

## Second Sunday after Christmas Year B

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### LECTIONARY TEXTS

RCL (Revised Common Lectionary)  
Jeremiah 31:7-14  
Psalm 147:12-20  
Ephesians 1:3-14  
John 1: [1-9] 10-18

Suggested ReClaim texts<sup>3</sup>  
(same)



### COLLECT / PRAYER OF THE DAY

Almighty and everlasting God, direct our lives according to your good pleasure, that in the name of your beloved Son, we may abound in good works; through the same, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

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### PRAYER OF THE CHURCH (Optional Supplications for)

#### ON THE GOSPEL READING • John 1: [1-9] 10-18

Father, most holy, in Jesus Christ you have penetrated our darkness with the true and eternal light that we should receive him, believe on his name, and be born anew as children of God. Illumine our hearts by your Holy Spirit, that we may behold his glory, full of grace and truth. Lord, in your mercy,

**Hear our prayer.**

#### FOR GRACE TO DO GOD'S WILL

Gracious Father, enable us to put off the works of darkness and to put on the armor of light, now in this mortal life, in which your Son came to visit us in great humility, that when he comes again to judge the living and the dead, we may be raised to eternal life. Lord, in your mercy,

**Hear our prayer.**

#### FOR OUR WITNESS

Lord Jesus Christ, you have commanded your disciples to go to all nations and proclaim good news on the mountain tops. Embolden our voices to announce the "glad tidings of great joy." Put the news of your gracious salvation in our hearts and on our lips, and send us to be instruments of your healing and reconciliation to the nations. Lord, in your mercy,

**Hear our prayer.**

#### FIRST SUNDAY IN THE NEW YEAR

Gracious Father, a new year inspires new beginnings and new resolve. But we remember also old covenants and promises we have made with you, with each other, and with ourselves. Grant us new resolve to live the promise of Baptism, of confirmation, of marriage, the promise of your table, and the promise to be the body of Christ. Refresh us Lord, and in your mercy,

**Hear our prayer.**

#### FOR THOSE IN AFFLICTION

Almighty God, hear the prayers of those who turn to you in their time of trial, and be their refuge and strength, and to the glory of your name, their very present help in trouble. Lord, in your mercy,

**Hear our prayer.**

Lord, we thank you that you have taught us what you would have us believe and do. Help us to keep your Word in pure hearts, so we thereby may be strengthened in faith, perfected in holiness, and comforted in life and in death. **Amen.**

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