



# The Second Sunday after Christmas

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**Trinity Episcopal Church  
Watertown, New York**



**THE VOLUNTARY** ‘Greensleeves’ from Four Carol Preludes

Richard Purvis (1913-94)

*Sung by all.*

**THE OPENING HYMN**

GREENSLEEVES



1. What child is this, who, laid to rest, on  
2. Why lies he in such mean es - tate where  
3. So bring him in - cense, gold, and myrrh, come,



Ma - ry's lap is sleep - ing? Whom an - gels greet with  
ox and ass are feed - ing? Good Chris - tian, fear: for  
peas - ant king, to own him; the King of kings sal -



an - thems sweet, while shep - herds watch are keep - ing?  
sin - ners here the si - lent Word is plead - ing.  
va - tion brings, let lov - ing hearts en - throne him.



*Refrain*  
This, this is Christ the King, whom shep-herds guard and an-gels sing;



haste, haste to bring him laud, the babe, the son of Ma - ry.

*The people standing, the Celebrant begins*

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

*People* And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.

*Sung by all.*

**GLORIA IN EXCELSIS**

Robert Powell



1. Glo-ry to God in the high - est, and

peace to his peo-ple on earth. 2. Lord God, heaven-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.

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*The Celebrant says to the people*

**THE COLLECT OF THE DAY**

The Lord be with you.

*People* And also with you.

*Celebrant* Let us pray.

*The Celebrant says the Collect.*

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 people sit.*

**THE OLD TESTAMENT LESSON**

*Jeremiah 31.7-14*

*Lector* A Reading from the Book of the Prophet Jeremiah.

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.

*Lector*     The Word of the Lord.  
*People*     Thanks be to God.

*The psalm is recited in unison.*

**PSALM 84** *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.
- 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.
- 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.
- 9   For one day in your courts is better than a thousand in my own room, \*  
    and to stand at the threshold of the house of my God  
    than to dwell in the tents of the wicked.
- 10  For the LORD God is both sun and shield; \*  
    he will give grace and glory;
- 11  No good thing will the LORD withhold \*  
    from those who walk with integrity.
- 12  O LORD of hosts, \*  
    happy are they who put their trust in you!

**THE EPISTLE**

*Ephesians 1.3-6, 15-19a*

*Lector*     A Reading from the Letter of Paul to the Ephesians.

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.

*Lector* The Word of the Lord.

*People* Thanks be to God.

*Sung by all.*

**THE SEQUENCE HYMN**

FOREST GREEN



1. O lit - tle town of Beth - le - hem, how still we see thee lie!
2. For Christ is born of Ma - ry; and gath - ered all a - bove,
3. How si - lent - ly, how si - lent - ly, the won - drous gift is given!
4. O ho - ly Child of Beth - le - hem, de - scend to us, we pray;



A - bove thy deep and dream - less - sleep the si - lent stars go by;  
while mor - tals sleep, the an - gels keep their watch of won - dering love.  
So God im - parts to hu - man hearts the bless - ings of his heaven.  
cast out our sin and en - ter in, be born in us to - day.



yet in thy dark streets shin - eth the ev - er - last - ing Light;  
O morn - ing stars, to - geth - er pro - claim the ho - ly birth!  
No ear may hear his com - ing, but in this world of sin,  
We hear the Christ - mas an - gels the great glad tid - ings tell;



the hopes and fears of all the years are met in thee to - night.  
and praise - es sing to God the King, and peace to men on earth.  
where meek souls will re - ceive him, still the dear Christ en - ters in.  
O come to us, a - bide with us, our Lord Em - man - u - el!

*Then, all standing, the Priest reads the Gospel, first saying*

**THE HOLY GOSPEL**

*Matthew 2.13-15, 19-23*

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

*People* Glory to you, Lord Christ.

After the wise men had left, an angel of the Lord appeared to Joseph in a dream and said, "Get up, take the child and his mother, and flee to Egypt, and remain there until I tell you; for Herod is about to search for the child, to destroy him." Then Joseph got up, took the child and his mother by night, and went to Egypt, and remained there until the death of Herod. This was to fulfill what had been spoken by the Lord through the prophet, "Out of Egypt I have called my son."

When Herod died, an angel of the Lord suddenly appeared in a dream to Joseph in Egypt and said, “Get up, take the child and his mother, and go to the land of Israel, for those who were seeking the child’s life are dead.” Then Joseph got up, took the child and his mother, and went to the land of Israel. But when he heard that Archelaus was ruling over Judea in place of his father Herod, he was afraid to go there. And after being warned in a dream, he went away to the district of Galilee. There he made his home in a town called Nazareth, so that what had been spoken through the prophets might be fulfilled, “He will be called a Nazorean.”

*Celebrant* The Gospel of the Lord.

*People* Praise to you, Lord Christ.

*The people are seated.*

**THE SERMON**

The Rev’d Molly Payne-Hardin

*The people stand.*

**THE NICENE CREED**

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.

*In the course of the silence after each bidding, the People offer their own prayers, either silently or aloud.*

**THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE** *Form II*

I ask your prayers for God's people throughout the world; for our Bishop, DeDe; for this gathering; and for all ministers and people.  
Pray for the Church.

*Silence*

I ask your prayers for peace; for goodwill among nations; and for the well-being of all people.  
Pray for justice and peace.

*Silence*

I ask your prayers for the poor, the sick, the hungry, the oppressed, and those in prison.  
Pray for those in any need or trouble.

*Silence*

I ask your prayers for all who seek God, or a deeper knowledge of him.  
Pray that they may find and be found by him.

*Silence*

I ask your prayers for the departed.  
Pray for those who have died.

*Silence*

Praise God for those in every generation in whom Christ has been honored.  
Pray that we may have grace to glorify Christ in our own day.

*Silence*

*The Celebrant adds a concluding Collect.*

*Said by all.*

**THE LORD'S PRAYER**

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 Celebrant says*

### THE CHRISTMAS BLESSING


May Christ, who by his Incarnation gathered into one things earthly and heavenly, fill you with his joy and peace; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always. *Amen.*

*Sung by all.*


### THE CLOSING HYMN

PERSONENT HODIE

*Introduction*




1. On this day earth shall ring with the song  
2. His the doom, ours the mirth; when he came  
3. God's bright star, o'er his head, Wise men three  
4. On this day an - gels sing; with their song




chil - dren sing to the Lord, Christ our King, born on earth to  
down to earth Beth - le - hem saw his birth; ox and ass be-  
to him led; kneel they low by his bed, lay their gifts be-  
earth shall ring, prais - ing Christ, hea - ven's King, born on earth to

*Refrain*



save us; him the Fa - ther gave us. Id - e - o - o - o,  
side him from the cold would hide him.  
fore him, praise him and a - dore him.  
save us; peace and love he gave us.



Id - e - o - o - o, Id - e - o glo - ri - a in ex - cel - sis De - o!

THE VOLUNTARY *Postlude on 'Personent hodie'*

Rebecca Groom te Velde (b. 1956)

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