

### Isaiah 9:2-7

<sup>2</sup>The people who walked in darkness Have seen a great light; Those who dwelt in the land of the shadow of death, Upon them a light has shined. <sup>3</sup>You have multiplied the nation *And* increased its joy; They rejoice before You According to the joy of harvest, As *men* rejoice when they divide the spoil. <sup>4</sup>For You have broken the yoke of his burden And the staff of his shoulder, The rod of his oppressor, As in the day of Midian. <sup>5</sup>For every warrior's sandal from the noisy battle, And garments rolled in blood, Will be used for burning *and* fuel of fire. <sup>6</sup>For unto us a Child is born, Unto us a Son is given; And the government will be upon His shoulder. And His name will be called Wonderful, Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. <sup>7</sup>Of the increase of *His* government and peace *There will be* no end, Upon the throne of David and over His kingdom, To order it and establish it with judgment and justice From that time forward, even forever. The zeal of the LORD of hosts will perform this.

### Hebrews 1:1-12

<sup>1</sup>God, who at various times and in various ways spoke in time past to the fathers by the prophets, <sup>2</sup>has in these last days spoken to us by *His* Son, whom He has appointed heir of all things, through whom also He made the worlds; <sup>3</sup>who being the brightness of *His* glory and the express image of His person, and upholding all things by the word of His power, when He had by Himself purged our sins, sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high, <sup>4</sup>having become so much better than the angels, as He has by inheritance obtained a more excellent name than they. <sup>5</sup>For to which of the angels did He ever say: "You are My Son, Today I have begotten You"? And again: "I will be to

Him a Father, And He shall be to Me a Son"? <sup>6</sup>But when He again brings the firstborn into the world, He says: "Let all the angels of God worship Him." <sup>7</sup>And of the angels He says: "Who makes His angels spirits And His ministers a flame of fire." <sup>8</sup>But to the Son *He says*: "Your throne, O God, *is* forever and ever; A scepter of righteousness *is* the scepter of Your Kingdom. <sup>9</sup>You have loved righteousness and hated lawlessness; Therefore God, Your God, has anointed You With the oil of gladness more than Your companions." <sup>10</sup>And: "You, LORD, in the beginning laid the foundation of the earth, And the heavens are the work of Your hands. <sup>11</sup>They will perish, but You remain; And they will all grow old like a garment; <sup>12</sup>Like a cloak You will fold them up, And they will be changed. But You are the same, And Your years will not fail."

### John 1:1-14

<sup>1</sup>In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. <sup>2</sup>He was in the beginning with God. <sup>3</sup>All things were made through Him, and without Him nothing was made that was made. <sup>4</sup>In Him was life, and the life was the light of men. <sup>5</sup>And the light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not comprehend it.

<sup>6</sup>There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. <sup>7</sup>This man came for a witness, to bear witness of the Light, that all through him might believe. <sup>8</sup>He was not that Light, but *was sent* to bear witness of that Light. <sup>9</sup>That was the true Light which gives light to every man coming into the world. <sup>10</sup>He was in the world, and the world was made through Him, and the world did not know Him. <sup>11</sup>He came to His own, and His own did not receive Him. <sup>12</sup>But as many as received Him, to them He gave the right to become children of God, to those who believe in His name:

### THE VIGIL OF THE NATIVITY OF OUR LORD (DECEMBER 24) (WHITE) PSALM 24



#### Introit.

*Ant.* THE LORD, || hath said unto Me, | Thou | art | My | Son:  
this day have I be- | got- | ten | Thee.

*Psalm.* || The LORD reigneth, He is clothed | with | ma | jes- | ty:  
the LORD is clothed with strength, wherewith He hath gird- | ed | Him-  
| self.

GLO- RY || be to the Father | and | to | the | Son:  
and to the | Ho- | ly | Ghost.

AS IT || was in the beginning, is now, and | ev- | er | shall | be:  
world without | end. | A- | men. (*Ant. repeated.*)

#### Collect.

O God, Who has made this most holy night to shine with the brightness of the true Light: Grant, we beseech Thee, that as we have known on earth the mysteries of that Light, we may also come to the fullness of His joys in heaven; Who liveth and reigneth with Thee and the Holy Ghost, ever One God, world without end. *Amen.*

#### Epistle. Hebrews 1:1-12

#### Gospel. John 1:1-14

#### Gradual.

|| Thy people shall be willing in the day | of | Thy | po- | wer:  
in the beauties of holiness from the womb of | the | morn- | ing.

|| The LORD said unto my Lord, Sit Thou | at | My | right | hand:  
until I make Thine enemies | Thy | foot- | stool.

|| Hallelujah. Hallelujah. The LORD hath said unto Me, | Thou | art | My | Son:  
this day I have begotten Thee. Hal- | le- | lu- | jah.

<sup>13</sup>who were born, not of blood, nor of the will of the flesh, nor of the will of man, but of God.

<sup>14</sup>And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we beheld His glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father, full of grace and truth.

**Psalm 24**—*Domini est terra*

Psalm Tone III modified



*Antiphon:* LIFT UP || your heads, O you gates! And be lifted up, you | e- | ver- | **las-ting** | doors!\*

And the King of glory | shall | come | **in.**

|| 1 The earth is the Lord's, and | all | its | **full-** | ness, \*

The world and those who | dwell | there- | **in.**

|| 2 For He has founded | it | u- | **pon the** | seas, \*

And established it upon | the | wa- | **ters.**

|| 3 Who may ascend into the | hill | of | **the** | Lord? \*

Or who may stand in His | Ho- | ly | **Place?**

|| 4 He who has clean hands | and | a | **pure** | heart, \*

Who has not lifted up his soul to an idol, nor sworn de- | ceit- | ful- | **ly.**

|| 5 He shall receive | bles- | sing | **from the** | Lord, \*

And righteousness from the God of his | sal- | va- | **tion.**

|| 6 This is Jacob, the generation of | those | who | **seek** | Him,\*

Who | seek | Your | **face.**

*Selah*

|| 7 Lift up your heads, O you gates! And be lifted up, you | e- | ver- | **las-ting** | doors!\*

And the King of glory | shall | come | **in.**

|| 8 Who is this | King | of | **glo-** | ry? \*

The Lord strong and mighty, the Lord mighty | in | bat- | **tle.**

|| 9 Lift up your heads, O you gates! Lift up, you | e- | ver- | **las-ting** | doors!\*

And the King of glory | shall | come | **in.**

|| 10 Who is this | King | of | **glo-** | ry? \*

The Lord of hosts, He is the King | of | glo- | **ry.**

*Selah*

GLO- RY || be to the Father, | and | to | **the** | Son: \*

and to the | Ho- | ly | **Ghost;**

AS IT || was in the begin -*ning*, (+) is now, and | e- | ver | **shall** | be: \*

world without | end. | A- | **men.**

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**Pre-communion Prayer**

Sanctify us, O Lord, by the new birth of Thine only-begotten Son and cleanse us from the stains of sins; through the same Lord Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with Thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. AMEN.

**Communion Psalm:** *Ant.* All the ends of the world: have seen the salvation of our God (Psalm 98:4). **Psalm 98**

**Post-communion Prayer**

Grant, we beseech Thee, almighty God, that as the Savior of the world born on this day is the author of our divine generation, so He may Himself also be to us the giver of immortality; who with Thee and the Holy Spirit are one God, now and forever. AMEN.