

Second Sunday After Christmas

10:00 a.m. January 7, 2024

Entering God's Presence

Welcome, Life in the Community, and Ritual of Friendship

*Hymn 515 ***I Come with Joy*** (vv. 1, 2, & 5) DOVE OF PEACE

*Expressing Our Joy

Leader: The Living God has brought us this far on our journey.

People: God has given bread to the hungry and rest to the weary.

Leader: God has shown us the future generations – the children in our midst.

People: And faithful to the divine promise, God has clothed us with salvation and joy.

Leader: What more can we ask of God?

People: To bless us and future generations forever and to give us the courage to pray with trust and serve with joy.

Leader: May the Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Leader: Let us pray. (Congregation seated.)

Prayer of Trust and Confidence

Invitation to Self-Examination and Confession of our Need for God's Forgiveness (unison)

God of all forgiveness, we pray for new life as we confess our old ways. We hear your promise amid our own self-doubt. Hope is proclaimed, yet we seek guarantees. Christ calls us to obedience, but we set conditions. When called to follow, we ask to what end. We applaud commitment, but we treasure our comfort. Forgive our reluctance to walk in newness of life.

Time of Silence and Personal Confession

Assurance of God's Forgiveness

*Hymn 525 ***Let Us Break Bread Together*** LET US BREAK BREAD

Psalm 37:1-9 (NRSV) [You will find the text on page 483 in the pew Bible.]

Anthem ***Lord, I Come to the Table*** Mark Weston

II Corinthians 6:1-11 (NRSV) [You will find the text on page 171 in the pew Bible.]

Meditation ***Three Words for 2024: Delight, Attentiveness, Kindness*** Rev. Vance Polley

*The Apostle's Creed (*Traditional Version*, Page 35) and ***Gloria Patri*** (No. 581)

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

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*At the Presentation ***Doxology*** (No. 606) OLD HUNDREDTH

Prayer of Dedication

Invitation to the Lord's Table

Leader: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them up to the Lord.

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

People: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Prayer of Thanksgiving, concluding with *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 debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

The Lord's Supper

(All who are baptized are invited to share in *The Lord's Supper*.)

Prayer after Communion

* Hymn 494 ***Jesus, Thou Joy of Loving Hearts*** (vv. 1, 3, & 4) QUEBEC

*Benediction

*Going Out into the World

*Those that are able, please stand.