

## The Second Sunday after Christmas Day

### *Micah 4:1-5, 5:2-4*

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. 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. 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. 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. 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. 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. 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. 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.

### *Psalms 65:5-14*

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*V.* Thou shalt show us wonderful things in thy righteousness, O God of our salvation; \* thou that art the hope of all the ends of the earth, and of them that remain in the broad sea.

*R.* Who in his strength setteth fast the mountains, \* and is girded about with power.

*V.* Who stilleth the raging of the sea, \* and the noise of his waves, and the madness of the peoples.

*R.* They also that dwell in the uttermost parts of the earth shall be afraid at thy tokens, \* thou that makest the outgoings of the morning and evening to praise thee.

*V.* Thou visitest the earth, and blessest it; \* thou makest it very plenteous.

*R.* The river of God is full of water: \* thou preparest their corn, for so thou providest for the earth.

*V.* Thou waterest her furrows; thou sendest rain into the little valleys thereof; \* thou makest it soft with the drops of rain, and blessest the increase of it.

*R.* Thou crownest the year with thy goodness; \* and thy clouds drop fatness.

*V.* They shall drop upon the dwellings of the wilderness; \* and the little hills shall rejoice on every side.

*R.* The folds shall be full of sheep; \* the valleys also shall stand so thick with corn, that they shall laugh and sing.

### *Isaiah 61:1-3*

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The Spirit of the Lord GOD is upon me; because the 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; To proclaim the acceptable year of the LORD, and the day of vengeance of our God; to comfort all that mourn; 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.

### *St. Matthew 2:19-23*

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When Herod was dead, behold, an angel of the Lord appeareth in a dream to Joseph in Egypt, 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. And he arose, and took the young child and his mother, and came into the land of Israel. 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: 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.