

## CHRISTMAS DAY



FIRST READING: *Isaiah 9:1-2, 5-7*

*This is a reading from the prophet Isaiah.*

The people who were in darkness have seen a great light.  
You have filled them with great joy.

For a child is born to us, a son is given to us.  
He is called:

Wonderful Counselor, the Mighty God,  
the One Who Lives Forever, the Prince of Peace.

His kingdom will be great.  
He will rule with justice and peace now and forever.  
The love of our God will make this happen!

*The Word of the Lord.*

RESPONSE: *Psalms 96*

All the people on the earth, rejoice to hear of the Savior's birth.

*Verse:*

Proclaim salvation! God's wonders done for the earth.

*(Repeat Response after the Verse.)*

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Good news, good news! Alleluia! Today our Savior is born.

GOSPEL: *Luke 2:1-20*

*This is a reading from the Gospel of Luke.*

When Caesar Augustus, the ruler of Rome,  
passed a law that everyone in the world should be enrolled,  
all the people went to be registered in the towns  
where they were born.



Joseph and Mary went from the town of Nazareth to the City of David, which is called Bethlehem, because Joseph was born in the family of David. While they were there, the time came for Mary's child to be born, and she gave birth to her first-born son. She wrapped him in swaddling clothes and laid him in a manger because there was no room for them in the inn.

At that time, there were shepherds in the fields watching over their sheep during the night. An angel of God appeared to them, and the glory of God surrounded them with a great light. And they were frightened. The angel said to them,

“Do not be afraid. I have come to bring you good news, news of great joy, to be shared by all the people. Today, in the City of Bethlehem, a Savior has been born for you, Christ the Lord! And this will be a sign for you: You will find a child wrapped in swaddling clothes and lying in a manger.”

Suddenly, all the angels of heaven were praising God and singing,

“Glory to God in heaven, and peace to all people on earth.”

The shepherds said to one another,

“Let us go over to Bethlehem and see this wonderful thing God has told us about.”

They hurried to Bethlehem and found Mary and Joseph and saw the baby lying in the manger. When they saw the child, they repeated what the angel had said about him.

Everyone was amazed at what the shepherds told them. And Mary thought about all these things and kept them in her heart.

The shepherds returned to their fields, thanking and praising God for all they had heard and seen.

*The Gospel of the Lord.*