

Christmas Dawn



Christmas Vigil | Christmas Night | Christmas Day

First Reading † Isaiah 62:11-12

A reading from the prophet Isaiah

Your Saviour is born.

This the Lord proclaims to the ends of the earth:

Say to the daughter of Zion,
'Look, your saviour comes,
the prize of his victory with him,
his trophies before him'.

They shall be called 'The Holy People',
'The Lord's Redeemed'.

And you shall be called 'The-sought-after',
'City-not-forsaken'.

The word of the Lord.

Responsorial † Psalm 96:1.6.11-12

A light will shine on us this day: the Lord is born for us.

The Lord is king, let earth rejoice,
the many coastlands be glad.
The skies proclaim his justice;
all peoples see his glory.

A light will shine on us this day: the Lord is born for us.

Light shines forth for the just
and joy for the upright of heart.
Rejoice, you just, in the Lord;
give glory to his holy name.

A light will shine on us this day: the Lord is born for us.

Second Reading † Titus 3:4-7

A reading from the letter of St Paul to Titus

His own compassion saved us.

When the kindness and love of God our saviour
for mankind were revealed,
it was not because he was concerned
with any righteous actions
we might have done ourselves;
it was for no reason except his own compassion
that he saved us,
by means of the cleansing water of rebirth
and by renewing us with the Holy Spirit
which he has so generously poured over us
through Jesus Christ our saviour.

He did this so that we should be justified by his grace,
to become heirs looking forward
to inheriting eternal life.

The word of the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation † Luke 2:14

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!
Glory to God in the highest,
peace to his people on earth.
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Gospel † Luke 2:15-20

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

The shepherds found Mary and Joseph, and the baby lying in the manger.

Now when the angels had gone from them into heaven, the shepherds said to one another,

‘Let us go to Bethlehem
and see this thing that has happened
which the Lord has made known to us.’

So they hurried away and found Mary and Joseph, and the baby lying in the manger. When they saw the child they repeated what they had been told about him, and everyone who heard it was astonished at what the shepherds had to say.

As for Mary, she treasured all these things and pondered them in her heart. And the shepherds went back glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen; it was exactly as they had been told.

The Gospel of the Lord.

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