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Isaiah 9.2, 6

COLLECT:

Eternal God.

who made this most holy night

to shine with brightness of your one true light:

bring us, who have known the revelation of that light on earth,

to see the radiance of your heavenly glory,

through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Isaiah 9.2-7

The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light;

those who lived in a land of deep darkness—on them light has shined.

You have multiplied the nation, you have increased its joy;

they rejoice before you as with joy at the harvest, as people exult when dividing plunder.

For the yoke of their burden, and the bar across their shoulders, the rod of their oppressor, you have broken as on the day of Midian.

For all the boots of the tramping warriors and all the garments rolled in blood shall be burned as fuel for the fire.

For a child has been born for us, a son given to us;

authority rests upon his shoulders; and he is named Wonderful Counsellor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.

His authority shall grow continually, and there shall be endless peace

for the throne of David and his kingdom. He will establish and uphold it

with justice and with righteousness from this time onwards and for evermore.

The zeal of the Lord of hosts will do this.

PSALM 96

1 O sing to the Lord a new song:

sing to the Lord, all the earth.

2 Sing to the Lord and bless his holy name:

proclaim the good news of his salvation from day to day.

3 Declare his glory among the nations:

and his wonders among all peoples.

4 For great is the Lord, and greatly to be praised:

he is more to be feared than all gods.

5 As for all the gods of the nations, they are mere idols:

it is the Lord who made the heavens.

6 Majesty and glory are before him:

beauty and power are in his sanctuary.

7 Render to the Lord, you families of the nations:

render to the Lord glory and might.

8 Render to the Lord the honour due to his name:

bring offerings and come into his courts.

9 O worship the Lord in the beauty of his holiness:

let the whole earth stand in awe of him.

10 Say among the nations that the Lord is king:

he has made the world so firm that it can never be moved;

and he shall judge the peoples with equity.

11 Let the heavens rejoice and let the earth be glad:

let the sea roar, and all that fills it:

12 Let the fields rejoice, and everything in them:

then shall all the trees of the wood

shout with joy before the Lord;

13 For he comes, he comes to judge the earth:

he shall judge the world with righteousness,

and the peoples with his truth.

Titus 2.11-14

For the grace of God has appeared, bringing salvation to all, training us to renounce impiety and worldly passions, and in the present age to live lives that are self-controlled, upright, and godly, while we wait for the blessed hope and the manifestation of the glory of our great God and Saviour, Jesus Christ. He it is who gave himself for us that he might redeem us from all iniquity and purify for himself a people of his own who are zealous for good deeds.

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Luke 2:1-20

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Reflection: I bring you good news of great joy for all people: to you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, Christ the Lord. Luke 2:10-11

COLLECT:

Almighty God,

who gave your only-begotten Son

to take our nature upon him

and as at this time to be born of the virgin Mary:

grant that we being born again

and made your children by adoption and grace,

may daily be renewed by your Holy Spirit;

through the same our Lord Jesus Christ,

who lives and reigns with you and the same Spirit,

ever one God, now and for ever. Amen.

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For all the boots of the tramping warriors and all the garments rolled in blood shall be burned as fuel for the fire. For a child has been born for us, a son given to us; authority rests upon his shoulders; and he is named Wonderful Counsellor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. His authority shall grow continually, and there shall be endless peace on the throne of David and his kingdom. He will establish and uphold it with justice and with righteousness from this time onwards and for evermore. The zeal of the Lord of hosts will do this.

PSALM 97

1 The Lord is king; let the earth rejoice:

let the multitude of islands be glad.

2 Clouds and darkness are round about him:

righteousness and justice are the foundation of his throne.

3 Fire goes before him:

and burns up his enemies on every side.

4 His lightnings light the world:

the earth sees it and quakes.

5 The mountains melt like wax before his face:

from before the face of the Lord of all the earth.

6 The heavens have proclaimed his righteousness:

and all peoples have seen his glory.

7 They are ashamed, all those who serve idols and glory in mere nothings:

all gods bow down before him.

8 Zion heard and was glad,

and the daughters of Judah rejoiced:

because of your judgements, O God.

9 For you, Lord, are most high over all the earth:

you are exalted far above all gods.

10 The Lord loves those that hate evil:

the Lord guards the life of the faithful,

and delivers them from the hand of the ungodly.

11 Light dawns for the righteous:

and joy for the true of heart.

12 Rejoice in the Lord, you righteous:

and give thanks to his holy name.

Titus 3.4-8a

But when the goodness and loving-kindness of God our Saviour appeared, he saved us, not because of any works of righteousness that we had done, but according to his mercy, through the water of rebirth and renewal by the Holy Spirit. This Spirit he poured out on us richly through Jesus Christ our Saviour, so that, having been justified by his grace, we might become heirs according to the hope of eternal life. The saying is sure.

I desire that you insist on these things, so that those who have come to believe in God may be careful to devote themselves to good works;

December 30: First Sunday after Christmas

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1 Samuel 2.18-20,26

319 Child in the manger

Psalm 148

MP1346 One more step along the way

Colossians 3.12-17

741 O Lord hear my prayer

Luke 2.41-52

687 God give us a future

Reflection:

Clothe yourselves with love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony. And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, and be thankful.

Colossians 3.14–15

COLLECT:

God of community,

whose call is more insistent than ties of family or blood:

may we so respect and love those whose lives are linked with ours

that we fail not in loyalty to you,

but make choices according to your will;

through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

1 Samuel 2.18-20, 26

Samuel was ministering before the Lord, a boy wearing a linen ephod. His mother used to make for him a little robe and take it to him each year, when she went up with her husband to offer the yearly sacrifice. Then Eli would bless Elkanah and his wife, and say, 'May the Lord repay you with children by this woman for the gift that she made to the Lord'; and then they would return to their home.

Now the boy Samuel continued to grow both in stature and in favour with the Lord and with the people.

Psalm 148

1 Praise the Lord, praise the Lord from heaven:

O praise him in the heights.

2 Praise him, all his angels:

O praise him, all his host.

3 Praise him, sun and moon:

praise him, all you stars of light.

4 Praise him, you highest heaven:

and you waters that are above the heavens.

5 Let them praise the name of the Lord:

for he commanded and they were made.

6 He established them for ever and ever:

he made an ordinance which shall not pass away.

7 O praise the Lord from the earth:

praise him, you sea-monsters and all deeps;

8 Fire and hail, mist and snow:

and storm-wind fulfilling his command;

9 Mountains and all hills:

fruit trees and all cedars;

10 Beasts of the wild, and all cattle:

creeping things and winged birds;

11 Kings of the earth, and all peoples:

princes, and all rulers of the world;

12 Young men and maidens:

old folk and children together.

13 Let them praise the name of the Lord:

for his name alone is exalted.

14 His glory is above earth and heaven:

and he has lifted high the horn of his people.

15 Therefore he is the praise of all his servants:

of the children of Israel, a people that is near him. Praise the Lord.

Colossians 3.12-17

As God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience. Bear with one another and, if anyone has a complaint against another, forgive each other; just as the Lord has forgiven you, so you also must forgive. Above all, clothe yourselves with love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony. And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in the one body. And be thankful. Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly; teach and admonish one another in all wisdom; and with gratitude in your hearts sing psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs to God. And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.

January 6: The Epiphany of Our Lord

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Isaiah 60:1-6

Psalms 72:1-7, 10-14

Ephesians 3:1-12

Matthew 2:1-12

Reflection: Arise, shine; for your light has come, and the glory of the Lord has risen upon you.

Isaiah 60.1

COLLECT:

Lord God of the nations,

we have seen the star of your glory rising in splendour:

may the brightness of your incarnate Word

pierce the night that covers the earth,

signal the dawn of justice and peace,

and beckon all nations to walk as one in your light.

We ask this through Jesus Christ, your Word made flesh,

who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,

in the splendour of eternal light, God for ever and ever. Amen.

Isaiah 60:1-6

Arise, shine; for your light has come, and the glory of the Lord has risen upon you. For darkness shall cover the earth, and thick darkness the peoples; but the Lord will arise upon you, and his glory will appear over you.

Nations shall come to your light, and kings to the brightness of your dawn.

Lift up your eyes and look around; they all gather together, they come to you; your sons shall come from far away, and your daughters shall be carried on their nurses' arms.

Then you shall see and be radiant; your heart shall thrill and rejoice, because the abundance of the sea shall be brought to you, the wealth of the nations shall come to you. A multitude of camels shall cover you, the young camels of Midian and Ephah; all those from Sheba shall come. They shall bring gold and frankincense, and shall proclaim the praise of the Lord..

PSALM 72.1-7, 10-14

1 Give the king your judgement, O God:

and your righteousness to the son of a king,

2 That he may judge your people rightly:

and the poor of the land with equity.

3 Let the mountains be laden with peace because of his righteousness:

and the hills also with prosperity for his people.

4 May he give justice to the poor among the people:

and rescue the children of the needy, and crush the oppressor.

5 May he live while the sun endures:

and while the moon gives light, throughout all generations.

6 May he come down like rain upon the new-mown fields:

and as showers that water the earth.

7 In his time shall righteousness flourish:

and abundance of peace, till the moon shall be no more.

10 The kings of Tarshish and of the isles shall bring tribute:

the kings of Sheba and Seba shall offer gifts.

11 All kings shall fall down before him:

and all nations do him service.

12 He will deliver the needy when they cry:

and the poor that have no helper.

13 He will pity the helpless and the needy:

and save the lives of the poor.

14 He will redeem them from oppression and violence:

and their blood shall be precious in his sight.

Ephesians 3.1-12

This is the reason that I Paul am a prisoner for Christ Jesus for the sake of you Gentiles—for surely you have already heard of the commission of God's grace that was given to me for you, and how the mystery was made known to me by revelation, as I wrote above in a few words, a reading of which will enable you to perceive my understanding of the mystery of Christ. In former generations this mystery was not made known to humankind, as it has now been revealed to his holy apostles and prophets by the Spirit: that is, the Gentiles have become fellow-heirs, members of the same body, and sharers in the promise in Christ Jesus through the gospel.

Of this gospel I have become a servant according to the gift of God's grace that was given to me by the working of his power. Although I am the very least of all the saints, this grace was given to me to bring to the Gentiles the news of the boundless riches of Christ, and to make everyone see what is the plan of the mystery hidden for ages in God who created all things; so that through the church the wisdom of God in its rich variety might now be made known to the rulers and authorities in the heavenly places. This was in accordance with the eternal purpose that he has carried out in Christ Jesus our Lord, in whom we have access to God in boldness and confidence through faith in him.

January 13: The Baptism of our Lord

459 In Christ there is no east or west

Isaiah 43.1-7

203 Fairest Lord Jesus

Psalms 29

MP697 Thou didst leave Thy throne

Acts 8.14-17

730 Jesus remember me

Luke 3.15-16,21-22

207 Jesus shall reign

Reflection: The Holy Spirit descended on Jesus in bodily form like a dove, and a voice came from heaven, 'You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased.'

Luke 3.22

COLLECT:

Loving God, your Son came to seek the lost,

and was baptised with sinners:

grant that we, who have been baptised in his name,

May reach out in love to those in need

with the mercy of Christ our Lord,

who lives and reigns with you, for ever and ever. Amen.

Isaiah 43.1-7

But now thus says the Lord,
he who created you, O Jacob,
he who formed you, O Israel:
Do not fear, for I have redeemed you;
I have called you by name, you are mine.
When you pass through the waters, I will be with you;
and through the rivers, they shall not overwhelm you;
when you walk through fire you shall not be burned,
and the flame shall not consume you.
For I am the Lord your God,
the Holy One of Israel, your Saviour.
I give Egypt as your ransom,
Ethiopia and Seba in exchange for you.
Because you are precious in my sight,
and honoured, and I love you,
I give people in return for you,
nations in exchange for your life.
Do not fear, for I am with you;
I will bring your offspring from the east,
and from the west I will gather you;
I will say to the north, 'Give them up',
and to the south, 'Do not withhold';
bring my sons from far away
and my daughters from the end of the earth—
everyone who is called by my name,
whom I created for my glory,
whom I formed and made.'

PSALM 29

1 Ascribe to the Lord, you powers of heaven:
ascribe to the Lord glory and might.
2 Ascribe to the Lord the honour due to his name:
O worship the Lord in the beauty of his holiness.
3 The voice of the Lord is upon the waters:
**the God of glory thunders,
the Lord upon the great waters.**
4 The voice of the Lord is mighty in operation:
the voice of the Lord is a glorious voice.

5 The voice of the Lord breaks the cedar-trees:
the Lord breaks in pieces the cedars of Lebanon.

6 He makes them skip like a calf:
Lebanon and Sirion like a young wild ox.

7 The voice of the Lord divides the lightning-flash:
**the voice of the Lord whirls the sands of the desert,
the Lord whirls the desert of Kadesh.**

8 The voice of the Lord rends the terebinth trees,
and strips bare the forests:
in his temple all cry 'Glory.'

9 The Lord sits enthroned above the water-flood:
the Lord sits enthroned as a king for ever.

10 The Lord will give strength to his people:
the Lord will give to his people the blessing of peace.

Acts 8.14-17

Now when the apostles at Jerusalem heard that Samaria had accepted the word of God, they sent Peter and John to them. The two went down and prayed for them that they might receive the Holy Spirit (for as yet the Spirit had not come upon any of them; they had only been baptised in the name of the Lord Jesus). Then Peter and John laid their hands on them, and they received the Holy Spirit.

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