



4th January 2026

2nd SUNDAY OF CHRISTMAS

HYMNS

Int 34 Once in royal David's city (v1-3)
Kyrie Marbecke (p558-9)
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First Reading

A reading from the book of Sirach 24:1-2, 8-12

Wisdom will praise herself, and will glory in the midst of her people. In the assembly of the Most High she will open her mouth, and in the presence of his host she will glory. Then the Creator of all things gave me a commandment, and the one who created me assigned a place for my tent. And he said, 'Make your dwelling in Jacob, and in Israel receive your inheritance'. From eternity, in the beginning, he created me, and for eternity I shall not cease to exist. In the holy tabernacle I ministered before him, and so I was established in Zion. In the beloved city likewise he gave

me a resting place, and in Jerusalem was my dominion. So I took root in an honoured people, in the portion of the Lord, who is their inheritance, and my abode was in the full assembly of the saints.

The word of the Lord: **Thanks be to God.**

Second Reading

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Ephesians 1:3-6, 15-18

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places, even as he chose us in him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and blameless before him. He destined us in love to be his sons through Jesus Christ, according to the purpose of his will, to the praise of his glorious grace which he freely bestowed on us in the Beloved. For this reason, because I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love toward all the saints, I do not cease to give thanks for you, remembering you in my prayers, that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and of revelation in the knowledge of him, having the eyes of your hearts enlightened, that you may know what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance in the saints.

The word of the Lord: **Thanks be to God.**

Gradual *Speciosus forma (Psalm 45:1-2)*

The Personal Ordinariate of Our Lady of Walsingham in Prittlewell

V. Thou art fairer than the children of men: full of grace are thy lips.

R. My heart is inditing of a good matter; I speak of the things which I made unto the King: my tongue is the pen of a ready writer.

Alleluia Dominus regnavit, decorem (Ps 93:1)

Alleluia! Alleluia, alleluia!

The Lord is King, and hath put on glorious apparel: the Lord hath put on his apparel, and girded himself with strength.

Alleluia! Alleluia, alleluia!

The Gospel

The Lord be with you: **And with thy spirit.**

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

Glory be to thee, O Lord.

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God; all things were made through him, and without him was not anything made that was made. In him was life, and the life was the light of men. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it. There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. He came for testimony, to bear witness to the light, that all might believe through him. He was not the light, but came to bear witness to the light. The true light that enlightens every man was coming into the world. He was in the world, and the world was made

through him, yet the world knew him not. He came to his own home, and his own people received him not. But to all who received him, who believed in his name, he gave power to become children of God; who were born, not of blood nor of the will of the flesh nor of the will of man, but of God. And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, full of grace and truth; we have beheld his glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father. (John bore witness to him, and cried, "This was he of whom I said, 'He who comes after me ranks before me, for he was before me'"). And from his fulness have we all received, grace upon grace. For the law was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ. No one has ever seen God; the only Son, who is in the bosom of the Father, he has made him known.

The Gospel of the Lord: **Praise be to thee, O Christ.**



NEWS FROM THE ORDINARIATE

Mass for the Epiphany will be at 12 Noon on Tuesday 6th January

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