

WORSHIP GUIDE

Sunday, January 3, 2021

10:00 AM

THE SECOND SUNDAY AFTER CHRISTMAS

SCRIPTURE REFLECTION

Luke 2:28-32

Simeon took [Jesus] in his arms and praised God, saying:

*“Sovereign Lord, as you have promised,
you may now dismiss your servant in peace.*

*For my eyes have seen your salvation,
which you have prepared in the sight of all nations:*

*a light for revelation to the Gentiles,
and the glory of your people Israel.”*

CALL TO WORSHIP

Praise the LORD!

Praise the LORD from the heavens;

praise him in the heights!

Praise him, all his angels;

praise him, all his host!

Praise him, sun and moon;

praise him, all you shining stars!

Praise him, you highest heavens,

and you waters above the heavens!

Let them praise the name of the LORD,

for he commanded and they were created.

He established them for ever and ever;

he fixed their bounds, which cannot be passed.

Praise the LORD from the earth,

you sea monsters and all deeps,

fire and hail, snow and frost,

stormy wind fulfilling his command!

Mountains and all hills,

fruit trees and all cedars!

Wild animals and all cattle,

creeping things and flying birds!

Kings of the earth and all peoples,
princes and all rulers of the earth!

**Young men and women alike,
old and young together!**

Let them praise the name of the LORD,
for his name alone is exalted;

his glory is above earth and heaven.

He has raised up a horn for his people,
praise for all his faithful,

for the people of Israel who are close to him.

Praise the LORD!

—Psalm 148

ALL CREATURES OF OUR GOD AND KING

Original words by St. Francis of Assisi, translated by William Henry Draper. Music,
16th Century German tune. Add. words by Jonathan Baird and Ryan Baird. © 2013
Sovereign Grace Worship; and Luke Brawner, 2018. CCLI #101544.

All creatures of our God and King,
Lift up Your voice and with us sing,
O praise Him, Alleluia!
Thou burning sun with golden beam,
Thou silver moon with softer gleam,
O praise Him, o praise Him!
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

All people of our newborn King,
Lift up your voice and with us sing,
O praise Him, Alleluia!
Come, wand'ring souls, to Bethlehem,
Join in the celebration hymn.
O praise Him! O praise Him!
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

His name is called Emmanuel,
More wonderful than words can tell;
God is with us, Alleluia!
Born in our darkness, He is light!
Born in our weakness, He is might!

O praise Him! O praise Him!

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Born is the One who shall redeem,

Worthy alone of all esteem,

O praise Him, Alleluia!

Come gather round His manger throne

And turn your hearts to Him alone.

O praise Him! O praise Him!

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Let all things their Creator bless,

And worship Him in humbleness.

O praise Him! Alleluia!

Praise, praise the Father, praise the Son,

And praise the Spirit, Three-in-One;

O praise Him! O praise Him!

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

YOUR NAME

Paul Baloche, Glenn Packiam, 2006, Integrity's Hosanna! Music/ASCAP and
Vertical Worship Songs/ASCAP CCLI #101544

As morning dawns and evening fades,

You inspire songs of praise

That rise from earth to touch Your heart

And glorify Your name.

Your Name is a strong and mighty tower;

Your Name is a shelter like no other;

Your Name, let the nations sing it louder

'cause nothing has the power to save

But Your Name.

Jesus, in Your name we pray,

Come and fill our hearts today.

Lord, give us strength to live for You

And glorify Your name.

Humbly to the earth You came,
Born into this world to save.
God with us, Immanuel.
Now we adore Your name.

PRAYER

O Immanuel,
O Wisdom from on high,
O Lord of might,
O Branch of Jesse's stem,
O Key of David,
O Bright and Morning Star,
O King of nations,
We rejoice and are glad
in this joyful Christmas season,
for truly you have come,
full of grace and truth.

Even now, come into our hearts again.
Show us the path of knowledge.
Comfort us in our mourning.
Save us from our sin.
Open wide our way to heaven.
Turn our darkness into light.
End our sad divisions
and be our King of peace,
so that every creature in heaven and on earth
will join in a chorus of praise,
and shout with joy to you, our Lord. Amen.

The Lord's grace is sure.
God has looked with favor upon his people
and has redeemed them.
God has raised up a mighty savior
from the house of David.
God spoke through the prophets of old
so that we would be saved from our enemies

and from the hand of all who hate us.

God has shown mercy and has remembered his promises.

—based on Luke 1:68-72
Song of Zechariah (Benedictus)

HE WHO IS MIGHTY

Rebecca Elliott and Kate DeGraide. 2014 Sovereign Grace Praise (BMI)/Sovereign Grace
Worship (ASCAP). CCLI #101544

Oh, the mercy our God has shown
To those who sit in death's shadow.
The sun on high pierced the night;
Born was the Cornerstone.
Unto us a Son is given, unto us a Child is born .

*He Who is mighty has done a great thing,
Taken on flesh, conquered death's sting;
Shattered the darkness and lifted our shame,
Holy is His name.*

Oh, the freedom our Savior won,
The yoke of sin has been broken.
Once a slave, now by grace,
No more condemnation.
Unto us a Son is given, unto us a Child is born.

Now my soul magnifies the Lord,
I rejoice in the God Who saves.
I will trust His unfailing love,
I will sing His praises all my days.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Almighty God, you have spoken to us through your Son, the
Word made flesh. Let now your written Word be spoken and
heard by each of us. Give us ears to hear and hearts to
understand, that we may not refuse your calling or ignore your
voice. May we all be taught by you through your powerful and

life-giving Word. Bring our every thought captive to obeying Christ, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.

SERMON

I SOUGHT THE LORD, AND AFTERWARD I KNEW

Text: Anonymous, 1878. Tune: FINLANDIA, Jean Sibelius, 1899
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I sought the Lord, and afterward I knew
he moved my soul to seek him, seeking me;
It was not I that found, O Savior true;
no, I was found, was found of thee.
It was not I that found, O Savior true;
No, I was found, was found, of thee.

Thou didst reach forth thy hand and mine enfold;
I walked and sank not on the storm-vexed sea;
'Twas not so much that I on thee took hold,
as thou, dear Lord, took hold on me.
'Twas not so much that I on thee took hold,
as thou, dear Lord, took hold on me.

I find, I walk, I love; but, oh, the whole
of love is but my answer, Lord, to thee!
For thou wert long beforehand with my soul;
always, always thou lovedst me.
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always, always thou lovedst me.

CHRISTMAS DOXOLOGY

Tune: OLD HUNDREDDTH. Text: Thomas Ken, 1674 (verse 1), Benjamin Brainard
(additional verses). CCLI #101544

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.

Praise God, who came in infant low
to bear our flesh and grace bestow;
Born in a lowly manger stall,
a child who shall redeem us all.

And as creation held its breath,
the firstborn came in our defense
To stand before His father's throne,
and through his blood our lives atone.

For this our mighty Savior came:
to wed our hearts and bear our shame;
For condemnation has no place
for those who trust in Jesus' name.

To us a child is born today—
Emmanuel in flesh displayed,
To once for all his people save.
Rejoice! Give thanks, and praise His Name. Amen