

3 January 2010

The Second Sunday after Christmas Day c

**Today Morning / Evening Prayer will be used as the Service of the Word;
thus the instructions for Lectors are different from the norm:**

- 7:30 The Lector & People read the Psalm as announced by the Lector;
the Lector reads the First Lesson (Epistle)
- 9:00 The Lector reads the First Lesson (Epistle)
- 11:10 The Lector reads the First Lesson (Epistle)
- 5:00 The Lector reads the First Lesson (Epistle)

PSALM 84

- 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!
- Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, *
and to the Holy Ghost:
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, *
world without end. Amen.

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.

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