

January 4, 2009

Lectionary Readings

Jeremiah 31:7-14 Rejoice! For God will return a remnant of Israel back to the land.
 Psalm 147:12-20 Praise the Lord for acts of creation, protection, and giving God's Word.
 Ephesians 1:3-14 God's gift of grace in Christ extends even before the foundations of the earth.
 John 1:(1-9), 10-18 The Word was God, light, and life. The Word became flesh and lived among us.

Call to Worship

Let us sing with gladness,
for the love of God has come to dwell on earth.
 Let us shout with joy,
for the grace of God is at work in our lives.
 Let praise God, the giver of all blessings,
for the very heart of God is given to us.
 Let us call out to God,
for redemption is God's gift to us.

Hymns for the Day

	PH	EH	ELW	UMH	NCH	VU	STF	SNC	TFBF	HFTG
Hymns of Praise										
Now Praise the Lord (Psalm 147)	255									
Once in Royal David's City	49	102	269	250	145	62				
Thanks to God Whose Word Was Written	331	630								
Old Testament										
When Heaven's Bright with Mystery						93				
When Morning Lights the Eastern Skies	250	427								
Song of Zechariah	601, 602	444	250, 552	208		901				
Epistle										
Lift High the Cross	371	473	660	159	198	151				
Jesus Shall Reign	423	544	434	157	300	330				
All Hail to God's Anointed	205	616	331	203	104	30				
Gospel										
O Light Whose Splendor Thrills	550		563							
O Word of God Incarnate	327	632	514	598	315	499				
Word of God, When All Was Silent										82
Blessed Jesus, At Your Word	454	440		596		500				
Communion										
Deck Yourself, My Soul, with Gladness	506	339		612		463				
Come, Let Us Eat			491	625				116		
Sung Prayer of Illumination										
God of the Word							84			
Sending										
Lord of Light, Your Name Outshining	425		688							
How Clear Is Our Vocation, Lord	419		580			504				
God, You Spin the Whirling Planets	285									
Important Hymns from Other Sources										
Christ Is the Savior, Sylvia Dunstan, <i>Where the Promise Shines</i> , GIA										
Christ, The Word Before Creation, Herman Stuempfle, <i>Redeeming the Time</i> , GIA										
Your Word Went Forth, Herman Stuempfle, <i>The Word Goes Forth</i> , GIA										

Second Sunday after Christmas

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Prayer of Confession

God of blessing, you have come to us in Jesus Christ, fulfilling your Word through the prophets. But we lose interest quickly, and our thoughts are turned to our own problems. We languish, looking for easy answers, distracted by the false promises of the loud voices around us. We do not listen for your voice calling us home from our wanderings. Call us still, O God. Gather us from our far places. Show us your mercy and remind us that in you we have life abundant.

Psalm Settings

Psalm 147:12-20 Metrical
 "Sing, Jerusalem, God's Favor" PCW 169
 "Worship the Lord, Jerusalem" NMP 232
Responsorial
 "God, the Lord of Hosts" TPP 147b
 "O Praise the Lord, Jerusalem" PRCL 24
 "Praise the Lord, Jerusalem" LP 89

Contemporary Songs

"Bless the Lord, My Soul" Jacques Berthier *Songs and Prayers from Taizé*
 "Bless the Lord, My Soul" (Psalm 147) Marty Haugen *Psalms for the Church Year (Celebration), Vol. 2*, GIA
 "Deus de Deo" John Bell *Come All You People*
 "I Am For You" John Bell/Graham Maule *Heaven Shall Not Wait*
 "God's Love Made Visible" Iola Brubeck/Dave Brubeck *Lift Up Your Hearts*
 "God of the Word" Ken Medema *Sing! A New Creation*

Global Songs

"Firstborn of Mary" (Scotland) TOAU 24
 "Jesus, the Light of the World" AAHH 217
 "This Is the God Beyond all Gods" (Malaysia) STB 139

Anthems for Larger Choirs

"The Blessed Son of God" Bruce Neswick, AUG 0800656482, SATB
 "Vox in Rama" Mikolaj Zielenska, GIA G-1972, SATB
 "Unto Us Is Born God's Son" John Ferguson, AUG 0800652398, SATB

Anthems for Smaller/Youth Choirs

"Bethlehem Wind" Martin, Alfred (24395), 2-part mixed, keyboard, opt. flute
 "He Shall be Great" and "And Now Is the Word Made Flesh" from *This Child, This King*, Gawthrop, Dunstan House, SATB, soprano and tenor soloists, organ, harp, timpani

Anthems for Children's Choirs

"The Cuckoo Carol" Arr. Martin Shaw, BH OCTB5721
 "A Lovely Lady Sat and Sang" Richard Shephard, 2-part, KM 198
 "A Stable Lamp Is Lighted" David Hurd, GIA G-2754

Handbell Music

"Follow the Star" (Puerto Rican carol) Helen Kemp/Arr. Martha Lynn Thompson, CG, CGB450, 3, 4 or 5 oct. with opt. claves and maracas, level 2+
 "Change Ring Prelude on 'Divinum Mysterium'" Arr. Fred Gramann, Lorenz, #20/1239L, 3-6 oct. L3+
 "What Child Is This" Arr. Barbara B. Kinyon, Agape, 2408, 3 oct. with opt. 2 oct. hand chimes, L3

Organ Music

"Prelude No. 2 on Crucifer" from *Eight Pieces for Organ*, Ronald Arnatt, APH (M)
 "Once in Royal David's City" from *Interpretations*, Book 5, AMSI (E+)
 "The Old Year Now Hath Passed Away" (*Das alte Jahr vergangen ist*), BWV 615, J.S. Bach, *Orgelbüchlein*, BR, Vol. 1 (M)
 "In Thee Is Gladness" (*In dir ist Freude*), BWV 615, J.S. Bach, *Orgelbüchlein*, BR, Vol. Vol. 1 (D)