

Reading 1: 2 Samuel 7:1-5, 8B-12, 14A, 16

When King David was settled in his palace, and the LORD had given him rest from his enemies on every side, he said to Nathan the prophet, "Here I am living in a house of cedar, while the ark of God dwells in a tent!" Nathan answered the king, "Go, do whatever you have in mind, for the LORD is with you." But that night the LORD spoke to Nathan and said: "Go, tell my servant David, 'Thus says the LORD: Should you build me a house to dwell in?' " "It was I who took you from the pasture and from the care of the flock to be commander of my people Israel. I have been with you wherever you went, and I have destroyed all your enemies before you. And I will make you famous like the great ones of the earth. I will fix a place for my people Israel; I will plant them so that they may dwell in their place without further disturbance. Neither shall the wicked continue to afflict them as they did of old, since the time I first appointed judges over my people Israel. I will give you rest from all your enemies. The LORD also reveals to you that he will establish a house for you. And when your time comes and you rest with your ancestors, I will raise up your heir after you, sprung from your loins, and I will make his kingdom firm. I will be a father to him, and he shall be a son to me. Your house and your kingdom shall endure forever before me; your throne shall stand firm forever."

Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 89

For ever I will sing the goodness of the Lord.

Reading 2: Romans 16:25-27

Brothers and sisters: To him who can strengthen you, according to my gospel and the proclamation of Jesus Christ, according to the revelation of the mystery kept secret for long ages but now manifested through the prophetic writings and, according to the command of the eternal God, made known to all nations to bring about the obedience of faith, to the only wise God, through Jesus Christ be glory forever and ever. Amen.

Gospel: Luke 1:26-38

The angel Gabriel was sent from God to a town of Galilee called Nazareth, to a virgin betrothed to a man named Joseph, of the house of David, and the virgin's name was Mary. And coming to her, he said, "Hail, full of grace! The Lord is with you." But she was greatly troubled at what was said and pondered what sort of greeting this might be. Then the angel said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God. "Behold, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you shall name him Jesus. He will be great and will be called Son of the Most High, and the Lord God will give him the throne of David his father, and he will rule over the house of Jacob forever, and of his kingdom there will be no end." But Mary said to the angel, "How can this be, since I have no relations with a man?" And the angel said to her in reply, "The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you. Therefore the child to be born will be called holy, the Son of God. And behold, Elizabeth, your relative, has also conceived a son in her old age, and this is the sixth month for her who was called barren; for nothing will be impossible for God." Mary said, "Behold, I am the handmaid of the Lord. May it be done to me according to your word." Then the angel departed from her.



Lectio Divina

Before you begin to read, take a moment to place yourself in the presence of God and ask the Holy Spirit to help you to pray.

1

READ

Read the following passage for this upcoming Sunday's Gospel three times very slowly somewhere quiet.

Luke 2:1-14

In those days a decree went out from Caesar Augustus that the whole world should be enrolled. This was the first enrollment, when Quirinius was governor of Syria. So all went to be enrolled, each to his own town. And Joseph too went up from Galilee from the town of Nazareth to Judea, to the city of David that is called Bethlehem, because he was of the house and family of David, to be enrolled with Mary, his betrothed, who was with child. While they were there, the time came for her to have her child, and she gave birth to her firstborn son. She wrapped him in swaddling clothes and laid him in a manger, because there was no room for them in the inn. Now there were shepherds in that region living in the fields and keeping the night watch over their flock. The angel of the Lord appeared to them and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were struck with great fear. The angel said to them,
"Do not be afraid;
for behold, I proclaim to you good news of great joy
that will be for all the people.
For today in the city of David
a savior has been born for you who is Christ and Lord.
And this will be a sign for you:
you will find an infant wrapped in swaddling clothes
and lying in a manger."
And suddenly there was a multitude of the heavenly host with the angel,
praising God and saying:
"Glory to God in the highest
and on earth peace to those on whom his favor rests."

2

REFLECT

Meditate on the passage by sitting in silence and allowing a word or phrase to jump out at you. Perhaps you even put yourself in the scene. What is God saying to you through this?

3

RESOLUTION

Make a concrete and simple resolution for the day or week ahead based on what God is telling you. Example: Today I will pray a decade of the rosary before I go to bed for my spouse.

489 Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus

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1. Come, thou long - ex - pect-ed Je - sus, Born to set thy peo - ple free;
2. Is - rael's strength and con - so - la - tion, Hope of all the earth thou art:
3. Born thy peo - ple to de - liv - er, Born a child, and yet a king,
4. By thine own e - ter - nal Spir - it Rule in all our hearts a - lone;



1. From our fears and sins re - lease us; Let us find our rest in thee.
2. Dear de - sire of ev - 'ry na - tion, Joy of ev - 'ry long-ing heart.
3. Born to reign in us for - ev - er, Now thy gra - cious king-dom bring.
4. By thine all - suf - fi - cient mer - it Raise us to thy glo - rious throne.

Charles Wesley, 1707–1788

Christian F. Witt's *Psalmodia Sacra*, Gotha, 1715

Adapt. by Henry J. Gauntlett, 1805–1876

Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming 618

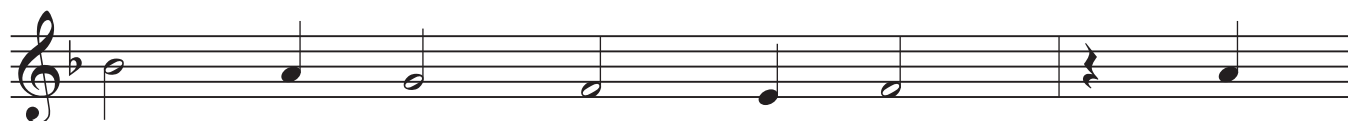
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1. Lo, how a rose e'er bloom - ing From ten - der stem hath
 2. I - sa - iah 'twas fore - told it, The rose I have in
 1. Es ist ein Ros' ent - sprun - gen Aus ei - ner Wur - zel



1. sprung! Of Jes - se's lin - eage com - ing
 2. mind; With Ma - ry we be - hold it,
 1. zart, Wie uns die Al - ten sun - gen,



1. As men of old have sung. It
 2. The Vir - gin Moth - er kind. To
 1. Von Jes - se kam die Art. Und



1. came, a flow'r - et bright, A - mid the cold of
 2. show God's love a - right, She bore to men a
 1. hat ein Bliim - lein bracht Mit - ten im kal - ten



1. win - ter, When half - spent was the night.
 2. Sav - ior, When half - spent was the night.
 1. Win - ter Wohl zu der hal - ben Nacht.

German, 15th cent.
 Tr. by Theodore Baker, 1851-1934

German, 16th cent.
 Speierisches Gesangbuch, Cologne, 1599

798 Thou Hope of All the World

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1. Thou hope of all the world, and Lord, Be -
2. And, though our con - science doth pro - claim Our
3. Our sins re - mem - ber now no more. For -
4. Ac - cept, O Lord, this Len - ten tide, This
5. May he who is the three - fold Lord On



1. stow - er of the great re - ward, Re - ceive the prayers thy
2. deep trans - gres - sion and our shame, Cleanse us, O God, we
3. give; thy mer - cy can re - store; So, Lord, take on thy -
4. fast which thou hast sanc - ti - fied, That we may reach by
5. us con - fer this high re - ward, In whom so long as



1. ser - vants raise; Ac - cept our psalms and hymns of praise.
2. hum - bly plead, From sins of thought and word and deed.
3. self our care, That pure in heart we make our prayer.
4. thy great grace The sa - cra - ments of Pas - chal days.
5. worlds a - bid, One on - ly God is glo - ri - fied.

Sarum Breviary
Tr. by Alan G. McDougall, 1895–1964, alt.

Duderstädter Gesangbuch, 1724

712 People, Look East

BESANÇON CAROL 87 98 87



1. Peo - ple, look East. The time is near Of the
2. Fur - rows, be glad. Though earth is bare, One more
3. Birds, though you long have ceased to build, Guard the
4. Stars, keep the watch. When night is dim One more
5. An - gels, an - nounce with shouts of mirth Him, who



1. crown - ing of the year. Make your house fair as you are
2. seed is plant - ed there. Give up your strength the seed to
3. nest that must be filled. E - ven the hour when wings are
4. light the bowl shall brim. Shin - ing be - yond the fros - ty
5. brings new life to earth. Set ev - 'ry peak and val - ley



1. a - ble, Trim the hearth and set the ta - ble. Peo - ple, look
2. nour - ish, That in course the flow'r may flour - ish. Peo - ple, look
3. fro - zen He for fledg - ling - time has cho - sen. Peo - ple, look
4. weath - er, Bright as sun and moon to - geth - er. Peo - ple, look
5. hum - ming With the word, "The Lord is com - ing." Peo - ple, look



1. East, and sing to - day: Love the Guest is on the way.
2. East, and sing to - day: Love the Rose is on the way.
3. East, and sing to - day: Love the Bird is on the way.
4. East, and sing to - day: Love the Star is on the way.
5. East, and sing to - day: Love the Lord is on the way.

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel 652

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1. O come, O come, Em - man - u - el, And ran - som
2. O come, thou Wis - dom from on high, Who or - d'rest
3. O come, O come, thou Lord of might, Who to thy
4. O come, thou Rod of Jes - se's tree, Free them from
5. O come, thou Key of Da - vid, come, And o - pen
6. O come, thou Day-spring from on high, And cheer us
7. O come, De - sire of na - tions, bind In one the



1. cap - tive Is - ra - el, That mourns in lone - ly
2. all things might - i - ly; To us the path of
3. tribes on Si - nai's height In an - cient times didst
4. Sa - tan's ty - ran - ny That trust thy might - y
5. wide our heav'n - ly home; Make safe the way that
6. by thy draw - ing nigh; Dis - perse the gloom - y
7. hearts of all man - kind; Bid thou our sad di -



1. ex - ile here Un - til the Son of God ap - pear.
2. knowl - edge show, And teach us in her ways to go.
3. give the law, In cloud, and maj - es - ty, and awe.
4. pow'r to save, And give them vic - t'ry o'er the grave.
5. leads on high, And close the path to mis - er - y.
6. clouds of night, And death's dark shad - ow put to flight.
7. vi - sions cease, And be thy - self our King of peace.



Re - joice! Re - joice! Em - man - u - el



Shall come to thee, O Is - ra - el.

In the Bleak Midwinter 582

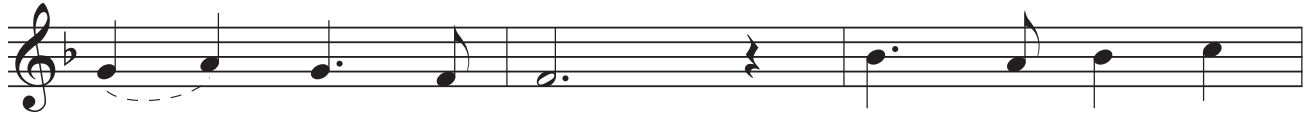
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1. In the bleak mid - win - ter, Frost - y wind made
2. Our God, heav'n can - not hold him, Nor earth sus -
3. An - gels and arch - an - gels May have gath - ered
4. What can I give him, Poor as I



1. moan, Earth stood hard as i - ron,
2. tain; Heav'n and earth shall flee a - way
3. there, Cher - u - bim and ser - a - phim
4. am? If I were a shep - herd,



1. Wa - ter like a stone; Snow had fall - en,
2. When he comes to reign: In the bleak mid -
3. Throng - ed the air; But his moth - er
4. I would bring a lamb; If I were a



1. snow on snow, Snow on snow,
2. win - ter A sta - ble - place suf - ficed The
3. on - ly, In her maid - en bliss,
4. wise man, I would do my part; Yet



1. In the bleak mid - win - ter, Long a - go.
2. Lord God Al - might - y, Je - sus Christ.
3. Wor - shipped the be - lov - ed With a kiss.
4. what I can I give him— Give my heart.

Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing

Come, Thou Fount of every blessing
Tune my heart to sing Thy grace
Streams of mercy never ceasing
Call for songs of loudest praise
Teach me some melodious sonnet
Sung by flaming tongues above
Praise the mount I'm fixed upon it
Mount of Thy redeeming love

Hitherto Thy love has blessed me
Thou hast brought me to this place
And I know Thy hand will bring me
Safely home by Thy good grace
Jesus sought me when a stranger
Wandering from the fold of God
He, to rescue me from danger
Interposed His precious blood

Oh to grace how great a debtor
Daily I'm constrained to be
Let Thy goodness, like a fetter
Bind my wandering heart to Thee
Prone to wander, Lord, I feel it
Prone to leave the God I love
Here's my heart, Lord take and seal it
Seal it for Thy courts above

Oh that day when freed from sinning
I shall see Thy lovely face
Full arrayed in blood-washed linen
How I'll sing Thy sovereign grace
Come, my Lord, no longer tarry
Bring Thy promises to pass
For I know Thy pow'r will keep me
Till I'm home with Thee at last

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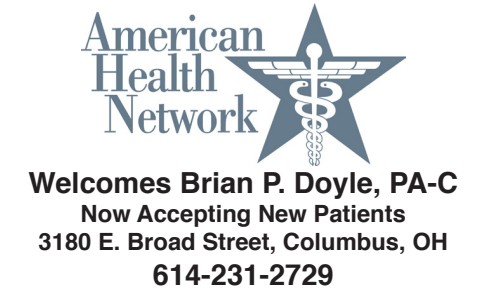
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