

## THE PROPER FOR THE SECOND SUNDAY AFTER CHRISTMAS DAY

### THE COLLECT

Almighty God, who hast poured upon us the new light of thine incarnate Word; Grant that the same light enkindled in our hearts may shine forth in our lives; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

### THE OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

**Micah 4:1-5** <sup>KJV</sup> **Micah 4:1** But in the last days it shall come to pass, *that* the mountain of the house of the LORD shall be established in the top of the mountains, and it shall be exalted above the hills; and people shall flow unto it. <sup>2</sup> And many nations shall come, and say, Come, and let us go up to the mountain of the LORD, and to the house of the God of Jacob; and he will teach us of his ways, and we will walk in his paths: for the law shall go forth of Zion, and the word of the LORD from Jerusalem. <sup>3</sup> And he shall judge among many people, and rebuke strong nations afar off; and they shall beat their swords into plowshares, and their spears into pruninghooks: nation shall not lift up a sword against nation, neither shall they learn war any more. <sup>4</sup> But they shall sit every man under his vine and under his fig tree; and none shall make *them* afraid: for the mouth of the LORD of hosts hath spoken *it*. <sup>5</sup> For all people will walk every one in the name of his god, and we will walk in the name of the LORD our God for ever and ever.

**Micah 5:2-4** <sup>2</sup> But thou, Bethlehem Ephratah, *though* thou be little among the thousands of Judah, *yet* out of thee shall he come forth unto me *that is* to be ruler in Israel; whose goings forth *have been* from of old, from everlasting. <sup>3</sup> Therefore will he give them up, until the time *that* she which travaileth hath brought forth: then the remnant of his brethren shall return unto the children of Israel. <sup>4</sup> And he shall stand and feed in the strength of the LORD, in the majesty of the name of the LORD his God; and they shall abide: for now shall he be great unto the ends of the earth.

### THE PSALM(S) 65 & 121

**Psalms 65:1-13** <sup>KJV</sup> **Psalms 65:1** <To the chief Musician, A Psalm *and* Song of David.> Praise waiteth for thee, O God, in Sion: and unto thee shall the vow be performed. <sup>2</sup> O thou that hearest prayer, unto thee shall all flesh come. <sup>3</sup> Iniquities prevail against me: *as for* our transgressions, thou shalt purge them away. <sup>4</sup> Blessed *is the man* whom thou chooseth, and causeth to approach *unto thee*, *that* he may dwell in thy courts: we shall be satisfied with the goodness of thy house, *even* of thy holy temple. <sup>5</sup> By terrible things in righteousness wilt thou answer us, O God of our salvation; *who art* the confidence of all the ends of the earth, and of them that are afar off *upon* the sea: <sup>6</sup> Which by his strength setteth fast the mountains; *being* girded with power: <sup>7</sup> Which stilleth the noise of the seas, the noise of their waves, and the tumult of the people. <sup>8</sup> They also that dwell in the uttermost parts are afraid at thy tokens: thou makest the outgoings of the morning and evening to rejoice. <sup>9</sup> Thou visitest the earth, and waterest it: thou greatly enrichest it with the river of God, *which* is full of water: thou preparest them corn, when thou hast so

provided for it. <sup>10</sup> Thou waterest the ridges thereof abundantly: thou settlest the furrows thereof: thou makest it soft with showers: thou blessest the springing thereof. <sup>11</sup> Thou crownest the year with thy goodness; and thy paths drop fatness. <sup>12</sup> They drop *upon* the pastures of the wilderness: and the little hills rejoice on every side. <sup>13</sup> The pastures are clothed with flocks; the valleys also are covered over with corn; they shout for joy, they also sing.

**Psalm 121:1-8** hills, from whence cometh my help. <sup>2</sup> My help *cometh* from the LORD, which made heaven and earth. <sup>3</sup> He will not suffer thy foot to be moved: he that keepeth thee will not slumber. <sup>4</sup> Behold, he that keepeth Israel shall neither slumber nor sleep. <sup>5</sup> The LORD *is* thy keeper: the LORD *is* thy shade upon thy right hand. <sup>6</sup> The sun shall not smite thee by day, nor the moon by night. <sup>7</sup> The LORD shall preserve thee from all evil: he shall preserve thy soul. <sup>8</sup> The LORD shall preserve thy going out and thy coming in from this time forth, and even for evermore.

### THE EPISTLE LESSON

**Isaiah 61:1-3** LORD hath anointed me to preach good tidings unto the meek; he hath sent me to bind up the brokenhearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives, and the opening of the prison to *them that are bound*; <sup>2</sup> To proclaim the acceptable year of the LORD, and the day of vengeance of our God; to comfort all that mourn; <sup>3</sup> To appoint unto them that mourn in Zion, to give unto them beauty for ashes, the oil of joy for mourning, the garment of praise for the spirit of heaviness; that they might be called trees of righteousness, the planting of the LORD, that he might be glorified.

### THE GOSPEL OF THE LORD

**Matthew 2:19-23** <sup>19</sup> But when Herod was dead, behold, an angel of the Lord appeareth in a dream to Joseph in Egypt, <sup>20</sup> Saying, Arise, and take the young child and his mother, and go into the land of Israel: for they are dead which sought the young child's life. <sup>21</sup> And he arose, and took the young child and his mother, and came into the land of Israel. <sup>22</sup> But when he heard that Archelaus did reign in Judaea in the room of his father Herod, he was afraid to go thither: notwithstanding, being warned of God in a dream, he turned aside into the parts of Galilee: <sup>23</sup> And he came and dwelt in a city called Nazareth: that it might be fulfilled which was spoken by the prophets, He shall be called a Nazarene.