

# *Second Sunday of Christmas*

*January 3, 2010*

*Celebrant: The Reverend Janet Fullmer*  
*Deacon: The Reverend Stephen Schafroth*

St. Paul's Episcopal Church  
The Dalles, Oregon

## **The Word of God**

### **The Opening Hymn**

*The Virgin Mary had a baby boy*

Gather 264

The Virgin Mary had a baby boy, The Virgin Mary had a baby boy  
The Virgin Mary had a baby boy, And they say that his name is Jesus.

*Refrain: He come from the Glory, He come from the Glorious Kingdom, Oh yes, believer,  
Oh, yes, believer. He come from the Glory, He come from the Glorious Kingdom.*

The angels sang when the baby was born, The angels sang when the baby was born  
The angels sang when the baby was born, And they sang that his name is Jesus. *Refrain*

The wise men saw when the baby born, The wise men saw where the baby born  
The wise men went where the baby born, And they said that his name is Jesus. *Refrain*

*Words and Music: West Indian carol*

### **The Acclamation**

*Celebrant*  
*People*

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

**And blessed be God's kingdom, now and forever. Amen.**

### **Song of Praise**

*Bless the Lord, O My Soul*

LEVAS 65

Bless the Lord, O my soul, and all that is within me Bless His Holy name.  
He has done great things, He has done great things, He has done great things,  
Bless His Holy Name.  
Bless the Lord, O my soul, and all that is within me Bless His Holy name.

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.  
*People* **And also with you.**  
*Celebrant* Let us pray.

*Celebrant* 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, forever and ever. **Amen.**

*Please 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." 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.

The Word of the Lord.

People

Thanks be to God.

### The Psalm

*How Lovely is thy dwelling place*

Hymnal 517

How lovely is thy dwelling place, O Lord of hosts, to me! My thirsty soul desires and longs with in thy courts to be; My very heart and flesh cry out, O living God, for thee.

Beside thine altars, gracious Lord, the swallows find a nest; how happy they who dwell with thee and praise thee without rest, and happy they whose hearts are set upon the pilgrim's quest.

They who go through the desert vale will find it filled springs, and they shall climb from height to height till Zion's temple rings with praise to thee, in glory throned, Lord God, great King of kings.

One day within thy courts excels a thousand spent away; how happy they who keep thy laws nor from thy precepts stray, for thou shalt surely bless all those who live the words they pray.

### 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.

The Word of the Lord.

People

**Thanks be to God.**

### Sequence

*Heleluyan, Alleluia*

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Heleluyan, heleluyan: hele, helluyan; heleluyan, heleluyan: hele, heleluyan.

Alleluia, alleluia: alle, alleluia: alleluia, alleluia; alle, alleluia.

Heleluyan, heleluyan: hele, helluyan; heleluyan, heleluyan: hele, heleluyan.

*Deacon*        The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.  
*People*        **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

Now 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.

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

**The Homily**  
*Pause in Silence*

The Reverend Janet Fullmer

**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.**

**The Prayers of the People**

Father, we pray for all members of your holy catholic Church;  
*That we all may be one.*

Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve you;  
*That your Name may be glorified by all people.*

We pray for all bishops, priests, and deacons; for Katharine, our Presiding Bishop; Nedi, our Bishop; Janet, our Rector; Stephen, our Deacon; Rustin, Lewis, John, Norman and Robert, our retired clergy; Wanda, our parish secretary; for our vestry, for Rule, Lloyd, and the choir as they lead our worship with

music; for the acolytes, members of the altar guild, and altar ministers. We pray for Church of the Redeemer, Pendleton, and for the ministry of Frank Moss; and we pray for all who serve in your church and in the world around us;

***That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments.***

We pray for Barak Obama, and for all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world;

***That there may be justice and peace on the earth.***

We pray for this parish family, and especially today we pray for Robin Smith, Jill Durow, Skip Fisher, Mary Crichton, and Norma Clark. We pray for our friends and family, and especially for those we love who are not with us this day; we pray for the New Orleans Rebuilding and Haiti Mission Teams, our Sunday School students and teachers, and all who reach out to others to give them light and life and hope. Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake;

***That our works may find favor in your sight.***

We give you thanks for our many blessings~ Please add your own thanksgivings at this time;

*(Congregation adds thanksgivings)* and we seek your strength to serve you faithfully.

***That your kingdom may be known throughout the earth.***

We pray especially for Tim, Karen, Susan, Emma, Carolyn, Janet, Sandy, Anne, Caroline, Dale.

Please add your own intercessions at this time. *(Congregation adds petitions)*

Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble;

***That they may be delivered from their distress.***

Give to the departed eternal rest;

***Let light perpetual shine upon them.***

We praise you for all your saints who have entered into joy;

***May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.***

Let us pray for our own needs and those of others.

*(Congregation adds petitions) The Celebrant adds a concluding Collect.*

**The Peace** *Please stand*

*Celebrant* The peace of the Lord be always with you.

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

*Announcements, Thanksgivings and Celebrations of Life*

*Thank offerings this quarter will be used for power/energy assistance through Community Action's Neighbor to Neighbor program.*

## **The Holy Communion**

**The Offertory**

Choir

**The Doxology**

Hymnal 380

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise him, all creatures here below;**

**Praise him above, ye heavenly host: Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.**

## **Eucharistic Prayer A**

*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 God thanks and praise.**

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 the one who comes in the name of the Lord.  
Hosanna in the highest.**

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Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself; and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all. He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, 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 we proclaim the mystery of faith:

**Christ has died.  
Christ is risen.  
Christ will come again.**

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him.

Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ. 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 say,

**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, forever and ever .Amen.**

### **The Breaking of the Bread**

*The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread. A period of silence is kept.*

Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;  
**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, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

*All are welcome to receive; Please come forward for the elements or for a blessing. The Bread and the Cup are given to the communicants with these words: The Body of Christ, the bread of heaven. [Amen.] The Blood of Christ, the cup of salvation. [Amen.]*

**The Communion Hymns** *Father I adore you*

Father, I adore you, Lay my life before you, How I love you.  
Jesus, I adore you, Lay my life before you, How I love you.  
Spirit, I adore you, Lay my life before you, How I love you.

*Music and Words: Terrye Coelho Maranatha! Music CCLI 2949699*

*Lord, dismiss us with thy blessing* Hymnal 344

Lord, dismiss us with thy blessing; fill our hearts with joy and peace: let us each, thy love possessing, triumph in redeeming grace; O refresh us, O refresh us, traveling through this wilderness.

Thanks we give and adoration for thy Gospel's joyful sound: may the fruits of thy salvation in our hearts and lives abound: ever faithful, ever faithful to thy truth may we be found;

so that when thy love shall call us, Savior, from the world away, fear of death shall not appall us, glad thy summons to obey. May we ever, may we ever, reign with thee in endless day.

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**The Postcommunion Prayer** *Please stand.*

*Celebrant* Let us pray.

**Almighty and everliving God, we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and for assuring us in these holy mysteries that we are living members of the Body of your Son, and heirs of your eternal kingdom. And now, Father, send us out to do the work you have given us to do, to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.**

*The Celebrant may bless the people*

**The Recessional** *Amen* LEVAS 233

*Refrain:* Amen, Amen, Amen, Amen, Amen.

Lying in a manger, On Christmas morning. Amen. Amen.

Talking to the elders, They marv'ld at His wisdom. Amen. Amen.

Praying to his father, As Judas betrays him. Amen. Amen.

Dying for us sinners, But He rose on Easter. Amen. Amen.

*Refrain:* Amen, Amen, Amen, Amen, Amen.

*Words and Music: Traditional Negro Spiritual Public Domain*

*Deacon* with children- Dismissal  
*People* **Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!**

*Servers Today~ Celebrant: The Rev. Janet Fullmer; Deacon: The Rev. Stephen Schafroth;  
Acolyte: Mike Fowler; Worship Leader: Diane Walworth; Eucharist Minister: Ron Fullmer; Lector: Don Dickinson;  
Prayers of the People: Marilyn Roth, Monte Dickinson; Altar Guild: Janet Mabrey;  
Altar Bread: Chuck Miller; Coffee Hour: Don and Monte Dickinson; Greeters: Mike and Pat Fowler.*

*The flowers today are given by Betty Hartmann  
Thanks to all for the Poinsettias, given to the Glory of God, in thanksgiving for the gift of His Son,  
and in memory of friends, family and loved ones.*

## *Blessings this Holy Christmastide*

### **PLEASE PRAY:**

For friends and family, including Betty, Gretchen and Rustin, Tim Rippee, Susan, Carolyn and Emma, Dawn Jorgensen, Piper, Leslie, Joan, Lynn, Cathy Dahl, Megan McCarren, Bryon Nixon, Bill Thomas, Blake Gallagher, Jenni Lyon, Philip Klindt, Bonnie Myatt.

For those serving in the Armed Forces of our Country and for all those who serve and protect us, especially Matthew Ketchum, Albert South, Joshua Smith, Kyle McCullough, Turf McCullough, Amy and Gavin McIlvenna, Jason Armstrong, Kevin Extine, Tim Gallagher, Kevin Gross, Gayle Johnson, Travis Kennedy, Robert Knick, Ben Schloss, Michael Stebbins and Max Turner.

### **CALENDAR:**

Monday	AA "open" meeting	7:00 pm Tayler Hall
Tuesday	Bible Study	1:00 pm Library
Wednesday	AA meeting	7:00 pm Tayler Hall
Thursday	Healing Service	Noon

### ***NEXT WEEK'S READINGS:***

*Isaiah 43:1-7; Psalm 29;  
Acts 8:14-17; Luke 3:15-17,21-22*

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

**EPIPHANY SERVICE and First Wednesday Potluck** This Wednesday we will join with the UCC church to share a potluck supper starting at 6:00 pm, followed by the ceremonial "burning of the greens" and then the Epiphany Service. We will begin in Tayler Hall and move upstairs for the service, which will begin at 7:00 pm. If you would like to participate in the pageant, please let Janet know after the service today. Please come and celebrate the joy of Epiphany~ the showing forth of the birth of the Savior Jesus to the whole world.

***THE JESUS I NEVER KNEW*** The new year of 2010 will kick off a six-week study of Philip Yancey's book, *The Jesus I Never Knew*. The book study, led by Marilyn Roth, will meet Monday evenings from 7:00-8ish, beginning January 18, 7:00 pm, in the Library. Books are available from St. Paul's and Klindts. In *The Messenger*, Marilyn's introduction included these words of introduction: *[My] hope is that our hearts and minds will wrap around this person of Christ, and by doing so, each one of us will walk away with a deeper meaning of what Christ means to each one of us.* This promises to be an excellent way to explore faith, Jesus, and our own journeys with God. Don't miss it!

**HAITI AIR: Prepare to Board!** The airplane in the narthex is awaiting your sign-up in the windows, to indicate support and prayers for the Haiti team and the mission trip to Cap Haitien; next Sunday, January 10, the team will be traveling to Florida en route to Cap Haitien. You are warmly invited to join the team on the mission, and your prayers will surely be a vital part of the mission. All on the team are very thankful for all of the support showered upon this mission. We give thanks for ourselves and all of the people in Haiti who we will meet and serve. Blessings and Thanks to each and every one for your prayers and support!

**FROM THE DALLES TO IRAQ:** Please remember to add to the box of school supplies we are gathering to send to Amy and Gavin for the orphanage they are supporting. ALSO, more boxes will be sent to Sgt. Albert South who would appreciate nutritious snacks of any kind. The already filled boxes are blessed and on their way, and the new ones await you!

**REMINDER: PRAYER BASKETS, AND VESTRY AND PARISH NEWS, NOTECARDS FOR ERD**

\*Prayer baskets are located just as you enter the nave, and at the votive candles.

\*Packets of note cards made by P.K. Swartz are in the narthex: the proceeds support ERD- Episcopal Relief and Development- ministries throughout the world.

\*Vestry news, pictures, notices of parish events, financial reports, and items of interest to or about our parish family are on the kiosk in the narthex and on the web site. Please check them out!

**THANKS**– to Don and Monte Dickinson for Coffee Hour. What a great blessing this time of sharing is. May we spread the joy and fellowship we share at St. Paul's as we share the light and cheer of the Good News!