


which is Christ the Lord. ¹² And this shall be a sign unto you; Ye shall find the babe wrapped in swaddling clothes, lying in a manger. ¹³ And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God, and saying, ¹⁴ Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men. ¹⁵ And it came to pass, as the angels were gone away from them into heaven, the shepherds said one to another, Let us now go even unto Bethlehem, and see this thing which is come to pass, which the Lord hath made known unto us. ¹⁶ And they came with haste, and found Mary, and Joseph, and the babe lying in a manger. ¹⁷ And when they had seen it, they made known abroad the saying which was told them concerning this child. ¹⁸ And all they that heard it wondered at those things which were told them by the shepherds. ¹⁹ But Mary kept all these things, and pondered them in her heart. ²⁰ And the shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all the things that they had heard and seen, as it was told unto them.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.



G Praise be to Thee, O Christ.



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Introit

Psalm 93:1–2, 5; antiphon: Isaiah 9:2



The people who walked in | darkness*
have seen a | great light;
those who dwelt in a land of deep | darkness,*
on them has | light shined.
The LORD reigns; he is robed in | majesty,*
the LORD is robed; he has put on strength | as his belt.
Yes, the world is es- | tablished;*
it shall nev- | er be moved.
Your throne is established | from of old;*
you are from ever- | lasting.
Your decrees are very | trustworthy;*
holiness befits your house, O LORD, for- | evermore.
Glory be to the Father and | to the Son*
and to the Holy | Spirit;
as it was in the be- | ginning,*
is now, and will be forever. | Amen.
The people who walked in | darkness*
have seen a | great light;
those who dwelt in a land of deep | darkness,*
on them has | light shined.

Collect of the Day

P Let us pray.

Most merciful God, You gave Your eternal Word to become incarnate of the pure Virgin. Grant Your people grace to put away fleshly lusts, that they may be ready for Your visitation; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

G Amen.

Old Testament Reading

Isaiah 62:10-12

¹⁰Go through, go through the gates;
prepare the way for the people;
build up, build up the highway;
clear it of stones;
lift up a signal over the peoples.
¹¹Behold, the LORD has proclaimed
to the end of the earth:
Say to the daughter of Zion,
"Behold, your salvation comes;
behold, his reward is with him,
and his recompense before him."
¹²And they shall be called The Holy People,
The Redeemed of the LORD;
and you shall be called Sought Out,
A City Not Forsaken.

- A This is the Word of the Lord.
- C Thanks be to God.

Gradual

Isaiah 9:6; Psalm 98:1a



To us a child is born, to us a son is | given,*
and the government shall be upon his | shoulder.
And his name shall be called Wonderful Counselor, | Mighty God,*
Everlasting Father, | Prince of Peace.
Sing to the Lord a | new song,*
for he has done | marvelous things!

Epistle

Titus 3:4-7

⁴When the goodness and loving kindness of God our Savior
appeared, ⁵he saved us, not because of works done by us in
righteousness, but according to his own mercy, by the washing of
regeneration and renewal of the Holy Spirit, ⁶whom he poured out on
us richly through Jesus Christ our Savior, ⁷so that being justified by his
grace we might become heirs according to the hope of eternal life.

- A This is the Word of the Lord.
- C Thanks be to God.

Holy Gospel

Luke 2:1-20 KJV

- P The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the second chapter.



C Glo - ry be to Thee, O Lord.

¹ And it came to pass in those days, that there went out a decree
from Caesar Augustus that all the world should be taxed. ² (And this
taxing was first made when Cyrenius was governor of Syria.) ³ And all
went to be taxed, every one into his own city. ⁴ And Joseph also went
up from Galilee, out of the city of Nazareth, into Judaea, unto the city
of David, which is called Bethlehem; (because he was of the house and
lineage of David:) ⁵ To be taxed with Mary his espoused wife, being
great with child. ⁶ And so it was, that, while they were there, the days
were accomplished that she should be delivered. ⁷ And she brought
forth her firstborn son, and wrapped him in swaddling clothes, and laid
him in a manger; because there was no room for them in the inn. ⁸ And
there were in the same country shepherds abiding in the field, keeping
watch over their flock by night. ⁹ And, lo, the angel of the Lord came
upon them, and the glory of the Lord shone round about them: and
they were sore afraid. ¹⁰ And the angel said unto them, Fear not: for,
behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all
people. ¹¹ For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour,



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