

**Sunday, December 25, 2022**  
**The Nativity of The Lord / Christmas Day**

- 1) Isaiah 52:7-10
- 2) Hebrews 1:1-6
- 3) John 1:1-18

**FOCUS:** Christ lights the way to freedom and salvation.

In a world of darkness, we wander blindly, getting ever more lost. John's Gospel brings hope to a dreary world. The word *light* appears five times in the space of five verses. Christ, the true light, has come to save us. Turn to Jesus, the Word made flesh; let him fan your flickering candle into a steady glow to light the path to salvation. God waits with open arms.

**LITURGY OF THE WORD**

The prophet Isaiah rejoices to announce the Good News of salvation; God is redeeming his people. In the second reading, the author writes that God has spoken to his people through his Son, who sits at his right hand and is worshipped by the angels. In the Gospel, Jesus is introduced as the Word who in the beginning was with God, creating all things. He now becomes flesh and dwells among us.

**UNIVERSAL PRAYER**

**PRIEST:** On this day is born a Savior. Let us offer our prayers with joy, trusting in God's goodness.

- 1) For the Church, may God preserve us from evil and draw us ever closer to his Son, the Incarnate Word, let us pray to the Lord.
- 2) For world leaders and all in authority, may God turn their hands from violence and set their hearts toward bringing peace to the earth, let us pray to the Lord.
- 3) For all expectant parents, may God bring safe delivery to their children, let us pray to the Lord.
- 4) For families in our faith community, may the newborn King lead us in love, restoring relationships that are broken, let us pray to the Lord.
- 5) For all who have died in the light of faith, may God grant them abundant joy as they see him face to face, let us pray to the Lord.
- 6) (Special petition/s)

**PRIEST:** Heavenly Father, your power is beyond our earthly comprehension. Please hear and answer our prayers in your wisdom, through your Son, Jesus Christ.

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