujah hallelu

Hallelujah hallelu *Repeat*

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## Confession & Absolution

**Leader** The Light of the world has come to shine in all the dark places. Light and darkness have nothing in common. The light drives out the darkness. As we reflect on our own lives, we know of many dark places. Many things we'd like to keep secret from others. We have done things that we are ashamed to admit. But there is life in the light! And so we come to Father, the giver of Light, and ask His forgiveness.

**People** **I am sorry. I am a sinner. I have thought, said, and done things of which I am ashamed. It is my fault. For the sake of Jesus, the Light of the world, I ask for Your forgiveness. I need it. I cannot leave this darkness on my own.** (*silence for personal confession*)

**Leader** God has heard and answered our prayer. Jesus Christ, the true Light, came for this very reason: to forgive all our sins. Because of His death and resurrection, all our sins are forgiven.

**Leader** Be strong, and let your heart take courage; wait for the LORD! *Psalm 27:14*

**People** **The LORD is my light and my salvation.** *Psalm 27:1a*

## Learning From the Word (*Sit*)

**Reader** God speaks to us through the Old Testament: 1 Kings 3:4–15  
The king went to Gibeon to sacrifice there, for that was the great high place. Solomon used to offer a thousand burnt offerings on that altar. At Gibeon the LORD appeared to Solomon in a dream by night, and God said, "Ask what I shall give you." And Solomon said, "You have shown great and steadfast love to your servant David my father, 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 this day. And now, O LORD my God, you have made your servant king in place of David my father, although I am but a little child. I do not know how to go out or come in. And your servant is in the midst of your people whom you have chosen, a great people, too many to be numbered or counted for multitude. Give your servant therefore an understanding mind to govern your people, that I may discern between good and evil, for who is able to govern this your great people?" It pleased the Lord that Solomon had asked this. And God said to him, "Because you have asked this, and have not asked for yourself long life or riches or the life of your enemies, but have asked for yourself understanding to discern what is right, behold, I now do according to your word. Behold, I give you a wise and discerning mind, so that none like you has been before you and none like you shall arise after you. I give you also what you have not asked, both riches and honor, so that no other king shall compare with you, all your days. And if you will walk in my ways, keeping my statutes and my commandments, as your father David walked, then I will lengthen your days." And Solomon awoke, and behold, it was a dream. Then he came to Jerusalem and stood before the ark of the covenant of the LORD, and offered up burnt offerings and peace offerings, and made a feast for all his servants.

**Reader** God speaks to us through the New Testament: Ephesians 1:3–14  
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, even as he chose us in him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and blameless before him. In love he predestined us for adoption as sons through Jesus Christ, according to the purpose of his will, to the praise of his glorious grace, with which he has blessed us in the Beloved. In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of his grace, which he lavished upon us, in all wisdom and insight making known to us the mystery of his will, according to his purpose, which he set forth in Christ as a plan for the fullness of time, to unite all things in him, things in heaven and things on earth. In him we have obtained an inheritance, having been predestined according to the purpose of him who works all things according to the counsel of his will, so that we who were the first to hope in Christ might be to the praise of his glory. In him you also, when you heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, and believed in him, were sealed with the promised Holy Spirit, who is the guarantee of our inheritance until we acquire possession of it, to the praise of his glory.

Reader God speaks to us through the Gospel: Luke 2:40–52

The child [Jesus] grew and became strong, filled with wisdom. And the favor of God was upon him. Now his parents went to Jerusalem every year at the Feast of the Passover. And when he was twelve years old, they went up according to custom. And when the feast was ended, as they were returning, the boy Jesus stayed behind in Jerusalem. His parents did not know it, but supposing him to be in the group they went a day's journey, but then they began to search for him among their relatives and acquaintances, and when they did not find him, they returned to Jerusalem, searching for him. After three days they found him in the temple, sitting among the teachers, listening to them and asking them questions. And all who heard him were amazed at his understanding and his answers. And when his parents saw him, they were astonished. And his mother said to him, "Son, why have you treated us so? Behold, your father and I have been searching for you in great distress." And he said to them, "Why were you looking for me? Did you not know that I must be in my Father's house?" And they did not understand the saying that he spoke to them. And he went down with them and came to Nazareth and was submissive to them. And his mother treasured up all these things in her heart. And Jesus increased in wisdom and in stature and in favor with God and man.

**Children's Message** *Sue Steege, Director of Transformation Ministries*

**Message** *Finding Refuge in the Lord* *Vicar Jason Christ*

**Christmas Creed** *(Stand)*

**I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, who sent His Son as my Savior on Christmas. I believe in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, announced by the angels, worshiped by the shepherds, and adored by the wise men; who lived to suffer, die, and rise again to free me from sin, death, and the power of the devil. I believe in the Holy Spirit, who has brought me to faith in the Christ of Christmas and by whose work in my heart I am led to lay before the feet of Christ the treasures of my love and live under Him as my King both now and forevermore. Amen.**

**Preparation for Lord's Supper**

Leader The Lord be with you

People **And also with you.**

Leader Lift up your hearts.

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

Leader Let us give thanks to the Lord, our God.

People **It is right to give Him thanks and praise.**

Leader On the night when He was betrayed, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread, He gave thanks, broke it, and gave it to His disciples, saying, "Take; eat; this is My Body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of Me." In the same way also He took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, "Drink of it, all of you; this is My blood of the new covenant, which is poured out for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

People **And also with you.** *(Sit)*

*We welcome to the Lord's Table baptized believers who confess their sins, affirm their faith in Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior, and who accept that Christ's body and blood are truly present in Holy Communion, given for the forgiveness of sins.*

## **Song During Lord's Supper** *Oceans (Where Feet May Fail)*

### *Verse 1*

You call me out upon the waters  
The great unknown where feet may fail  
And there I find You in the mystery  
In oceans deep my faith will stand

### *Chorus 1*

And I will call upon Your name  
And keep my eyes above the waves  
When oceans rise  
My soul will rest in Your embrace  
For I am Yours and You are mine

### *Verse 2*

Your grace abounds in deepest waters  
Your sov'reign hand will be my guide  
Where feet may fail and fear surrounds me  
You've never failed and You won't start now

## ***Come Unto Me***

### *Chorus*

Come unto Me all you who are weary  
Come unto Me all you who need rest  
Take up My yoke and learn all about Me  
And I will give you rest

### *Verse*

Why do you linger  
Why do you wait  
You carry on without Me  
I've always been here  
But still you hesitate  
I have much in store for you  
If only you would

## **Prayers**

### **The Lord's Prayer** *(Stand)*

**People** Our Father in heaven, hallowed be Your name, Your kingdom come, Your will be done on Earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are Yours, now and forever. Amen.

### *Bridge*

Spirit lead me where my trust is without borders  
Let me walk upon the waters  
Wherever You would call me  
Take me deeper than my feet could ever wander  
And my faith will be made stronger  
In the presence of my Savior

### *Chorus 2*

I will call upon Your name  
Keep my eyes above the waves  
My soul will rest in Your embrace  
I am Yours and You are mine

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### *Tag*

O and I will give you rest  
Yes and I will give you rest

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## Rescue

*Verse 1*

You are the source of life  
And I can't be left behind  
No one else will do  
And I will take hold of You

*Chorus*

'Cause I need You Jesus  
To come to my rescue  
Where else can I go  
There's no other name  
By which I am saved  
Capture me with grace  
I will follow You

## Closing Song

### *Hark the Herald Angels Sing*

*Verse 1*

Hark the herald angels sing  
Glory to the newborn King  
Peace on earth and mercy mild  
God and sinners reconciled  
Joyful all ye nations rise  
Join the triumph of the skies  
With th'angelic hosts proclaim  
Christ is born in Bethlehem  
Hark the herald angels sing  
Glory to the newborn King

*Verse 2*

Christ by highest heav'n adored  
Christ the everlasting Lord  
Late in time behold Him come  
Offspring of the Virgin's womb  
Veiled in flesh the Godhead see  
Hail th'incarnate Deity  
Pleased as man with men to dwell  
Jesus our Emmanuel  
Hark the herald angels sing  
Glory to the newborn King

### **Blessing and Sending Music** *Worship Band*

*Unless noted otherwise, scripture passage came from the English Standard Version.*

*Altar Flowers presented to the Glory of God for John D. Miller*

*By Anne Miller.*

*Verse 2*

My heart is Yours for life  
I need Your hand in mine  
No one else will do  
I put my trust in You

*Interlude*

I will follow You

*Bridge*

I will follow You  
This world has nothing for me *Repeat*

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*Verse 3*

Hail the heav'nly Prince of Peace  
Hail the Sun of Righteousness  
Light and life to all He brings  
Ris'n with healing in His wings  
Mild He lays His glory by  
Born that man no more may die  
Born to raise the sons of earth  
Born to give them second birth  
Hark the herald angels sing  
Glory to the newborn King

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