



December 25th

Christmas

OPENING PRAYER

Let us pray: Father, we are filled with the new light by the coming of your Word among us. May the light of faith shine in our words and actions. We ask this...

FIRST READING

(Prophet Isaiah has words of consolation and encouragement for his compatriots who have returned from the Babylonian exile.)

A reading from the Book of Isaiah (62:11-12)

Behold, the Lord has proclaimed to the end of the earth: Say to the daughter of Zion, "Behold, your salvation comes; behold, his reward is with him, and his recompense before him." And they shall be called The Holy People, The redeemed of the Lord; and you shall be called Sought out, a city not forsaken.

This is the Word of the Lord

PSALM (96)

Response: This day a new light will shine upon the earth: the Lord is born to us.

The Lord is King, let earth rejoice, the many coastlands be glad. The skies proclaim his justice; all peoples see his glory. R./

Light shines forth for the just and joy for the upright of heart. Rejoice, you just, in the Lord; give glory to his holy name. R./

SECOND READING

(Our salvation is not our merit but it is a gratuitous gift of God.)

A reading from the Letter of St Paul to Titus (3:4-7)

When the goodness and loving kindness of God our Saviour appeared, he saved us, not because of deeds done by us in righteousness, but in virtue of his own mercy, by the washing of regeneration and renewal in the Holy Spirit, which he poured out upon us richly through Jesus Christ our Saviour,

so that we might be justified by his grace and become heirs in hope of eternal life.
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