

Christmas Dawn



Christmas Vigil | Christmas Night | Christmas Day

First Reading † Isaiah 62:11-12

Your Saviour is born.

A reading from the prophet Isaiah

See, the Lord has proclaimed to the end of the earth, say to the daughter Zion,

‘See, your salvation is coming.
See, his reward is with him,
his achievement precedes him!’

They shall be called ‘the Holy People’,
‘the redeemed of the Lord’,
and you yourself shall be called ‘Sought-out’,
‘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;
let the many islands be glad.
The skies proclaim his righteousness;
all peoples see his glory.

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

Light shines forth for the righteous,
and joy for the upright of heart.
Rejoice in the Lord, you righteous;
to the memory of his holiness give thanks.

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

Second Reading † Titus 3:4-7

His own compassion saved us.

A reading from the letter of St Paul to Titus

But when the kindness and love of God our Saviour for humanity were revealed,
not because of any works of righteousness we had ourselves done
but in accordance with his own mercy:
he saved us through the washing of rebirth and renewal in the Holy Spirit
which he generously poured over us
through Jesus Christ our Saviour so that,
justified by his grace,
we should become heirs in hope of 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

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

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

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

‘Let us go now to Bethlehem and see this event which the Lord has made known to us.’

So they went in haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the baby lying in the manger. When they saw this, they made known what they had been told about this child, and everyone who heard it was astonished at what the shepherds said to them.

But Mary 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, just as they had been told.

The Gospel of the Lord.

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