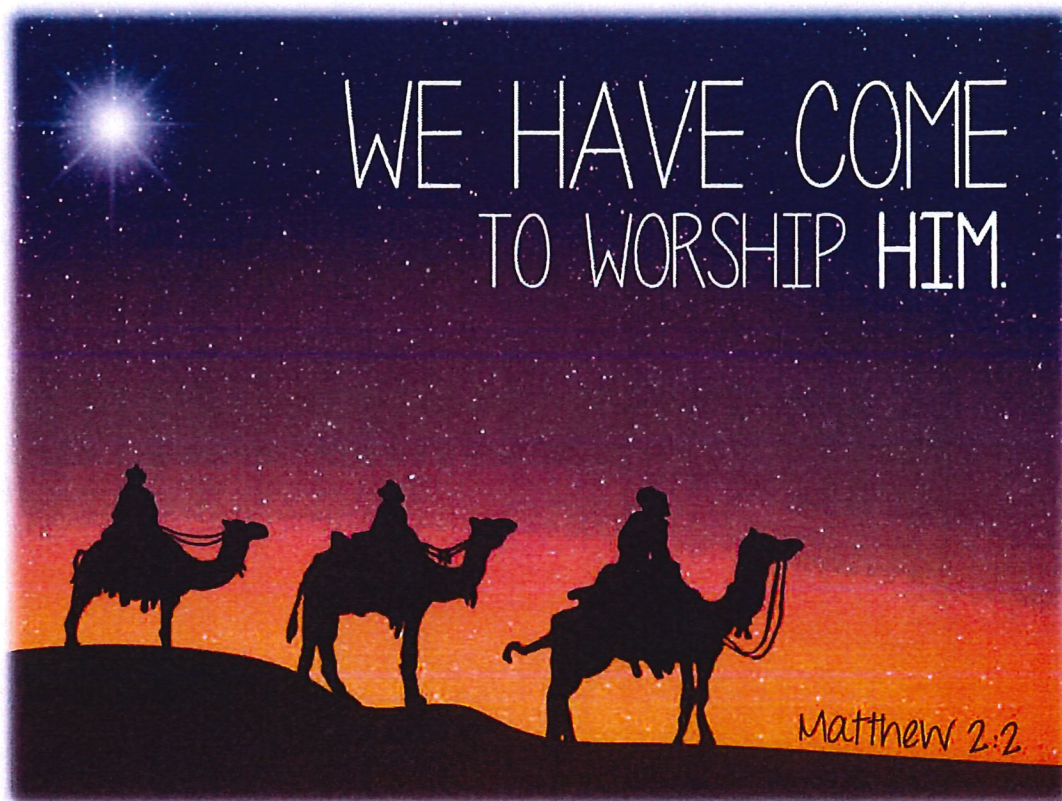


ST. PETER'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

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The Rev. James W. Friedel
SECOND SUNDAY AFTER CHRISTMAS DAY
January 3, 2021 ~ 9:00 a.m.



WELCOME!

Greetings! We are delighted that you have joined us for our worship service, and so very thankful to be together! Whether you are a member, a frequent visitor, or are visiting St. Peter's for the first time, we feel blessed by your presence.

We invite your questions regarding our ministries and life in the Episcopal Church. Please know that all baptized Christians are welcome to receive Holy Communion during our worship. Father Jim will guide us through Communion.

Thank you for helping us help you stay safe by following the guidelines on the back of this bulletin.

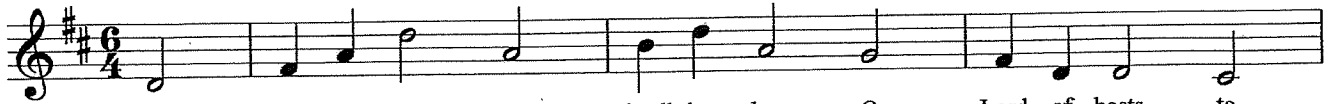
We are so glad you could be with us today and hope you will join us again.

HOLY EUCHARIST, RITE II
SECOND SUNDAY AFTER CHRISTMAS DAY
 January 3, 2021 ~ 9:00 a.m.

All stand as are able.

Processional: How Lovely Is Thy Dwelling Place

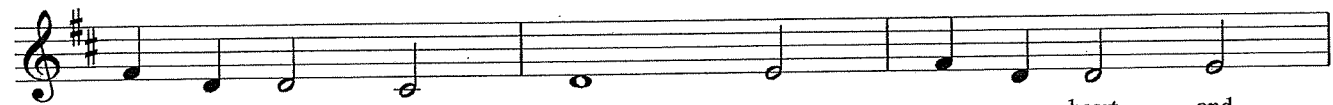
(Hymn #517)



1. How love - ly is thy dwell - ing - place, O Lord of hosts, to
 2. Be - side thine al - tars, gra - cious Lord, the swal - lows find a
 3. They who go through the des - ert vale will find it filled with
 4. One day with - in thy courts ex - cels a thou - sand spent a -



1. me! My thirst - y soul de - sires and longs with -
 2. nest; how hap - py they who dwell with thee and
 3. springs, and they shall climb from height to height till
 -4. way; how hap - py they who keep thy laws nor



-1. in thy courts to be; my ve - ry heart and
 2. praise thee with - out rest, and hap - py they whose
 3. Zi - on's tem - ple rings with praise to thee, in
 4. from thy pre - cepts stray, for thou shalt sure - ly



1. flesh cry out, O liv - ing God, for thee.
 2. hearts are set up - on the pil - grim's quest.
 3. glo - ry throned, Lord God, great King of kings.
 4. bless all those who live the words they pray.

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

(BCP Page 355)

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

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

Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known,
 and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our
 hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may
 perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name;
 through Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

The Collect of the Day: Second Sunday After Christmas Day

Celebrant The Lord be wit
People *And also with you.*

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 LESSONS *(You may be seated.)*

THE FIRST READING: 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." *(Continued)*

THE FIRST READING: Jeremiah 31:7-14

(Continued)

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.

Celebrant The Word of the Lord.

People *Thanks be to God.*



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!

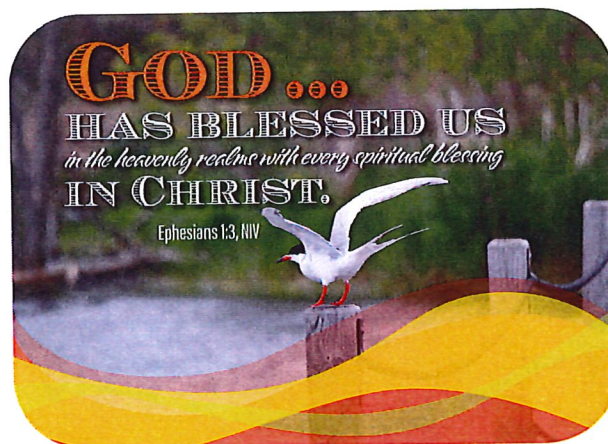
THE SECOND READING: Ephesians 1:3-6, 15-19a

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.

Celebrant The Word of the Lord.

People *Thanks be to God.*



THE GOSPEL

Please stand as are able.

GOSPEL HYMN: Oh, Sleep Now, Holy Baby

(Hymn 113)

Introduction/Interlude



Oh, sleep now, ho - ly
You need not fear King



ba-by, with your head a-against my breast; mean-while the pangs of my sor - row are
He-rod, he will bring no harm to you; so rest in the arms of your mo - ther who

Refrain



soothed and put to rest. A la ru, a la me a la ru, a la
sings you a la ru. A la ru, a la me a la ru, a la



me, a la ru, a la me, a la ru, a la ru, a la me.
me, a la ru, a la me, a la ru, a la ru, a la me.



GOSPEL READING: Matthew 2:1-12

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

People *Glory to you, Lord Christ.*

In the time of King Herod, after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, wise men from the East came to Jerusalem, asking, "Where is the child who has been born king of the Jews? For we observed his star at its rising, and have come to pay him homage." When King Herod heard this, he was frightened, and all Jerusalem with him; and calling together all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Messiah was to be born. They told him, "In Bethlehem of Judea; for so it has been written by the prophet:

 `And you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah,
 are by no means least among the rulers of Judah;
for from you shall come a ruler
 who is to shepherd my people Israel."

Then Herod secretly called for the wise men and learned from them the exact time when the star had appeared. Then he sent them to Bethlehem, saying, "Go and search diligently for the child; and when you have found him, bring me word so that I may also go and pay him homage." When they had heard the king, they set out; and there, ahead of them, went the star that they had seen at its rising, until it stopped over the place where the child was. When they saw that the star had stopped, they were overwhelmed with joy. On entering the house, they saw the child with Mary his mother; and they knelt down and paid him homage. Then, opening their treasure chests, they offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. And having been warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they left for their own country by another road.

Celebrant The Gospel of the Lord.

People *Praise to you, Lord Christ.*

Please be seated for the Homily.

Homily

The Rev. James W. Friedel

All standing as are able.



(BCP Page 358)

*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.*

Our Worship continues with the Prayers of the People

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE - Form VI

(BCP Pages 392-393)

The Leader and People pray responsively

In peace we pray to you, Lord God.

Silence

For all people in their daily life and work;
For our families, friends, and neighbors, and for those who are alone.

For this community, the nation, and the world;
For all who work for justice, freedom, and peace.

For the just and proper use of your creation;
For victims of hunger, fear, injustice, and oppression.

For all who are in danger, sorrow, or any kind of trouble;
For those who minister to the sick, the friendless, and the needy.

For the peace and unity of the Church of God;
For all who proclaim the Gospel, and all who seek the Truth.

For Justin, the Archbishop of Canterbury, Michael, our presiding Bishop, David our Bishop;
Rayford, our Assisting Bishop, and Jim, our Rector; and all bishops and other ministers;
For all who serve God in his Church.

For the special needs and concerns of this congregation.

Silence

The People may add their own petitions.

Hear us Lord;
For your mercy is great.

We thank you, Lord, for all the blessings of this life.

Silence

The people may add their own thanksgiving.

We will exalt you, O God our King;
And praise your Name for ever and ever.

We pray for all who have died, that they may have a place in your eternal kingdom.

Silence

The people may add their own petitions.

Lord, let your loving-kindness be upon them;
Who put their trust in you.

Confession of Sin

(BCP Pages 392-393)

We pray to you also for the forgiveness of our sins.

Silence may be kept.

Leader and People

*Have mercy upon us, most merciful Father;
in your compassion forgive us our sins,
known and unknown,
things done and left undone;
and so uphold us by your Spirit
that we may live and serve you in newness of life,
to the honor and glory of your Name;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen*

The Celebrant says

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

(BCP Page 360)

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People *And also with you.*

THE HOLY COMMUNION

The Great Thanksgiving - Eucharistic Prayer B

(BCP Page 367)

Please remain standing.

Celebrant 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 God.

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

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:

Sanctus

Sung to the tune of In the Bleak Midwinter

Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Lord, God of power and might. Heav'n and earth are
full of your glo - ry. Blessed is He who comes in the name of the
Lord. Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Lord, Ho - sa - na to the King.

The congregation may kneel or sit as the prayer continues.

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 Peter 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*

THE LORD'S PRAYER (C-114)

*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.

Save us from the time of trial, and deliver us from evil.

For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and for ever. Amen.

The Breaking of the Bread

(BCP Page 364)

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.
Take them in remembrance that Christ died for
you.

As you remain seated please listen for instructions for receiving communion.

The Post Communion Prayer of Thanksgiving

(BCP Page 365)

Celebrant 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.

Birthday and Anniversary Blessing

The Blessing

Celebrant

May the Sun of Righteousness shine upon you and scatter the darkness from before your path; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always. *Amen.*



*Thanks be unto God
for his unspeakable gift.*

2 Corinthians 9:15, KJV

Recessional: Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus

(Hymn #66)



1. Come, thou fount of ev - ery bless - ing, tune my heart to sing thy
2. Here I find my great - est trea - sure; hith - er, by thy help, I've
3. Oh, to grace how great a debt - or dai - ly I'm con - strained to



1. grace! Streams of mer - cy nev - er ceas - ing, call for
2. come; and I hope, by thy good plea - sure, safe - ly
3. bel! Let thy good - ness, like a fet - ter, bind my



1. songs of loud - est praise. Teach me some me - lo - dious
2. to ar - rive at home. Je - sus sought me when a
3. wan - dering heart to thee: prone to wan - der, Lord, I



1. son - net, sung by flam - ing tongues a - bove. Praise the
2. stran - ger wan - dering from the fold of God; he, to
3. feel it, prone to leave the God I love; her's my



1. mount! Oh, fix me on it, mount of God's un - chang - ing love.
2. res - cue me from dan - ger, in - ter - posed his pre - cious blood.
3. heart, oh, take and seal it, seal it for thy courts a - bove.

The Dismissal

Celebrant

Let us go forth into the world sharing the good news of God's love.

All

Thanks be to God.

We are so thankful to those assisting us with the services this morning and this evening.

Lay Readers: Dan Pugh & Elise Olexa at 9:00 a.m. and JD Debler at 5:00 p.m.

Ushers/Greeters: Aimee & John Kaduscwicz

Director of Music Ministries: Meredith Carter

Musical Assistance: Alan Berkebile

Handsewn face masks were created with love and donated by Martha Berkebile. Thank you, Martha!



IMPORTANT SAFETY ANNOUNCEMENTS

This week's



Happy Birthday to Cecile Nelson on the 3rd & Jackie Williams on the 4th. Happy Anniversary to Ron & Kathryn Hamby on the 7th.

**HELP US HELP YOU STAY SAFE!
PLEASE...**

- *Wear your mask. We have some available if needed ~ Spread JOY NOT GERMS!**
- *We discourage you from engaging in physical contact such as shaking hands, hugging, fist bumping, high fiving, etc. ~ Air hugs only!**
- *Thank you for practicing social distancing by standing/sitting 6 feet apart (unless you are in family units) ~ Leave plenty of room for Jesus between you.**
- *Use hand sanitizer! ~ Let's wash those germs right off of our hands!**

**UNTIL WE CAN HUG AGAIN, PLEASE BE SAFE!
THANK YOU FOR YOUR HELP!**



We can NOT reuse the service bulletins. If you do not want to take yours home, please put in the recycling bin! THANK YOU!



ADVENT REFLECTION SERIES

Join us for the conclusion of our Advent Program: Hope with All Your Heart, Soul, Strength, and Mind. Class will be on Monday, January 4th through ZOOM at 5:30 pm or on Thursday, January 7th, at 10:00 a.m. through ZOOM or in person.

This last session will be a summary of the all previous sessions.

If you missed this series it would be a great time to listen.

Please let us know your interest in participating so we can send the information you need.