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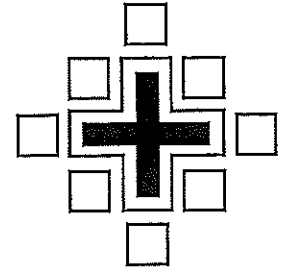
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The Nativity of Our Lord

December 25, 2022



INTROIT *Ps 98:1–4; antiphon: Is. 9:6*

For 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.
Oh sing to the LORD a new song, for he has done | marvelous things!*
His right hand and his holy arm have worked salva- | tion for him.
The LORD has made known his sal- | vation;*
he has revealed his righteousness in the sight of the | nations.
He has remembered his steadfast love and faithfulness to the house of | Israel.*
All the ends of the earth have seen the salvation | of our God.
Make a joyful noise to the LORD | all the earth;*
break forth into joyous song and sing | praises!
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.

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COLLECT OF THE DAY

Almighty God, grant that the birth of Your only-begotten Son in the flesh may set us free from the bondage of sin; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

GRADUAL *Is. 9:6; Ps 98:1a*

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DAILY READINGS

December 25: Is. 49:1–18; Matt. 1:1–17; 26: Is. 49:22–26; 50:4–51:8, 12–16; Matt. 1:18–25; 27: Is. 51:17–52:12; Matt. 2:1–12; 28: Is. 52:13–54:10; Matt. 2:13–23; 29: Is. 55:1–13; Luke 1:1–25; 30: Is. 58:1–59:3, 14–21; Luke 1:26–38; 31: Is. 60:1–22; Luke 1:39–56.

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Old Testament Reading:

Isaiah 52:7-10

- ⁷ How beautiful upon the mountains
are the feet of him who brings good
news,
who publishes peace, who brings good
news of happiness,
who publishes salvation,
who says to Zion, "Your God reigns."
⁸ The voice of your watchmen—they
lift up their voice;
together they sing for joy;
for eye to eye they see
the return of the LORD to Zion.
⁹ Break forth together into singing,
you waste places of Jerusalem,
for the LORD has comforted his people;
he has redeemed Jerusalem.
¹⁰ The LORD has bared his holy arm
before the eyes of all the nations,
and all the ends of the earth shall see
the salvation of our God.

Epistle: Hebrews 1:1-6

¹Long ago, at many times and in many
ways, God spoke to our fathers by the
prophets, ²but in these last days he has
spoken to us by his Son, whom he
appointed the heir of all things, through
whom also he created the world. ³He
is the radiance of the glory of God and
the exact imprint of his nature, and he
upholds the universe by the word of
his power. After making purification for
sins, he sat down at the right hand of
the Majesty on high, ⁴having become
as much superior to angels as the name
he has inherited is more excellent than
theirs.

⁵For to which of the angels did God
ever say,

"You are my Son,
today I have begotten you"?

Or again,

"I will be to him a father,
and he shall be to me a son"?

⁶And again, when he brings the firstborn
into the world, he says,

"Let all God's angels worship him."

Holy Gospel: John 1:1-14

¹In the beginning was the Word, and
the Word was with God, and the Word
was God. ²He was in the beginning with
God. ³All things were made through him,
and without him was not any thing made
that was made. ⁴In him was life, and
the life was the light of men. ⁵The light
shines in the darkness, and the darkness
has not overcome it.

⁶There was a man sent from God,
whose name was John. ⁷He came as a
witness, to bear witness about the light,
that all might believe through him. ⁸He
was not the light, but came to bear wit-
ness about the light.

⁹The true light, which enlightens
everyone, was coming into the world.
¹⁰He was in the world, and the world was
made through him, yet the world did not
know him. ¹¹He came to his own, and his
own people did not receive him. ¹²But to
all who did receive him, who believed
in his name, he gave the right to become
children of God, ¹³who were born, not of
blood nor of the will of the flesh nor of
the will of man, but of God.

¹⁴And the Word became flesh and
dwelt among us, and we have seen his
glory, glory as of the only Son from the
Father, full of grace and truth.