

2ND SUNDAY OF CHRISTMAS

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

When a profound silence
covered all things
and night was in the middle
of its course, your all-
powerful Word, O Lord,
bounded from heaven's royal
throne.

COLLECT

Almighty ever-living God,
splendour of faithful souls,
graciously be pleased to fill
the world with your glory,
and show yourself to all
peoples by the radiance of
your light. Through our
Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with
you in the unity of the Holy
Spirit, One God, for ever
and ever. **Amen.**

FIRST READING

Sirach 24:1-2, 8-12

Wisdom will praise herself
and will boast in the midst
of her people. In the
assembly of the Most High
she will open her mouth,
and in the presence of his
forces she will boast: "Then
the Creator of all things
commanded me, and the
one who created me gave
my tent a resting place. And
he said, "Make your
dwelling in Jacob and in
Israel receive your
inheritance." From eternity,
in the beginning, he created
me, and for eternity I shall
not cease to exist.

In the holy tabernacle I
ministered before him, and
so I was established in Sion.

In the beloved city likewise
he gave me a resting place,
and in Jerusalem was my
dominion. So I took root in
an honoured people, in the
portion of the Lord, his
inheritance.'

PSALM

Ps 147: 12-13. 14-15. 19-20.
℟ 12a

**℟ The Word became
flesh and dwelt among
us.**

O Jerusalem, glorify the
Lord! O Sion, praise your
God! He has strengthened
the bars of your gates; he
has blessed your children
within you. **℟**

He established peace on
your borders; he gives you
your fill of finest wheat.
He sends out his word to the
earth, and swiftly runs his
command. **℟**

He reveals his word to
Jacob; to Israel, his decrees
and judgements. He has not
dealt thus with other
nations; he has not taught
them his judgements. **℟**

SECOND READING

Ephesians 1:3-6, 15-18

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, even as he chose us
in him before the foundation
of the world, that we should
be holy and blameless before
him. In love he predestined
us for adoption to himself as
sons through Jesus Christ,
according to the purpose of
his will, to the praise of his
glorious grace, with which
he has blessed us in the B
eloved.

For this reason, because I
have heard of your faith in
the Lord Jesus and your love
towards all the saints, I do
not cease to give thanks for
you, remembering you in
my prayers, that the God of
our Lord Jesus Christ, the
Father of glory, may give
you the Spirit of wisdom
and of revelation in the
knowledge of him, having
the eyes of your hearts
enlightened, that you may
know what is the hope to
which he has called you,
what are the riches of his
glorious inheritance in the
saints.



GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia...

Glory to you, O Christ,
proclaimed among the
nations. Glory to you, O
Christ, believed in
throughout the world.

Alleluia...

GOSPEL

John 1:1-18

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things were made through him, and without him was not any thing made that was made. In him was life, and the life was the light of men. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it.

There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. He came as a witness, to bear witness about the light, that all might believe through him. He was not the light, but came to bear witness about the light.

The true light, which gives light to everyone, was coming into the world. He was in the world, and the world was made through him, yet the world did not know him. He came to his own, and his own people did

not receive him. But to all who did receive him, who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God, who were born, not of blood nor of the will of the flesh nor of the will of man, but of God. And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we have seen his glory, glory as of the Only Begotten from the Father, full of grace and truth. John bore witness about him, and cried out, 'This was he of whom I said, "He who comes after me ranks before me, because he was before me." '

For from his fullness we have all received, grace upon grace. For the law was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ. No one has ever seen God; the only begotten God, who is at the Father's side, he has made him known.

The Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, Lord
Jesus Christ.**

PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS

Sanctify, O Lord, the offerings we make on the Nativity of your Only Begotten Son, for by it you show us the way of truth and promise the life of the heavenly Kingdom.
Through Christ our Lord.
Amen.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

To all who would accept him, he gave the power to become children of God.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Lord our God, we humbly ask you, that, through the working of this mystery, our offences may be cleansed and our just desires fulfilled. Through Christ our Lord.

Amen

