

December 25,2016 Nativity of the Lord

**May we always remain in your great light!**

Isaiah 52:7-10

Psalm 98

Hebrews 1:1-6

John 1:1-18

The prophet Isaiah speaks of glad tidings, peace, and good news, announcing salvation for all the earth. The people are to shout for joy because they are redeemed by the Lord God.

The psalmist emphasizes that the Lord has done great deeds, has made his salvation known, has revealed his justice, and pours out kindness in his faithfulness.

Paul notes that once God spoke through the prophets, but now in the last days, he has spoken through his Son who is the heir of all things and through whom he created the universe. The Son is the refulgence of the Father's glory and sustains all things by his mighty word. He is seated at the right hand of the Majesty on High.

In the Gospel, John announces the true light which enlightens everyone, has come into the world. Even though the world came to be through him, it did not know him, and he was not even accepted by his own people. But to those who accept him he gives the power to become children of God.

Be in awe of God the Father,  
Walk in the ways of Christ Jesus, his Son,  
And be filled with the Holy Spirit.



Today's readings emphasize the wonders God sends our way: peace, joy, and the good news we are to share with family and friends. Be kind, considerate, and helpful to all you meet so as to reflect the spirit of Christmas and the spirit of calmness and peace in our noisy world. Be thankful to our Lord Jesus in your own unique way.

**Meditation:**

O my God, Trinity whom I adore;  
help me to forget myself entirely  
that I may be established in You as still and as peaceful  
as if my soul were already in eternity.  
May nothing trouble my peace or make me leave You,  
O my Unchanging One,  
but may each minute carry me further into the depths of Your mystery.  
Give peace to my soul;  
make it Your heaven, Your beloved dwelling and Your resting place.  
May I never leave You there alone but be wholly present,  
my faith wholly vigilant, wholly adoring,  
and wholly surrendered to Your creative Action.  
(Blessed Elizabeth of the Trinity)

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