

SECOND SUNDAY AFTER CHRISTMAS - C

The fulfillment of the prophets comes in the birth of Jesus Christ.

Collects:

Gracious and good God and Father, humbly we glorify the wisdom of your ways. In childlike trust we commit ourselves to your guidance. Uphold us, we pray, by your strong hand. Receive us at the end of our days into glory. Through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, we pray. Amen.

We thank you for the assurance of good things, for justice and blessings, but especially for sending in human flesh the divine Word in your son, Jesus. What blessings we receive knowing he is with us.

Scripture Lessons and Related Music

PSALM: Ps. 147:12-20 All the inhabitants of Jerusalem are invited to come together and shout praises to the Lord because he blesses his people with all that is good.

Hymns:

385	<i>Creating God, Your Fingers Trace</i>
471	<i>Your Majesty, How Vast It Is</i>
814	<i>Jerusalem the Golden</i>

Anthems:

<u>Title</u>	<u>Comp./Arr.</u>	<u>Details</u>	<u>Diff.</u>
<i>O Pray for the Peace of Jerusalem</i>	Herbert Howells	SATB, Oxford A-107, 1933	

Organ Repertoire:

<u>Title</u>	<u>Comp./Arr.</u>	<u>Hymn Ref.</u>
<i>Partita on Majesty</i> , Boosey & Hawkes, 1978	Karl Kroeger	

FIRST LESSON: Jeremiah 31:7-14 The Lord invites his people to celebrate and sing, for like a shepherd, he rescues and protects them from all dangers.

Hymns:

Anthem:

<u>Title</u>	<u>Comp./Arr.</u>	<u>Details</u>	<u>Diff.</u>
<i>In Thee Is Gladness</i>	Gastoldi/arr. Henry G. Ley	SATB, Oxford E80, 1957	M

Solos:

<i>Glorious Things Of You Are Spoken, Zion City of Our God</i>		(MBW 522)
<i>I Will Make an Everlasting Covenant</i>	J. F. Peter	(<i>Three Sacred Songs for Soprano</i> Boosey & Hawkes, organ, opt. Strings)

Service Music:

<u>Title</u>	<u>Comp./Arr.</u>	<u>Details</u>	<u>Diff.</u>

Organ Repertoire:

<u>Title</u>	<u>Comp./Arr.</u>	<u>Hymn Ref.</u>	<u>Diff.</u>
<i>Aurelia</i> , (Concordia Hymn Prelude Series Vol. 20), CPH 97-5711	Austin C. Lovelace	309; MH69: 242	
<i>Divinum mysterium (Hymn Preludes for the Liturgical Year, Vol. 1)</i> , C. F. Peters 6401	Flor Peeters	483; MH69: 221	
<i>Nun danket alle Gott, MorningStar</i>	Paul Manz	533; MH69: 30	
<i>Prelude in C Major</i>	J. S. Bach		M
<i>Prelude in C Major, (Eight Little Preludes and Fugues)</i>	J. S. Bach		E

SECOND LESSON: Ephesians 1:3-14 God the Father sends his Son, Jesus Christ, into the world to bring all spiritual blessings to everyone who chooses to live with Christ.

Hymns:

308	<i>Greet Now the Swiftly Changing Year</i>
441	<i>May the Grace of Christ our Savior</i>
492	<i>Come Down, O Love Divine</i>
523	<i>In Christ There Is No East or West</i>
526	<i>Church of God, Elect and Glorious</i>
533	<i>Now Thank We All Our God</i>
612	<i>In Your Mercy, Lord</i>
MH69: 342	<i>My God, Accept My Heart This Day</i>

Anthem:

<u>Title</u>	<u>Comp./Arr.</u>	<u>Details</u>	<u>Diff.</u>
<i>Let Us with a Gladsome Mind</i>	Alan Rideout	SATB, ECS Publishing 1.5077, 1969	M

Solos:

<i>The Call</i>	Ralph Vaughan Williams	<i>Five Mystical Songs</i>
<i>Jesus Makes My Heart Rejoice</i>	(Herbst version)	(MBW 663); Solo or Duet

Organ Repertoire:

<u>Title</u>	<u>Comp./Arr.</u>	<u>Hymn Ref.</u>
<i>Rhosymedre; (Three Preludes on Welsh Hymn Tunes)</i>	Ralph Vaughan Williams	
<i>Schmucke dich, O liebe Seele (Deck thyself, my soul, with joy)</i>	Charles Vardell, (MMF)	588

GOSPEL LESSON: John 1: 1-9, 10-18 Jesus Christ the WORD became a human being to reveal the glory of God, yet too few people welcome him, accept him, and put their faith in him.

Hymns:

277	<i>The Only Son of God on High</i>
280	<i>Immanuel, to You We Sing</i>
283	<i>O Come, All Ye Faithful</i>
298	<i>Christ the Lord, the Lord Most Glorious</i>
473	<i>O Eternal Word, Jesus Christ, Our Lord</i>
475	<i>Christ, Whose Glory Fills the Skies</i>
478	<i>He Comes to Us as One Unknown</i>
483	<i>Of the Father's Love Begotten</i>
505	<i>O Word of God Incarnate</i>
562	<i>Christ Is the World's Light</i>
704	<i>I Know Not How that Bethl'hem's Babe</i>

Anthem:

<u>Title</u>	<u>Comp./Arr.</u>	<u>Details</u>	<u>Diff.</u>
<i>Beautiful Saviour</i>	F. Melius Christiansen	TTBB, Augsburg 263	

Solos:

<i>The Word Became Flesh</i>	George Brandon	Unison, Canyon Press of N. Y., 1952
<i>Fairest Lord Jesus</i>		MBW 470
<i>All Glory Be to God on High</i>		MBW 472

Organ Repertoire:

<u>Title</u>	<u>Comp./Arr.</u>	<u>Hymn Ref.</u>
<i>Jesu, Meine Freude (Jesus, My Joy) (Orgelbüchlein)</i>	J. S. Bach	722
<i>Schönster Herr Jesu (Radiant Lord Jesus)</i>	Hermann Schroeder	

Other Music Suitable for the Day

Hymns:

Anthems:

<u>Title</u>	<u>Comp./Arr.</u>	<u>Details</u>	<u>Diff.</u>

Creative Ideas

Of the Father's Love Begotten (MBW 483) with random handbells (gathering slowly, adding more bells with each verse, slowly and sensitively reducing to one final toll at end).

OTHER ENRICHMENT FOR WORSHIP: