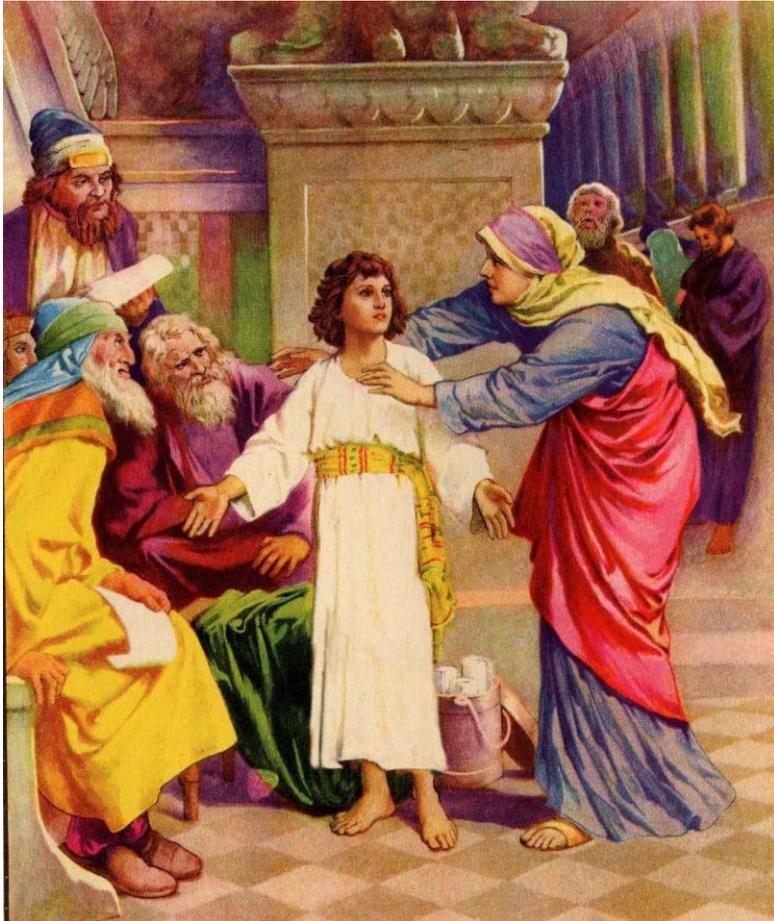


# The Second Sunday after Christmas



**St. Paul's Episcopal Church  
Trinity Chapel  
Alton, Illinois**





## The Collect of the Day

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

*People: And also with you.*

Celebrant: Let us pray.

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.*

## A Reading from the Book of Jeremiah

31:7-14

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.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

*People: Thanks be to God.*

**Psalm 84:1-8**      *Recited responsively by half-verse*

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.*

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.*

Happy are they who dwell in your house! \* *they will always be praising you.*

Happy are the people whose strength is in you! \*  
*whose hearts are set on the pilgrims' way.*

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.*

They will climb from height to height, \*  
*and the God of gods will reveal himself in Zion.*

LORD God of hosts, hear my prayer; \* *hearken, O God of Jacob.*

Behold our defender, O God; \* *and look upon the face of your Anointed.*

## **The New Testament**

### **A Reading from the Letter of Paul to the Ephesians** 1:3-6,15-19a

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.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

**Hymn #324**

*Let all mortal flesh keep silent*

*1982 Hymnal*

*Sung by choir*

*Please stand for the Gospel, if you are comfortable doing so*

Celebrant: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke

**People: Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

**The Gospel**

Luke 2:41-52

The parents of Jesus went to Jerusalem every year for the festival of the Passover. And when he was twelve years old, they went up as usual for the festival. When the festival was ended and they started to return, the boy Jesus stayed behind in Jerusalem, but his parents did not know it. Assuming that he was in the group of travelers, they went a day's journey. Then they started to look for him among their relatives and friends. When they did not find him, they returned to Jerusalem to search 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. When his parents saw him they were astonished; and his mother said to him, "Child, why have you treated us like this? Look, your father and I have been searching for you in great anxiety." He said to them, "Why were you searching for me? Did you not know that I must be in my Father's house?" But they did not understand what he said to them. Then he went down with them and came to Nazareth, and was obedient to them. His mother treasured all these things in her heart. And Jesus increased in wisdom and in years, and in divine and human favor.

Celebrant: The Gospel of the Lord. **People: Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

## The Nicene Creed

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*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.*

## Prayers of the People Form IV

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*The People respond with the lines in bold italics*

Let us pray for the Church and for the world.

Grant, Almighty God, that all who confess your Name may be united in your truth, live together in your love, and reveal your glory in the world.

*Silence*

Lord, in your mercy

***Hear our prayer.***

Guide the people of this land, and of all the nations, in the ways of justice and peace; that we may honor one another and serve the common good. Please bring your peace to places around the world where there is strife and natural disaster. Give us ears to hear your voice guiding us in the right way.

*Silence*

Lord, in your mercy

***Hear our prayer.***

Give us all a reverence for the earth as your own creation, that we may use its resources rightly in the service of others and to your honor and glory.

*Silence*

Lord, in your mercy

***Hear our prayer.***

Bless all whose lives are closely linked with ours, and grant that we may serve Christ in them, and love one another as he loves us.

*Silence*

Lord, in your mercy

***Hear our prayer.***

*Silence*

Lord, in your mercy

***Hear our prayer.***

Comfort and heal all those who suffer in body, mind, or spirit; especially Mary Lynn, Deborah, Larry, Robert, Al, Ruth, Anne, Cheryl, Richard, Marie, Myrnelle, Mother Jane, Barb, Charles, Frank, Sarah, John, Boyd, and those named before you at this time.....

*Silence – The People may add their own petitions.....*

We pray also for all those stricken with COVID and those who care for them. We pray for all those affected by violence and, natural disasters. Please bless them and help them to know you hold them in your arms of love.

Give them all courage and hope in their troubles, and bring them the joy of your salvation.

*Silence*

Lord, in your mercy

***Hear our prayer.***

We commend to your mercy all who have died, that your will for them may be fulfilled; and we pray that we may share with all your saints in your eternal kingdom. We pray also for eternal rest and peace for those we love but see no longer.

*Silence*

Lord, in your mercy

***Hear our prayer.***

*The Celebrant adds a concluding Collect.*

Almighty God, to whom our needs are known before we ask: Help us to ask only what accords with your will; and those good things which we dare not, or in our blindness cannot ask, grant us for the sake of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. ***Amen.***

## Confession of Sin

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Celebrant: Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

*Silence is kept to allow for individual confessions to God.*

*Minister and People*

***Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone.***

***We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. Amen.***

**Absolution:** Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. ***Amen.***

## The Peace

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## Welcome and Announcements

### Offertory

**Offertory Anthem** *'Twas in the Moon of Wintertime* (French folk melody) /  
arr. G. Anderson



*Welcome to the Table!*

**All baptized Christians are welcome to receive Holy Communion, and everyone is welcome to come forward to receive a blessing! If you are unable to come forward, raise your hand, and we will come to you.**

# The Great Thanksgiving

## Eucharistic Prayer B

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The Lord be with you.

**People** *And also with you.*

Celebrant Lift up your hearts.

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

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our

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



God.

*Then, facing the Holy Table, the Celebrant proceeds*

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

Because you gave Jesus Christ, your only Son, to be born for us; who, by the mighty power of the Holy Spirit, was made perfect Man of the flesh of the Virgin Mary his mother; so that we might be delivered from the bondage of sin, and receive power to become your children.

Therefore, we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

***Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,  
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.***

***Hosanna in the highest.***

***Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.***

***Hosanna in the highest.***

*The people stand or kneel.*

*Then the Celebrant continues*

We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made



flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night before he died for us, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore, according to his command, O Father,

*Celebrant and People*

***We remember his death,***

***We proclaim his resurrection,***

***We await his coming in glory;***

*The Celebrant continues*

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with St. Paul and all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. **AMEN.**

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to pray,

*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 Breaking of the Bread**

Celebrant: Alleluia! Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

**People:** *Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia!*

Celebrant: The gifts of God for the people of God

**Communion Anthem:** 'Divinum Mysterium' arr. G. Martin

**Prayer after Communion** BCP p. 365

*After Communion, the Celebrant says* Let us pray.

*Celebrant and People*

*Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood.*

*Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. Amen.*

### **Blessing**

**Hymn # 84** Love came down at Christmas 1982 Hymnal  
*Sung by choir*

## Dismissal

**Postlude:** Break Forth into Joy (from 'The Christmas Oratorio') J.S. Bach

## Serving at Trinity Chapel on January 2, 2022

### 9 a.m.

Celebrant: The Rev. Cynthia Sever+  
Organist: G Anderson  
Altar Acolyte D. Fisher  
Lector: T Wrausmann  
Intercessor: M Almonroeder

### 11 a.m.

Celebrant: The Rev. Cynthia Sever+  
Organist: G Anderson  
Altar Acolyte D. Martin  
Lector: M LoRusso  
Intercessor: E. Foley

## Calendar

**Sunday, January 2, 2022**

9 a.m. Mass at Trinity Chapel  
11 a.m. Mass at Trinity Chapel  
NO PAWS today

**Monday, January 3**

NO Mondays@7 at Trinity Chapel

**Wednesday, January 5**

NO Wednesday Discussion Group via ZOOM

**Sunday, January 9**

**Visitation of the Rt. Rev. Paul Lambert**

9 a.m. Mass at Trinity Chapel  
11 a.m. Mass at Trinity Chapel  
Mondays@7 at Trinity Chapel

**Monday, January 10**

**Wednesday, January 13**

Wednesday Discussion Group via ZOOM

**Sunday, January 16**

9 a.m. Mass at Trinity Chapel  
11 a.m. Mass at Trinity Chapel  
Mondays@7 at Trinity Chapel

**Monday, January 17**

**Wednesday, January 19**

Wednesday Discussion Group via ZOOM

**Sunday, January 23**

9 a.m. Mass  
11 a.m. Mass

**Monday, January 24**

Mondays@7 at Trinity Chapel

**Wednesday, January 26**

9:30 a.m. Book Club at LuciAnna's  
7 p.m. Wednesday Discussion Group via ZOOM

**Sunday, January 30**

9 a.m. Mass & 11 a.m. Mass

