

The Nativity of the Lord**Year C**

Tuesday, December 25, 2018

Readings: 1) Isaiah 52:7-10 2) Hebrews 1:1-6 3) John 1:1-18 or 1:1-5, 9-14

Sunday Liturgy

The focus for today is: On this Christmas day, we rejoice in the birth of our Savior.

Hark, the *sentinels raise a cry* and the angels sing: the Lord is restoring Zion and salvation is at hand. With this celebration of the Incarnation of our God in the person of Jesus, we rejoice in the salvation that has been given to us. We rejoice in our redemption.

The prophet Isaiah foretells of the time when Jerusalem will be redeemed, and salvation will be at hand for all. The Letter to the Hebrews reminds us that God always spoke to his people through the prophets, but only in partial ways. In today's Gospel, we hear of the union between Father and Son from all time, and through which the fullness of God is revealed.

GENERAL INTERCESSIONS**PRIEST:**

We give humble thanks for the Son who allows us to see and believe. And we offer these prayers to the Father who is the giver of all good things.

For our Holy Father, Pope Francis, and all who lead and teach the faith, may God bless them with joy in their discipleship.

We Pray to the Lord. Hear our prayer.

For all who do justice, working for peace in a violent world.

We Pray to the Lord. Hear our prayer.

For those who are sick in mind, body and spirit; may the Lord's promises provide them with hope and strength.

We Pray to the Lord. Hear our prayer.

For all those who have died, may they experience the salvation of Christ in heaven.

We Pray to the Lord. Hear our prayer.

For all members of this faith community, may the Lord grant us a spirit of joy.

We Pray to the Lord. Hear our prayer.

For our own personal intentions.

We Pray to the Lord. Hear our prayer.

PRIEST:

Father in heaven, all good things come from you.

We implore you to hear these and all of our prayers this day, for we ask them through your son, Christ our Lord.