The Second Sunday after Christmas

LSB Three Year Lectionary
Year A

Today's Appointed Psalm: Psalm 119:97 -104

1 Kings 3:4–15

4 Now the king went to Gibeon to sacrifice there, for it was the
great high place. Solomon offered a thousand burnt offerings on the
altar there.
5 One night at Gibeon the LORD appeared to Solomon in a
dream, and God said, "Ask, and I will give it to you!"
6 Solomon replied, "You have shown much loving devotion to
Your servant, my father David, because he walked before You in
faithfulness, righteousness, and uprightness of heart. And You have
maintained this loving devotion by giving him a son to sit on his
throne this very day.
7 And now, O LORD my God, You have made Your servant king in
my father David's place. But I am only a little child, not knowing how
to go out or come in. 8 Your servant is here among the people You
have chosen, a people too numerous to count or number.
9 Therefore give Your servant an understanding heart to judge
Your people and to discern between good and evil. For who is able to
govern this great people of Yours?"
10 Now it pleased the Lord that Solomon had made this request.
11 So God said to him, "Since you have asked for this instead of
requesting long life or wealth for yourself or death for your
enemies—but you have asked for discernment to administer
justice— 12 behold, I will do what you have asked. I will give you a
wise and discerning heart, so that there has never been nor will ever
be another like you.
13 Moreover, I will give you what you did not request—both
riches and honour—so that during all your days no man in any
kingdom will be your equal. 14 So if you walk in My ways and keep
My statutes and commandments, just as your father David did, I will
prolong your days."
15 Then Solomon awoke, and indeed it had been a dream. So he
returned to Jerusalem, stood before the ark of the covenant of the
Lord, and offered burnt offerings and peace offerings. Then he held
a feast for all his servants.

Notes

Ephesians 1:3–14

3 Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has
blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly
realms. 4 For He chose us in Him before the foundation of the world to
be holy and blameless in His presence. In love 5 He predestined us for
adoption as His sons through Jesus Christ, according to the good
pleasure of His will, 6 to the praise of His glorious grace, which He has
freely given us in the Beloved One.

7 In Him we have redemption through His blood, the forgiveness
of our trespasses, according to the riches of His grace 8 that He
lavished on us with all wisdom and understanding. 9 And He has
made known to us the mystery of His will according to His good
pleasure, which He purposed in Christ 10 as a plan for the fullness of
time, to bring all things in heaven and on earth together in Christ.

11 In Him we were also chosen as God's own, having been
predestined according to the plan of Him who works out everything
by the counsel of His will, 12 in order that we, who were the first to
hope in Christ, would be for the praise of His glory.

13 And in Him, having heard and believed the word of truth—the
gospel of your salvation—you were sealed with the promised Holy
Spirit, 14 who is the pledge of our inheritance until the redemption of
those who are God's possession, to the praise of His glory.

Luke 2:40–52

40 And the Child grew and became strong. He was filled with
wisdom, and the grace of God was upon Him.

41 Every year His parents went to Jerusalem for the Feast of the
Passover. 42 And when He was twelve years old, they went up
according to the custom of the Feast.

43 When those days were over and they were returning home, the
boy Jesus remained behind in Jerusalem, but His parents were
unaware He had stayed. 44 Assuming He was in their company, they
traveled on for a day before they began to look for Him among their
relatives and friends.

45 When they could not find Him, they returned to Jerusalem to
search for Him. 46 Finally, after three days they found Him in the
temple courts, sitting among the teachers, listening to them and
asking them questions. 47 And all who heard Him were astounded at
His understanding and His answers.

48 When His parents saw Him, they were astonished. "Child, why
have You done this to us?" His mother asked. "Your father and I have
been anxiously searching for You."

49 "Why were you looking for Me?" He asked. "Did you not know
that I had to be in My Father's house ?" 50 But they did not understand
the statement He was making to them.

51 Then He went down to Nazareth with them and was obedient
to them. But His mother treasured up all these things in her heart.

52 And Jesus grew in wisdom and stature, and in favour with God
and man.

Notes

Looking Ahead: **Epiphany**

Old Testament	Isaiah 60:1–6
Psalm	Psalm 72:1–11 (12–15)
Epistle	Ephesians 3:1–12
Gospel	Matthew 2:1–12

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