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THE SECOND SUNDAY OF CHRISTMAS

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WELCOME

Thank you for being with us in worship today. However you found your way here—whether by holy habit, familiar path, curiosity, or something deeper— we’re glad you came. This community is held together not by perfect beliefs or getting everything right, but by the love of God we see in Jesus: a love that forgives, welcomes, and makes space for us just as we are. Whoever you are, however you identify, you belong here. We grow closer to one another not by pretending, but by being real— by showing up, sharing life, and serving together in Largo and beyond. If you’re new or visiting, there are cards in the Narthex to help us get to know you a little better. You can drop one in the offering plate at the back or hand it to one of the ushers on your way out.

*Please enter the Sanctuary quietly and reverently and silence your phones.
Our worship begins when we walk in the door.*

Serving Today

Server:	Bob Thacker	PoP:	Bruce Barnett
	Karl Cieslak	Organist:	Sandra Rogers, DMA
Lectors:	Karl Cieslak		
	Margaret Richcreek		

Flowers

The chancel flowers are given in thanksgiving for the Glory of God.

Supplemental Resources you may use today
Book of Common Prayer (BCP – Red Book) & **Hymnal** (Blue Book)
Congregational parts are in **bold**.

THE WORD OF GOD

THE PRELUDE *"In dulci jubilo"* Good Christian Folk, Rejoice J.S. Bach

PROCESSIONAL *The first Nowell the angel did say* Hymnal, 109

OPENING ACCLAMATION & COLLECT FOR PURITY BCP, 355

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

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

Celebrant 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.**

SONG OF PRAISE *Gloria in Excelsis* Hymnal, S278

Glory to God in the highest, and peace to his people on earth.

Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father, we worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory. Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us; you are seated at the right hand of the Father: receive our prayer. For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

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.**

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.

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM

Quam dilecta!

Psalm 84

Lector Appointed for today is Psalm 84. Let us read responsively by half verse.

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 LESSON

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.

Lector The Word of the Lord.
People Thanks be to God.

THE SEQUENCE HYMN

Unto us a boy is born

Hymnal, 98

THE GOSPEL

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.

THE SERMON

The Reverend Sandra Rogers

THE NICENE CREED

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, FORM III

BCP, 387

Lector Father, we pray for your holy Catholic Church;
People That we all may be one.

Lector Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve you;

People That your Name may be glorified by all people.

Lector We pray especially for Sean, our presiding bishop; Doug, our bishop and Sandy, our Vicar. In our diocesan cycle of prayer, we pray for Resurrection Episcopal, Largo; St. Stephen's, New Port Richey; St. Alfred's, Palm Harbor; Holy Spirit, Safety Harbor; St. Andrew's, Spring Hill, and All Saints', Tarpon Springs. We pray for all bishops, priests, deacons, and for those in discernment, especially Rebecca;

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

Lector We pray for all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world;

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

Lector Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake;

People That our works may find favor in your sight.

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

People That they may be delivered from their distress.

Lector Give to the departed eternal rest.

People Let light perpetual shine upon them.

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

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

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

Silence

The Celebrant adds a concluding Collect.

CONFESSION OF SIN AND ABSOLUTION

A moment of silence is observed so we may make our own silent confession before God.

Celebrant Let us pray for the forgiveness of our sins.

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.

Celebrant

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

All stand. The Celebrant says to the people

Celebrant

The Peace of the Lord be always with you.

People

And also with you.

THE HOLY COMMUNION

THE OFFERTORY

What Star is This That Beams So Bright?

Hymnal, 124



At the Offertory, we pause to remember that everything we have is a gift from God—and we respond with grateful hearts. You're invited to share in supporting Resurrection's ministry of love and service in the world. You may give by scanning the QR code, visiting reslargo.org/give, or placing a gift of cash or check (payable to Resurrection) in the offering plate. However you give, thank you for being part of what God is doing here.

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. Amen.

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.**

Celebrant 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

Hymnal, S130

**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.

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 Mary, Joseph, St. Dunstan, 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 Celebrant continues

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

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 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.

BREAKING OF THE BREAD

The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread.

A period of silence is kept.

THE FRACTION ANTHEM

Hymnal, S155

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le -

lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. Christ our Pass - o - ver is

sac - ri - ficed for us; there - fore let us keep the feast.

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

All baptized persons are invited to receive Holy Communion. When it is time, approach the altar, stand or kneel at the rail. The priest will place the wafer in your palm. When the Eucharistic Minister (EM) follows with wine, you can choose to sip from the cup, have the EM take the host and intinct (dip), and place it on your tongue, or decline (cross your arms across your chest). If you desire a blessing, come forward and cross your arms across your chest. If you are unable to come forward, please alert an usher and a priest will come to you. Gluten-free wafers are provided upon request.

POST COMMUNION HYMN

Angels from the realm of glory

Hymnal, 93

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Celebrant Let us pray.

Celebrant and People

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 BLESSING

Celebrant

May Christ, who by his Incarnation gathered into one things earthly and heavenly, fill you with his joy and peace; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always. **Amen.**

CLOSING HYMN

As with gladness men of old

Hymnal, 119

THE DISMISSAL

The Celebrant gives the Dismissal

People Thanks be to God.

THE POSTLUDE



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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Discernment Process

Please hold Rebecca Rogers and her family in your prayers as she continues her discernment for Holy Orders.

Bible Study

Wednesday at 11am. We'll be digging into "between the pages". What happened between the Old Testament and the New Testament?

Flicks, Fellowship, & Faith: Film & Discussion

Wednesdays at 6pm, whether watching and discussing the House of David, the Chosen, or something else... Come for the formation and fellowship! Bring a snack to share!

Resurrection Choir

Rehearsals are Fridays at 3pm.

Stewardship

Our 2025 pledges totaled \$64,200, and while we're about \$8,000 behind year-to-date, we're hopeful that remaining pledges will be fulfilled or adjusted as needed. If there is ever a struggle in maintaining your pledge covenant, please talk to Gail Nichols or Mother Sandy.

There are also opportunities to practice financial stewardship with a specific intention. Intentional giving, in addition to annual pledges, aids in spiritual fulfillment and can be a physical representation of your spiritual intent in a way that "keeping the lights on" may not. If you would like to offer a gift in another way, please let us know.

- Online

Support Resurrection's Ministry: Visit reslargo.org/give.

- Altar Flowers

Altar flowers are a beautiful adornment for the holy area of worship. There are two flower vases and donations are a minimum of \$50 per vase. Please call or email the church office to arrange.

PARISH PRAYER LIST

Members - Marilyn Clark, Mary Schock

Family and Friends - Bob, Angela Berry, Amara Brandel, The Brooks family, Christopher Lewis, Sharon Murphy, Doug Riley, Drew Baker and family, Jonathan and his wife, Joy, Andrea, Nancy, Marija, Peggy Logsdon Carry, Vernon Foret, Nichole Gildner, Jeffrey Meyers, Bobbie Nichols, Seamus, William Noble, Patty Coppedge, Cheri Russell

Active Military - Jeremiah Gill, Evan Chandler

To add someone to our parish prayer list, please email parishprayer@reslargo.org

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